

**First Lutheran Church  
St. Joseph, MO**

## **Annual Meeting**

**January 20, 2019 10:30 a.m.**

Opening Prayer

Call to Order

Minutes from 2018 Annual Meeting

2018 Treasurers Report

2018 Building Fund Report

2018 Foundation Report

Election of Council Members

Election of Foundation Board Member

Budget Proposal for 2019

Old Business from 2018

New Business

Adjournment

**First Lutheran Church  
2018 Annual Meeting Minutes  
January 21, 2018**

Pastor Roger Lenander opened the 2018 First Lutheran Church Annual Congregational Meeting with a prayer at 10:10 a.m.

Secretary Debbie Taylor called the meeting to order after declaring there was a quorum. Jim Farrell, president and Jim Perry, vice-president were unable to attend the meeting. The 2017 annual meeting minutes were reviewed in the annual report handout. Bruce Taylor moved and Dr. Phil Hornbostel seconded a motion that the minutes be approved. Motion carried.

Bruce Taylor reviewed the Building Fund statement of revenue and expense ending December 31, 2017 as reported in detail in the 2018 annual meeting report. The current assets including cash, checking, and savings are \$36,354.38. The total revenue for 2017 was \$21,595.48. The total expenses were \$52,388.64 while the excess expense over revenue was \$30,793.16. The mortgage payable liabilities were \$411,571.65. Dr. Phil Hornbostel moved and Jim Pierce seconded that the report be accepted. Motion passed.

David Schmidt, president of the First Lutheran Church Foundation, presented the 2017 report. The total current assets of the Foundation are \$462,813 of which \$200,000 consist of the Matthiesen bequest that was designated for hunger-related projects. To date \$129,500 has been given to hunger-related projects including the \$4,000 as directed by the Church Council in December 2017; the original \$200,000 bequest continues to earn money through risk-free investments. Dr. Phil Hornbostel made a motion to accept the report. Karen Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

Appreciation to Jeff Langdon for serving the last six years on the Foundation was expressed by David Schmidt.

Debbie Taylor, secretary, recognized and expressed thanks to the council members ending their terms; Marilyn Hunt, Jeff Langdon, and Sarah Pierce.

Secretary Debbie Taylor chaired the election of council members. Those presented for election were Brenda Bass, Kristy Langdon, and Jim Pierce. Ann Newman moved that the nominative ballot become the elective ballot. Juel Pierce seconded. Motion passed.

Continuing the meeting, Secretary Taylor, called for the election of Phil Heeler to the First Lutheran Foundation Board. Juel Pierce moved and Ann Newman seconded a motion for the nominative ballot become the elective ballot. Motion carried.

The presentation of the 2018 budget was given by Treasurer Cyndee Simpson. It is found in the 2018 annual budget on page 15. The total income for the 2018 Budget is projected to be \$215,100. Total expenses could be \$217,148.93 which means at this time there is a \$2,048.93 shortfall. Bruce Taylor moved that the 2018 budget be accepted. Dr. Phil Hornbostel seconded. Motion passed with one opposed.

Secretary Taylor announced that on February 11, 2018 Jim Pierce will lead discussions on church activities for the coming year.

At 10:35 a.m. David Bezona moved and Bruce Taylor seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janice Harmsen  
Acting Recording Secretary

2018 Treasurer's Summary Report  
 Cyndee Simpson, Treasurer

Income		210,537.01
Expenses		
	Welcoming Behavior Cluster	26,212.20
	Education Cluster	576.60
	Spiritual Growth Cluster	4,910.18
	Administrative Cluster	28,218.97
	Pastor Salary & Benefits	109,334.71
	Adult Choir	5,857.29
	Worship Team Leader Salary & Taxes	8,345.04
	Custodian Salary & Taxes	10,207.37
	Secretary Salary & Taxes	16,644.54
	Treasurer Salary & Taxes	3,599.64
	Nursery Salary & Taxes	356.17
Total Expenses		214,262.71
Income Over/(Under) Expenses		(3,725.70)

\* A detailed statement is available by contacting the church office.

**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**2018 Balance Sheet: Restricted/Designated Accounts**

Fund	Beginning Balance	Quarter 1			Quarter 2			Quarter 3			Quarter 4			Year to Date			Current Balance
		Receipts	Interest	Expenditures	Receipts	Interest	Expenditures	Receipts	Interest	Expenditures	Receipts	Interest	Expenditures	Receipts	Interest	Expenditures	
<b>Designated Funds</b>																	
Memorial Fund (MMF)	\$ 29,217.45	\$ 300.00	\$ 11.83	\$ 4,895.42	\$ 7.72	\$ 6,326.72	\$ 6.51	\$ 3,110.40	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 5.90	\$ 13,468.25	\$ 50,300.00	\$ 31.96	\$ 26,800.79	\$ 52,748.62		
Peterson Fund (MMF)	\$ 3,936.36	\$ 389.00	\$ 1.85	\$ 715.00	\$ 1.16	\$ -	\$ 1.29	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1.35	\$ 500.00	\$ 389.00	\$ 5.45	\$ 1,215.00	\$ 3,115.61		
Leadership Fund	\$ 5,795.09	\$ 210.00	\$ 2.76	\$ -	\$ 2.08	\$ 2,237.50	\$ 1.89	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 1.39	\$ -	\$ 210.00	\$ 8.12	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,513.21		
Stained Glass Windows	\$ 2,237.56	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,692.15	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,750.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,237.56	\$ 0.06		
Sundance Offerings	\$ 5,824.00	\$ 1,356.76	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,276.56	\$ 5,257.08	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,483.95	\$ -	\$ 9,026.58	\$ 13,281.39		
Followship Hall Renovations	\$ 4,563.14	\$ 2,597.40	\$ 0.62	\$ 7,611.16	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,597.40	\$ 0.62	\$ 7,611.16	\$ -		
Art Johnson estate donation	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Insurence for broken window	\$ 11,898.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 15.14	\$ 6,698.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,898.00	\$ -		
Housing Fund (CD)	\$ 61,045.72	\$ -	\$ 7.69	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 61,068.55	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22.83	\$ 61,068.55	\$ -		
Archive Fund	\$ 8,419.71	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14.75	\$ -	\$ 8,434.46		
<b>Totals (All Accounts)</b>	<b>\$ 182,737.03</b>	<b>\$ 4,853.16</b>	<b>\$ 24.55</b>	<b>\$ 19,771.58</b>	<b>\$ 26.10</b>	<b>\$ 75,330.77</b>	<b>\$ 4,682.15</b>	<b>\$ 9,691</b>	<b>\$ 10,886.96</b>	<b>\$ 55,257.08</b>	<b>\$ 8.64</b>	<b>\$ 65,718.25</b>	<b>\$ 69,980.35</b>	<b>\$ 83.73</b>	<b>\$ 171,707.56</b>	<b>\$ 81,093.55</b>	

- Notes:**
1. US Bank MMF interest is proportionally allocated to Memorial Fund and Peterson Fund
  2. Housing Fund CD interest is deposited in MMF account on receipt and transferred to the First Lutheran General Fund to apply toward Pastor's housing budget line
  3. Archive Fund CD is designated for preservation of church records. Interest accrued increases CD principal amount.

2018 Money Market Account

Designated Fund	Fund	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Interest	Expenditures	Ending Balance
Memorial Fund (US Bank MMF)		29,217.45	50,300.00	31.96	26,800.79	52,748.62
Peterson Fund (US Bank MMF)		3,936.36	389.00	5.45	1,215.00	3,115.81
Stained Glass Windows (US Bank MMF)		2,237.56			2,237.56	0.00
Sudanese Fund		5,824.00	16,483.95		9,026.56	13,281.39
Leadership Fund		5,795.09	210.00	8.12	2,500.00	3,513.21
Fellowship Hall Renovation		4,563.14			4,563.14	0.00
Art Johnson estate donation		50,000.00			50,000.00	0.00
Insurance for broken window		11,598.00			11,598.00	0.00
Housing Fund (UMB CD)		61,045.72			61,045.72	0.00
Archive Fund (UMB CD)		8,419.71				8,419.71
		182,637.03	67,382.95	45.53	168,986.77	81,078.74

We are underfunded in the Memorial Account as we have had to borrow \$8,438.11 to meet the expenses in 2018. At the time of the Annual Meeting \$3,873.91 will be transferred to the Money Market Account making the shortfall \$4,564.20. The money will be transferred to the Money Market Account in 2019 as possible.

**First Lutheran Church Building Fund  
Balance Sheet  
December 31, 2018**

<u>Assets</u>		<u>Liabilities &amp; Fund Balance</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash, checking and savings	\$ 65,892.14	Mortgage Payable \$ 358,669.46
Cash, money market	-	
Short-term investment, securities	-	
Cash & investments total	<u>65,892.14</u>	
<b>Building &amp; Land</b>		<b>Fund Balance 630,363.01</b>
Historical property, net of depreciation	-	
Improvements to historical property	264,716.77	
Addition	910,395.56	
	<u>1,175,112.33</u>	
Less: Accumulated depreciation	251,972.00	
Building total	<u>923,140.33</u>	
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 989,032.47</b>	<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Fund Balance \$ 989,032.47</b>

To allow for uncertain cash flows, the Fund attempts to maintain a six month loan payments reserve in the amount of \$18,900.

Capitalized cost of the Historical property (amount unknown) would have been fully depreciated by the date of this statement.

Depreciation of Phase I and Roof, straight line for 20 years

Depreciation of Phase II, straight line for 40 years

The initial long term debt for the Phase II expansion, was in the amount of \$585,491, bearing an interest rate of 4.625%. It was an Adjustable Rate Mortgage (ARM) and was renewable at the end of 5 years from the date of the first distribution of funds. Initially, monthly payments were in the amount of \$3,745.00. In July 2016, with a principle balance of \$433,309.25 and 15 years remaining on the note, the loan was re-amortized at a rate of 3.875% which has resulted in a monthly payment of \$3,150.15.

**First Lutheran Church Building Fund  
Statement of Revenue and Expense  
December 31, 2018**

**Revenue**

Offering	\$ 36,263.96
Grant income	-
Interest and dividends	7.05
Other, (Parsonage fund)	61,068.55
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b><u>97,339.56</u></b>

**Expenses**

Loan interest	14,899.61
Other expense	-
<b>Expenses before depreciation</b>	<b><u>14,899.61</u></b>
Depreciation	35,996.00
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>50,895.61</b>
<b>Excess of Expense over Revenue</b>	<b><u>\$ 46,443.95</u></b>

<b>Fund balance at January 1, 2018</b>	<b><u>583,919.06</u></b>
<b>Fund balance at December 31, 2018</b>	<b><u>\$ 630,363.01</u></b>



# LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI FOUNDATION

FIRST  
FOUNDATION

## Report for 2018

The First Lutheran Church of St. Joseph, Missouri Foundation was established “to receive and manage gifts, grants, bequests, designated contributions of money and property so that they can accumulate for the long-term benefit of the Congregation and to preserve the principal of the funds donated to it.” The Foundation was incorporated January 21, 1993.

The Foundation is managed by a five-member board, three of whom are elected by the Congregation and two of whom are appointed by the Church Council. Board members and the offices held in 2017 were:

David Schmidt (through 2020 - Council)	President
Dan Chladek (through 2018 - Council)	1st Vice President
Barton Dennis (through 2019 - Congregation)	2nd Vice President
Deann Young (through 2018 - Congregation)	Secretary
Phil Heeler (through 2020 - Congregation)	Treasurer

The total current assets of the Foundation are \$476,003 of which \$202,279 consist of the Matthiesen bequest (designated for hunger-related projects only) and the General Fund which has assets of \$273,754. Over the last 25 years \$133,500 has been given to hunger-related projects including the \$4,000 as directed by the Church Council in December 2018.

\$1000 to Meals on Wheels	\$500 to Second Harvest Food Bank
\$500 to The Crossing Outreach Ministry	\$500 to Backpack Buddies
\$500 to First Lutheran Church Samaritan Fund	\$500 to Open Door Food Kitchen
\$500 to First Lutheran Community Dinner	

The Foundation's General Fund has assets of \$273,754 with approximately \$49,000 available for distribution at this time. In 2018 we were blessed to receive a gift from the Denton and Nadine Matteson Estate plus several memorial gifts in honor of Bill Guenther, Eric Burns and Owen Holmes.

Contributions can be made to the Foundation at any time in any amount including memorials. Since the principal may not be used, the earnings gained by your contributions will go on indefinitely. Please make sure your gifts are made payable to the First Lutheran Church Foundation. All contributions are tax deductible.

An email has also been set up to make it easier to communicate with the Foundation members. Questions and/or comments can be sent to [firstlutheranchurchfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:firstlutheranchurchfoundation@gmail.com).



**2018 Statistical Membership Report**

<b><u>1/1/2018</u></b>		<b><u>1/1/2019</u></b>
253	<b><u>Baptized Membership</u></b>	253
	<b><u>Received</u></b>	
0	Baptism	
0	Affirmation of Faith	
4	Transfer In	
1	Reactivated	
	<b><u>Removed</u></b>	
2	Transfer Out	
3	Death	
215	<b><u>Confirmed Membership</u></b>	215

**Annual Meeting Elections**

**2019 Nominations**

**Council** (2019 – 2021)

- \_\_\_ Jim Farrell
- \_\_\_ David Newman
- \_\_\_ Dee Dee Hebb
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**Foundation** (2019-2021)

- \_\_\_ Deann Young

BUDGET FOR 2019

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	2018 BUDGET	2018 ACTUAL	2019 BUDGET
<b>INCOME</b>			
Regular Offering	200,000.00	199,380.17	199,000.00
Loose Offering	6,300.00	3,989.02	4,000.00
Parking	900.00	670.00	900.00
Seasonal	1,100.00	822.00	700.00
Miscellaneous	1,800.00	3,630.82	2,500.00
Benevolence	5,000.00	2,045.00	2,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>215,100.00</b>	<b>210,537.01</b>	<b>209,100.00</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>			
<b>Welcoming Behavior Cluster</b>			
Maintenance	6,500.00	9,214.99	9,000.00
Custodial Supplies	825.00	796.74	825.00
Utilities	15,000.00	16,200.47	16,200.00
Hospitality Supplies	200.00	0.00	200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,525.00</b>	<b>26,212.20</b>	<b>26,225.00</b>
<b>Education Cluster</b>			
Youth	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sunday School	350.00	468.55	350.00
Confirmation	0.00	108.05	100.00
Children's Outreach	0.00	0.00	100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>350.00</b>	<b>576.60</b>	<b>550.00</b>
<b>Spiritual Growth Cluster</b>			
Benevolence	5,000.00	2,045.00	2,000.00
Publicity	200.00	69.00	100.00
Worship Supplies	1,100.00	838.20	1,000.00
Instrument Maintenance	1,000.00	796.98	900.00
Pulpit Supply	600.00	750.00	750.00
Church Copyright	400.00	411.00	420.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,300.00</b>	<b>4,910.18</b>	<b>5,170.00</b>

<b>Administrative Cluster</b>			
Insurance	12,500.00	11,919.48	11,225.00
Office Supplies	4,000.00	4,652.53	4,000.00
Giving Envelopes	250.00	191.59	250.00
Communications	5,710.00	6,229.97	6,250.00
Copier Lease & Maintenance	5,100.00	4,612.16	4,750.00
Synod Assembly	1,500.00	613.24	1,500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,060.00</b>	<b>28,218.97</b>	<b>27,975.00</b>
<b>Staff</b>			
Pastor's Salary	53,340.48	53,340.48	54,940.69
Health/Dental	29,306.88	28,900.72	18,157.56
Pension	6,877.20	7,134.00	7,134.00
Housing	18,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00
Car Allowance	1,500.00	1,475.04	1,500.00
Books/Education	625.00	484.47	625.00
Director of Music	5,399.19	5,399.19	5,561.17
Director of Music-FICA	413.04	413.10	425.43
AGEHR Membership	90.00	45.00	90.00
Worship Team Leader	7,752.00	7,752.00	7,984.56
Worship Team Leader-FICA	593.03	593.04	610.82
AGO Dues	80.00	0.00	80.00
Custodian	10,400.00	9,482.00	10,712.00
Custodian-FICA	795.60	725.37	819.47
Secretary	16,315.00	15,461.66	16,873.65
Secretary-FICA	1,248.10	1,182.88	1,290.83
Treasurer	3,343.80	3,343.80	3,444.11
Treasurer-FICA	255.80	255.84	263.47
Nursery	537.68	330.88	0.00
Nursery-FICA	41.13	25.29	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>156,913.93</b>	<b>154,344.76</b>	<b>148,512.76</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>217,148.93</b>	<b>214,262.71</b>	<b>208,432.76</b>
<b>INCOME LESS EXPENSE</b>	<b>(2,048.93)</b>	<b>(3,725.70)</b>	<b>667.24</b>

## Council President Annual Report

I want to thank the council members for their selfless dedication to First Lutheran. It is a pleasure to work with such talented individuals. I also thank the First Lutheran congregation for their tireless support of all first Lutheran ministries and projects. We are a truly caring and giving church.

We are blessed to have the stewardship of Pastor Lenander. We are aware of his involvement and support of our local community and ministries. This year he was recognized by a panel of the News Press as one of the 20 who has the most positive impact on our community.

This has been an event full year for First Lutheran:

- we completed the restoration of our damaged stain glass window.
- we completed the renovation of the Fellowship Hall.
- Due to our concern for the safety of our congregation and visitors we developed an emergency action plan. This gives us better control of our entrance and exit with a monitoring system to view who wishes to enter our building when the doors are locked. This plan was developed by knowledgeable members of our congregation with input from the Sheriff Department. A job well done.
- we began the digitalization of our archives. Due to a lot of hard work by the Archives Committee we are making good progress. This will make records and research much simpler.

Those listed are just the major projects that we the church accomplished. We also held activities to attract visitors to our church. We develop an operating budget for 2019. We made many structural and system repairs to our church, and much more.

All of the accomplishments are due to the gracious generosity of each and everyone of you. Thank you and God bless you.

Respectfully,  
Jim Farrell,  
First Lutheran Council President

## Annual Report for 2018

### **Pastor Roger Lenander**

“O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.” Psalm 136:1

First Lutheran continued to strengthen in its mission and ministry through some of the following actions in 2018:

- Vision-Discovery-Action conversations with the congregation provided an understanding of the mission and ministries at First Lutheran and how the council can direct their efforts.
- Sarah Pierce was endorsed for ordained ministry in the ELCA. She began a 2 year internship with St. James Lutheran Church in North Kansas City, MO in September.
- Thanks to the leadership of Dave Newman the Fellowship Hall was renovated that included wood coverings on the poles, new chairs, and new flooring.
- Members of the congregation attended Active Shooter Training Workshops. A Comprehensive Safety Plan was developed for all emergency situations. Building updates included new entryway doors, Ring camera security system, and worship safety protocols.
- An Archive Committee began its work under the leadership of Jane Nelson Thompson.
- Imagine Eleven Summer Music Series completed its 6<sup>th</sup> year as a First Lutheran ministry offering to the community.
- Hosted a Superstar Event with Super Bowl Seattle Seahawk Championship team member, Clint Gresham, as speaker to area youth.
- Serve as a sponsor for Girl Scout Troops #692, #1576, #8188, #3571, #3726 that has over 90 girls all together involved and Boy Scout Pack 26 that has 5 members.
- As a participating church of the Care Portal Network helped to provide for children’s needs valued at \$128,467 for 419 children working with Missouri Children’s Support Division and St. Joseph School District.
- Hosted a Scouts Family Christmas part under the leadership of Kris Langdon.
- Hosted the Imagine Eleven Christmas Concert.
- Continues to be an ELCA mission partner with the South Sudanese Worshipping Community in St. Joseph under the Leadership of Philip Alier Deng.

The depth and diversity of the mission and ministries carried out through First Lutheran and its members provide rich and meaningful opportunities for people to get involved in living as a vibrant and nurturing community in Christ.

I am also engaged to provide leadership in the community as President of the St. Joseph Youth Alliance Board, Chair of The Crossing Board, and member of the Family Guidance Board. With ongoing support of the Open Door Food Kitchen and Interserv, First Lutheran continues to be a trusted and active participant in the life of the whole Body of Christ in this city. I am grateful to be blessed with a committed and creative staff and leaders, a congregation that seeks to discern God’s purpose and direction, and a family that supports the work we do together to the praise and glory of God.

## 2018 First Lutheran Altar Guild Ministry Report

Altar Guild includes the following members:

Ann Newman, President  
Janice Harmsen, Vice President  
Pam Farrell, Treasurer  
Janelle O'Mara, Secretary  
Kathy Chladek  
Nancy Reder  
Carol Bunge  
Randi Lenander  
Jackie Bigham,  
Nadine Burns  
Misty Coyle  
Nila Schneider  
Nancy Lewis  
Kay Howard

Altar Guild prepares the Altar and Sanctuary for worship service. This would include the Sunday worship service and all additional services during the Advent, Christmas, Lenten and Easter seasons. We would also assist in special services such as baptisms, weddings and funerals.

Preparation includes, setting up communion, correct placement of altar linens and paraments, altar flowers and maintain candle usage. We order weekly flowers along with Easter Lilies and Christmas Poinsettias.

A Christmas Tree is decorated by Altar Guild members every year using handmade Christian symbols during the Christmas season. We also assist in decorating the sanctuary especially where candles are used.

Altar Guild members held their 4<sup>th</sup> annual Cookie Sale and Auction on December 2, 2018. We raised \$1117.00 and it was donated to the First Lutheran CarePortal to help provide for needs of children in our community.

The 2018 officers were elected to continue to serve in 2019.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Newman, President

## **Music Ministry**

The Music Ministry is alive and well at First Lutheran Church and involves our entire congregation as well as community members who have shared their time and talents for our worship. We are a wonderful singing congregation who shares our joy in the Lord with each other and to the glory of God at each service throughout the year.

Our Praise Team brings meaningful musical leadership year-round to our services with a variety of styles of music from meditative to gospel to folk to rock. The Chancel Choir sings from January through May and September through December and brings the gospel message through various styles of music and instrumentation.

Throughout the year members of our congregation and community and other special guests have brought new dimensions to our worship through voice, keyboard, organ, percussion, guitar, brass, strings, woodwinds, and drama.

We are a very blessed congregation and our goal as the music ministry is to be an outreach to the congregation and community and to be a part in bringing us all together through the love of music and other arts in worship and to the glory of God.

Sharmyn Thompson, Director of Music  
Sharon Gray, Associate Director of Music

## **Education**

Sunday School offers Bible classes for Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The numbers of youth participating is small, but volunteers provide an excellent learning opportunity each week. In addition, there are 3 adult classes offered weekly along with shorter term special focus topics throughout the year. Thirty or more adults participate in adult Sunday School each week.

Weekly Bible study groups meet on Thursday mornings and Women's Bible study groups meet monthly.

## **Sunday Community Dinner**

The Sunday Community Dinner just completed its 8<sup>th</sup> year of offering monthly Sunday dinners to the community. The attendance runs from 100-125 that come from the congregation, community, Salvation Army, group homes, lower income households (many on Social Security alone), and the street. Along with The Crossing the dinner coordinates over 20 volunteers to provide a meal and fellowship event. The purpose has been to provide a monthly event that connects people from across the fabric of the community to encourage and support one another through mutual conversation. Some volunteers are people who live on the street and shelters which give them a personal investment in the event. The donations of food items and money from the congregation and community has enabled this to continue.

