

Handclasp

Monthly Newsletter | First Lutheran Church | February 2019
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AWARENESSES FORUMS

Tuesday, February 12, 2019; 7 pm

Location: First Presbyterian Fellowship Hall
301 N 7th Street

Topic: Foundations & Evaluations
Of Migration

Program moderated by Rev. Krista Kiger.
Discussion will follow presentation by panelists.

Tuesday, March 19, 2019; 7 pm

Location: St. Francis Xavier Parish Center
Behind church at 2613 Penn St.

Topic: Implicit Bias

Program moderated by Rev. Sydney Breese.
Discussion will follow presentation by panelist.

Tuesday, April 16, 2019; 7 pm

Location: InterServ
5400 King Hill Ave.

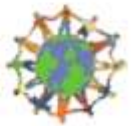
Topic: Receiving the Immigrant
As My Neighbor

Program moderated by Dave Howery.
Discussion will follow presentation by panelists.

Dessert & coffee offered at each meeting

Tuesday, May 7, 2019; 7 pm

Location: Temple Adath Joseph
102 N 17th Street
(Handicap access north side of building)



**PRAYERFUL
GATHERING**

Presented by

Interfaith Alliance for Immigrants (IAI)

IAI – people of faith advocating for justice, hospitality, human rights
and respect for immigrants and their families.

Happy Birthday

Gene Rasmussen	2/7	Karri Chladek	2/19
Morton Nelson	2/12	Gary Myers	2/24
Jeremy Olson	2/12	David Bezona	2/25
Sarah Cotton	2/13	Juel Pierce	2/28
Stanley Ponce	2/16	Sophie Runge	2/28
		Pamela Farrell	2/29

Harlan & Donna Osborn 2/10/1967 52 years
 Charlotte & Pete Chirila 2/14/1963 56 years

Happy Anniversary

Mark Hayes Choral Reading Session



Session Features

- Complimentary \$50 music packet.
- Choral music in a variety of styles/difficulty/voicing.
- An excellent opportunity to work with a world-renowned composer.
- Coffee and refreshments.

Saturday **9:00 am to 12:00**
February 2, 2019

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church
 2618 Seneca
 St. Joseph, MO

Pre-Registration encouraged.
 Contact: Tom Smith at tpsmith@stjoelive.com Or 816-261-9438

Registration
\$15

Sponsored by:
 The St. Joseph Chapter
 American Guild of
 Organists
 And
 J.W. Pepper Company



Treasurer's Report December 2018

Cyndee Simpson, Treasurer

December Income	\$25, 897.81
December Expenses	\$21, 146.53
Year to Date Income	\$210, 537.01
Year to Date Expenses	\$214, 262.71

Noisy Offering

December: \$66.60
 January: \$152.78

The Noisy Offering, collected the last Sunday of every month, will go to Synod Support. These offerings gives the Synod both the foundation and the fuel to do God's work in the world and a portion of the gifts circle back to support ministries in synods and local congregations.

Roundtable

Dwelling in the Word

Phoebe Circle - Tuesday, Feb. 12th, 7 pm
Hostess - Kris; Dessert - Ann; Lesson - Laurel

Thursday Morning Bible Study - Thursdays at 10 am
at church

Online Bible Study - Mondays at 7:00 pm

Sunday School - Sundays at 10:30 am
Kids – End of the hall of the 2nd Floor
Adult – Choir Room - Phil Hornbostel and Jim Pierce
Koinonia – 1st Floor Sunday School Room - Ron Starks
and Nadine Burns

Women's Bible Study – Library - Misty Coyle
Crossways – Fellowship Hall - Pastor Roger

Fellowship

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

Wednesday Café - Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

Community Dinner - Sunday, Feb. 24th, 4:00 pm

Service

Chancel Choir - Wednesdays at 7 pm

Archive Committee - Wednesdays at 9:00am

Leadership

Cub Scout Pack 26 - Tuesdays, 6:00 pm

Girl Scouts - Thursdays, 6:00 pm

Altar Guild - Thursday, Feb. 14th, 10:00 am Meeting

Congregational Council - Thursday, Feb. 14th, 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.

Men's Clothing Needed

Over 400 men are released from our local prison each month. Many have no clothing to reenter the community. Warden Rick Stepanek (a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church) was asked if the churches could help. He is delighted!

So if you have any of the following items in very good condition, please bring them to the church. They will be picked up on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

Button shirts

Plain colored t-shirts

Pants (khakis, jeans, slacks)

Coats

Crossing Community Shelter Needs

Up to 60 residents are being sheltered at the Crossing each night. Meals are provided by Mosaic Life Care's Chef Jim Lloyd. Donation of the following items are needed at this time:

Sugar (5lbs and up)

Chinex platter plates

Plastic forks/spoons/knives

Disposable cups/ hot and cold

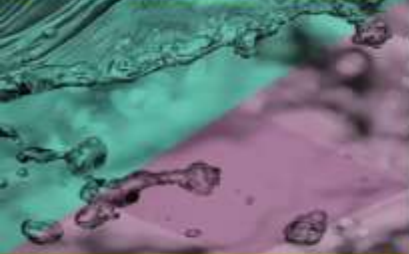
You can bring them to the church or drop them off at The Crossing at 8th and Locust.

Worship Life Survey

It is time for each of you to tell the Church Council what you think about Sunday service and other related items. We are asking that you complete the following survey anonymously, unless you choose to identify yourself; during the month of February. The two-sided survey can be obtained from the Hand-clasp, printed from email, the [church website](#), picked up from the table in the back of the sanctuary or from an usher. There will be a box on the back table to place your completed survey or it can be dropped off in the church office.

The Up Side of Life

Yes, there is a brighter outlook for those who trust in God.



A Note from the Salvation Army:

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your involvement in our "Bell Ringing" efforts for Christmas, 2018.

Because you and others chose to support the Salvation Army this holiday season, we were able to help our struggling neighbors with food, clothing, gifts for their children - and offer much needed hope at Christmas, and year round. You raised a total of \$3,114.49 for this project.

We can only offer these blessings with the help of caring people like you. Thank you again for your compassion and your generosity of spirit. May the coming year be wonderful for you and your loved ones.

Sincerely,

Major Abe Tamayo
Corps Officer

Altar Flower and Easter Lilies

The new flower calendar is up to sign-up for Altar flowers. You can sign your name to the chart or contact Misty in the office.

Easter Lilies will be on sale starting March 10th. You will be able to order a lily online on our website, by paper on Sundays, or by calling Misty in the office.

First Lutheran Church Council

Executive Committee

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

Council Members

Brenda Bass	Laurel Goforth
Carol Bunge	Sarah Knorr
Dee Dee Hebb	Sylvester Heeler
Kris Langdon	Terry Cotton

**Online Offering
Scan to give!**



Support Staff

Church Secretary	Misty Coyle	Custodian	Debbie & Larry Stafford
Assistant Music Director	Sharon Gray	Director of Music	Sharmyn Thompson
Sudanese Worship Director	Phillip Alier Deng	Central State Synod	Bishop Roger Gustafson