

Handclasp

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Lent Sermon Series 2019

Theme: Stepping Stones

Jesus comes down the mountain of Transfiguration as the Light of the World to walk the road that leads to his death on the Cross. In this series we learn that along the way there are Stepping Stones that guide us to be those same followers of the crucified and risen Jesus.

Sunday, March 10 "Where God Dwells"

We begin our walk in Christ by going to the place where God dwells.

Sunday, March 17 "Imitating Christ"

Christ is our example of walking in the way of the Lord.

Sunday, March 24 "Seek Christ"

In all you do begin in Christ.

Sunday, March 31 "A New Creation"

We are not what we were, we are a new creation in Christ.

Sunday, April 7 "Restoration"

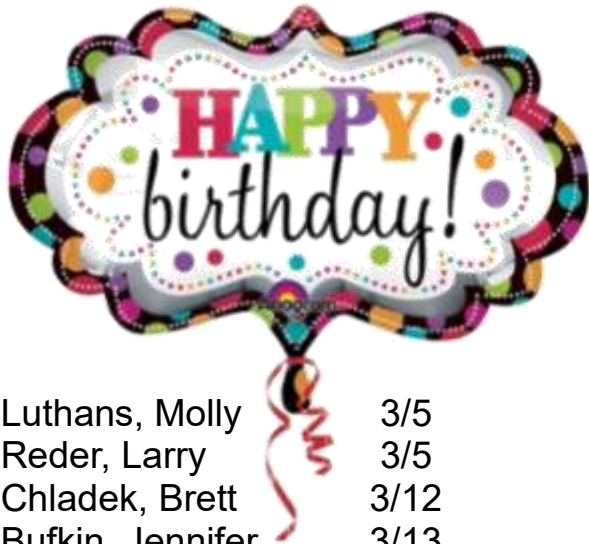
We are forever being made new in Christ.

Sunday, April 14 "Emptied"

Christ emptied himself in trust and obedience of God.

Daily Lent Devotions are offered by First Lutheran around the weekly themes. You can receive them by email, at www.flcsj.org, or pick up a weekly copy at the church .





Luthans, Molly	3/5
Reder, Larry	3/5
Chladek, Brett	3/12
Bufkin, Jennifer	3/13
Officer, Kylie	3/22
Pearl, Jack	3/23
Reder, Nancy	3/31
Taylor, Bruce	3/31

St. Joseph Community Chorus
 Stepping Out on the Town
 100 Years of Broadway
 Sunday, April 7, 2019– 3 p.m.
 MWSU Fulkerson Center
 4525 Downs Drive, St. Joseph, MO
 *see Sharmyn Thompson or
 Sharon Gray with any questions

Happy Anniversary

Gene & Deanna Rasmussen	3/2/1957	62 years
Robert & Toni Gunderson	3/7/1965	54 years
James & Carol Roever	3/19/1966	53 years

Are you using the church website?

Have you ever wondered where you can go to listen to a sermon again, or go back and read the reflection that's been on your mind since Sunday? Or how about it's 8:30 pm and you are trying to plan an event and wonder if the church is available? Is there any place we keep all of our information together in one place?

All of this information is available on the church website, flcsj.org. You can also pull the website up on your smart phone and/or tablet and it will act as an app to make it easier to read. The sermons go back to January 8, 2017. The bulletins with reflections are on the site for three months at a time. During those special times of the church year, we have extra devotions written by members of our congregation. So, if you accidentally deleted an email and still want to read the devotions, go to the website. The church calendar, online offering, worship team schedule...it's all online.

We also have our church directory online which is about to go through an overhaul. I will be asking for members to join a team to help update family info such as cell phone numbers and emails and dates, but also pictures. If you are interested in helping, please call or text me, Misty, at 816-752-5742 or email me at flcsj302@gmail.com.

Treasurer's Report January 2019

Cyndee Simpson, Treasurer

January Income	\$18,295.18
January Expenses	\$17,383.78
Year to Date Income	\$18,295.18
Year to Date Expenses	\$17,383.78



2/24/19

\$177.31

Next:
 3/31/19

Roundtable

Dwelling in the Word

Phoebe Circle - Tuesday, Mar. 12th, 7 pm
Hostess - Nancy; Kris - Dessert; Carol - Lesson

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, Mar. 19th,
6:30 am, at Le Peep

Wednesday Café - Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

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

Service

Chancel Choir - Wednesdays at 7 pm

Leadership

Cub Scout Pack 26 - Tuesdays, 6:00 pm

Girl Scouts - Thursdays, 6:00 pm

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

Congregational Council - Thursday, Mar. 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 works just as well as homemade! We could also use creamers, napkins, teas and hot chocolate.

Crossways Bible Study *From the Conquest to Babylonian Exile*

Begins Sunday, March 17th
10:30 – 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall
Teacher: Pastor Roger Lenander

Follow along as the Israelites enter the Promised Land and do battle with surrounding nations. Watch as the 12 Tribes of Israel unite as a single kingdom under Saul, David, and Solomon--only then to split into the northern and southern realms. Ultimately, Israel and Judah are taken into exile! We see that God can use all things—triumph or tragedy—to illuminate His people.

The Call and Journey of Paul: A Study in Acts

Mondays 7:00 – 7:45 pm

From the comfort of your home

Join through zoom.us by computer, I-phone, or telephone.

Contact Pastor Lenander for instructions.

The Online Bible Study follows the journey of Paul, called as an apostle of the Lord, to his work in growing the church in the early years of the Christian Church.

Awareness Forum

Tuesday, March 19th 7:00 pm

St. Francis Xavier Church, 2613 Penn

Topic: Implicit Bias

Presenter: Chief Chris Connaly, SJPD

Presented by Interfaith Alliance for Immigration of St. Joseph – people of faith advocating for justice, hospitality, human rights and respect for immigrants and their families.

Ash Wednesday Worship

March 6th 6:00 p.m.

Beginning the spiritual journey of Lent.



SPEAKER-DAUGHTER OF
HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS;
GERALYN (GERI) CRAIN, DDS, PHD

Saturday, March 23rd 4:00 pm
Francis Street First UMC, 12th and Francis

My Mother's Story

When I was a young adult, our mother, Alice Kern, published her memoir, "Tapestry of Hope". Written in the spirit of Anne Frank's diary, Alice was sometimes referred to as "the living Anne Frank" since they were both in the same concentration camps at the same time. Whereas, Anne tragically died before the liberation of Bergen-Belsen, our mom lived to tell the world what really happened inside the camps.

Alice reached thousands of people with her powerful story of courage and perseverance, plainly told, and strangely free of bitterness. Now, I am sharing her story, and mine, so that the lessons learned from the Holocaust—*sadly, still relevant today*—can be shared with students, teachers and others...so that it Never Happens Again.

Save The Date!

The annual fall women's retreat will be held October 18-19, 2019 at God's Mountain Bible Camp near Rushville, south of Saint Joseph. The leader will be Rev. Patsy Baglien and the general theme for the retreat will be "Through the Changes in Our Lives, Jesus Is Always There". All women in the congregation are invited to attend.

This year the retreat is being planned to accommodate those who are able to attend only the Friday session or only the Saturday session or the entire event. The retreat will be held mid-afternoon Friday until mid-afternoon Saturday. Specific times will be announced at a later date. The cost to attend both days is \$50.00; the cost for either the Friday or the Saturday session only is \$35.00. The cost includes meals, honorarium for the leader and rental of the facility.

Registration and payment for the retreat may be made at any time to Carol Bunge or Nancy Lewis. \$20.00 of the registration fee is nonrefundable should your plans change.

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

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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
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