



# Handclasp

Monthly Newsletter | First Lutheran Church | April 2019  
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## The Resurrection Community

*“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. – Luke 24: 5-9*

Newsboys wrote a song called “God’s Not Dead” and the chorus is:

*Let love explode and bring the dead to life  
A love so bold  
To seek a revolution somehow.*

As we come to Easter the church prays together that God’s love would continue to explode in the lives of people with a love that scatters the darkness around us and fills us with the love that comes from God. And the song goes on:

*Let hope arise and make the darkness hide*



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LANGDON, Kristy	04/01
CHIRILA, Charlotte	04/06
BIGHAM, Jacqueline	04/15
RASMUSSEN, Deanna	04/16
BELCHER, Alivia	04/17
YOUNG, Deann	04/19
MASTELLER, Dorothy	04/22
KNORR, Sydney	04/29

Congratulations to Misty Coyle. She will be receiving the Thanks Badge II Award, Sunday April 7th. This badge recognizes a previous Thanks Badge award recipient who has continued to provide exemplary service in a leadership role, resulting in a measurable impact that benefits the entire Girl Scout Movement.

Criteria:

- The nominee has received the Thanks Badge.
- The outstanding service performed by the nominee resulted in outcomes that benefited the total council or the entire Girl Scout organization, and is so significantly above and beyond the call of duty that no other award would be appropriate.

Misty has been with the NE Kansas NW Missouri Council since 2010 when she became a leader for her daughter's, Shelby, troop. In the 8 years of leadership, she has served as troop leader, Service Unit Event Chair, Service Unit Product Service Manager, Summer Day Camp Program Director, and Service Unit Troop Consultant. She has built programs for the Service Unit and Council for cookies and religious programming. Any leader knows to call on her whenever they need help. Misty is a true Green Blood.



**April is Child Abuse Awareness Month.**  
Our 13th annual 'A Chance to Dance' is a benefit for the Voices of Courage Child Advocacy Center to help increase awareness and prevent child abuse.

Local and area dance studios will perform  
**Saturday, April 6 – 7:00 PM**

Central High School Theater  
2502 Edmond Street  
Saint Joseph, Missouri

Advance tickets: \$12 / At the door: &15  
Call 816-233-5442 or 816-232-1744

Donations accepted and sponsorships available.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

February 2019

*Cyndee Simpson, Treasurer*

February Income	\$15, 781.81
February Expenses	\$16, 863.25
Year to Date Income	\$34, 076.99
Year to Date Expenses	\$34, 247.03

# Roundtable

## DWELLING IN THE WORD

Phoebe Circle - Tuesday, April 9th, 7 pm  
Randi - Hostess; Dessert - Cyndee; Lesson - Nancy

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 – 1<sup>st</sup> 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, April 16th,  
6:30 am, at Le Peep

Wednesday Café - Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

Community Dinner - Sunday, April 28th, 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, April 11th, 10:00 am Meeting

Congregational Council - Thursday, April 11th, 6:30 pm

## PLACES TO HELP

125 Anniversary Celebration Volunteers

This is the 125th Anniversary of the founding of First Lutheran Church. A planning team is being put together for a fall celebration. If you would like to be part of the planning contact the church office. Initial meeting will be in mid-April.

## Awareness Forum

Tuesday, April 16th 7:00 pm  
Interserv, 5400 King Hill Ave.

Topic: Receiving the Immigrant As My Neighbor  
Program moderated by Dave Howery  
Discussion will follow presentation by panelists.

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.

## Holy Week Worship

April 14th	9:00 am	Palm Sunday
April 18th	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday
April 19th	7:00 pm	Good Friday
April 21st	9:00 am	Easter Sunday



**FLC Girl Scouts**  
will serve the  
**Easter Breakfast**  
after service.

## St. Joseph COMMUNITY CHORUS & CHAMBER CHOIR

*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

Please see Sharmyn Thompson or Sharon Gray for ticket information.

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*My faith is dead I need resurrection somehow  
Now I'm lost in Your freedom  
In this world I'll overcome.*

This is the witness of the church today. Contrary to the reports around the world Christ is alive confronting evil with goodness, bringing hope to the hopeless, life to the lifeless. This Easter we gather in the shadow of the empty tomb to hear again, "Jesus is not here. He is risen just as he said." Invite others to come and join you this Easter Sunday to join in the song of Christ's victory;

*My God's not dead  
He's surely alive  
He's living on the inside  
Roaring like a lion  
God's not dead  
He's surely alive  
He's living on the inside  
Roaring like a lion.*

See you in worship,  
Pastor Roger Lenander



## First Lutheran Church

<b>Requests Received</b>		281
<b>Responses</b>		38
<b>Helped Close</b>		26
<b>Total Children Served</b>		55
<b>Total Economic Impact</b>		\$14,257

# 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>	Brenda Bass
<b>Treasurer</b>	Cindy Simpson
<b>Financial Secretary</b>	Joy Winters

## Council Members

Debbie Taylor	Laurel Goforth
Carol Bunge	Sarah Knorr
Dee Dee Hebb	Sylvester Heeler
Kris Langdon	Terry Cotton

Online Offering  
Scan to give!



## Support Staff

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