



IN THE FIRST PLACE

*Called by the Spirit, we serve Christ,
sharing God's love with all.*

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50 YEARS

WOW! Where has time gone? It is hard to believe that on June 8, 2019 I will celebrate 50 years as Organist at First Lutheran Church!!!

I can remember the day that my Washburn University organ professor, Max Elsberry, told me that First Lutheran Church was looking for an organist, and I should apply for the job. Would they hire a twenty-year-old college student with a little experience? Geneva Schad, Mary Nice, and Pastor Tonsing interviewed me and a couple of days later, I received a call that I got the job. What was I getting into? At the same time, the Church was looking for a Choir Director and hired Dr. John Buckner. Over the years, I have worked with many Pastors - Dr. Ernest Tonsing, Richard Carlson, Dr. Dale Gregoriew, Duane Heckman (interim), Gerald Weeks, Don Conrad (interim), Elwyn Luber, Lesley Radius (interim), and Jenny Jackson! Choir Directors I have worked with are Dr. John Buckner, Martha Carpenter, David Collins, Brooks Reynolds (interim), and Mark Fuller.

Fifty years ago, the organ had four (4) ranks of pipes (but it was a pipe organ). In other words, a very small organ for the size of the Church. Over the years, a new exposed Great Division was added, and thanks to Betty Sisk, a beautiful new state-of-the-art three manual console and three additional ranks were added in memory of Dr. Phil Sisk. When the original First Lutheran Church at 5th and Harrison was about to be demolished, I removed the pipe organ that was installed in the 1930's. After three years of rebuilding, re-wiring, and cleaning the organ, the pipes from that organ have been installed as part of our current organ, an important part of our history from the 5th and Harrison church. Other ranks of pipes have been obtained over the years and incorporated into our current organ. As of today, the organ has 31 ranks of pipes with an approximate value of a little under \$1,000,000.00 to replace it.

When the chapel was built, I obtained a four rank pipe organ from Mrs. Helen Baugh, which has a replacement value around \$100,000.00. She donated the organ to our church!

Special "Thanks" to my wife, Linda, my children, and grandchildren, and friends who have helped carry pipes, and supported my music passion over the years. It has truly been a JOY and a privilege to serve as the organist here all these years! I still look forward to each service!

On **June 9th at 4:00 p.m.**, I will be giving a **50th Anniversary Recital** (free), here at First Lutheran. This will feature pieces that I learned from each of my four organ teachers, hymn preludes based on Lutheran/Swedish hymns, and one concert piece. I hope you will be able to attend! A reception will follow.

*"Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest!"*

Soli Deo Gloria !!! (Glory to God alone)

Jerry Anderson

Prayer Ministry

EACH OF US ARE A PART OF OUR CHURCH'S PRAYER MINISTRY.

PRAYER SHAWLS are available in the Welcome Center area.

WE PRAY for our church community, especially: Charlie Vaughn (Stormont Vail Hospital), Paul Reed (home), Jeani Anderson (home), Ann Sanders (KU Med in KC), Pat Wild (home), Rob Peterson (home), Breck Edds (home), Ann Johnson (home), Mike Wilson (home), Vera Pearce (home), Ken Sherbert (home), Charlotte Weddle (CDO Teacher), and Julie Bradley (Caring for Kids 1st Director).

WE PRAY for our homebound members: Rose Alberg, Betty Deutscher, Deneen & Fran Dotzel, Ed Klein, Lois Lykins, Betty Nelson, Marian Orton, Bob Papp, Alice Purdy, Tom Rimmel, Charlie Vaughn, and Margaret Worrell.

WE PRAY for our family and friends: Tim Brunkhorst (Ann Sanders' brother), Steve Magee (Kim's husband), Rick Watson (Lisa Arndt's father), C.A. Brunkhorst (Ann Sanders' father), Ken Buch (Verla's son), Mary Roesch (Tracy's mother-in-law), Micah Ewing (friend of the Luber's), Betty Fleming (LaDonna Little's aunt), Joan Stahlman (Joyce Koenig's sister-in-law), Lynette Kottas (Eileen Caspers' mother), Pete Godlove (Michelle Black's father), Lewis Crawford (Cindy's husband), Dan Lykins (cousin of Nancy Sherbert), Nancy Isley Wolfe (friend of the Wolgast's), Linda Deines (Karen Papp's sister), Ben Beery (friend of Haden Roark), Jerome Gutierrez (Dolores Ussery's nephew), Heather Roesch (Tracy's sister-in-law), Norm Stahl (friend of Carolyn Olson), Katelynn Herring (Jeanie Schuler's great niece), Bob Avery (friend of Carolyn Olson), Robin Michael (daughter of friend of Nancy Vaughn), Mary Lou Brunkhorst (Ann Sanders' mother), Linda Myers (Trudi's daughter-in-law), David Metzenthin (Bud & Lois' son), and Annika Lundgren (friend of the Engelhardt's).

OUR CONDOLENCES to *Hope Krug* on the death of her mother, Mary Morgan.

OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE PEOPLE REMOVED FROM THE PRAYER LIST DUE TO DEATH: Mary Morgan (Hope Krug's mother).

PRAYER CHAIN: If you have a more private prayer request (not to be printed on public list), please contact Pastor Jenny and the team of dedicated people will be contacted to start the prayer chain.

**FOR ADDITIONS TO OR REMOVALS FROM ANY OF THESE PRAYER LISTS,
PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE
785-272-5302 OR 1stlutherantopeka@sbcglobal.net.**

*"To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing." —
Martin Luther*



Worship

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE	
HOLY WEEK and SATURDAY & SUNDAY April 18, 19, 20 & 21	
WEDNESDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY April 24, 27 & 28 and May 1, 4 & 5 and 8, 11 & 12	
MAUNDY THURSDAY ATTENDANCE TOTAL: 98	Tithes and Offerings: \$222.50
GOOD FRIDAY ATTENDANCE TOTAL: 59 NOON: 33 7PM: 26	Tithes and Offerings: \$152.00
SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL ATTENDANCE: 66	Tithes and Offerings: \$1,013.00
EASTER SUNDAY ATTENDANCE TOTAL: 254	Tithes and Offerings: \$8,104.30
4/24/19 WEDNESDAY ATTENDANCE TOTAL: 23	Tithes and Offerings: \$11.85
ATTENDANCE TOTAL: 139 Saturday: 25 Sunday: 114	Tithes and Offerings: \$6,004.00
5/1/19 WEDNESDAY ATTENDANCE TOTAL: 16	Tithes and Offerings: \$
ATTENDANCE TOTAL: 171 Saturday: 22 Sunday: 127 Alpha: 22	Tithes and Offerings: \$7,269.22
5/8/19 WEDNESDAY ATTENDANCE TOTAL: 20	Tithes and Offerings: \$
ATTENDANCE TOTAL: 227 Saturday: 25 Sunday: 166 Omega: 36	Tithes and Offerings: \$5,085.00

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY GRACE WORSHIP

ALL ARE INVITED to Come and Worship Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel. This is a service unique from our weekend worship and provides a different atmosphere. This worship is a wonderful service for folks busy on the weekends, for folks wanting to bring friends to church for the first time, for families with wiggly kids, and for all who need to stop mid-week to pray, worship, and be renewed by God's promises and community. Invite your friends as we look forward to this new opportunity to reach more in our community.



SUMMER MUSICAL OFFERINGS



We have so many in our congregation with musical gifts to share. Please consider sharing your gifts during worship, especially during the summer **10:00 a.m. worship services**. Please contact **Mark Fuller** (554-3849) or the church office (272-5302) with the **NEEDED INFORMATION:** your name, if playing an instrument or singing, and the date(s) you'd like to share your God given talents. ***"Music is a fair and glorious gift from God" - Martin Luther***

Children, Youth & Family Ministry



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

SAVE THE DATE

June 17–21

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

VBS REGISTRATION will be done online this year.

To register your kids or grandkids, go to

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/elcatopeka>

On June 2nd, we will begin a new practice during worship... “NOISY OFFERING”. Children are invited to bring coins and drop them in a bucket during worship. Bring your change and change the world!



FAMILY WORSHIP



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On April 24th we started a new weekly worship service on Wednesdays. This service is different from Sunday and a wonderful option for busy families and wiggly kids. **Join us for worship at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel.**

CHILDREN ARE LEADERS IN WORSHIP

We are looking for children and youth to serve as Greeters, Ushers, Communion Assistants, Assisting Ministers, and preachers! **Children aren't the church of tomorrow, they are the church of TODAY!** We are seeking ways to empower and involve more kids in worship. If you would like to learn more, Contact John Hanna, Worship Chairperson or Pastor Jenny.

Our new Wednesday Worship service will include children in much of the leadership: Reading Prayers, reading scripture, helping with scripture reflections, and more.

Children and youth have such a unique and special voice. We want to hear more of them!

SUMMER CAMP!

Our local summer camp is Camp Tomah Shinga. Bonfires, Hikes, bug spray, nature, and experiencing God in a new and wild place. Camp is open for grades Kindergarten-12th.

There are discounted rates available through scholarships within our congregation.

For more information, go to tomahshinga.com or contact the church office.

Confirmation Students are asked to attend CONFIRMATION CAMP, July 14-19.



First Family and Topeka Area News

Dear congregation of First Lutheran,

CARING FOR KIDS FIRST would like to extend sincere appreciation for your overwhelming support of the program. We raised \$775.00 with our Valentine tree fundraiser which we will use to purchase much-needed toys, games and supplies for the children to use this summer. We are happy to announce that all spots quickly filled this year with many returning families. We look forward to another rewarding and enriching summer with the children. We couldn't have been so successful without your ongoing support.

With much gratitude, Caring for Kids First

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE SOME MAGIC?

On **Sunday, June 2**, you will have the opportunity to be dazzled and entertained as you have never been before, as First Lutheran Church hosts the first of three **MAGI MOMENTS**. Under the tutelage of Alan Hageman, Joe Montague and Pastor Bob Dealey, children, youth and others are invited to share and demonstrate their gifts of magic, in conjunction with a Parish Life Committee-sponsored **POTLUCK LUNCH** that will be held in the Parish Hall, immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

Originally conceived as a means to build self-esteem and self-confidence in children and youth, children and youth are encouraged to perform an illusion of their choice at the potluck. No performer is required to reveal how they performed their illusion and the audience is requested to affirm and encourage those who perform.

All potential performers are invited to contact Pastor Bob by phone at (785) 272-5302 or by email at Rtdealey@sbcglobal.net to make arrangements for their performance on June 2nd. You are welcome to bring family and friends to the potluck and the performance.



The FINAL TALLY as of 5/13/19 of the ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL equaled \$589.10.

MANY THANKS goes to all who filled hunger banks.

RED BAG OFFERING

Again this year we will be receiving a special Red Bag Offering on the weekend of **June 1st & 2nd**. Our voting delegates will take the offering along to the **CENTRAL STATES SYNOD ASSEMBLY** being held this year in **OVERLAND PARK, KANSAS AT THE MARRIOTT** from **June 6th thru 8th**. Please be generous in your contribution!!

LOOKING FOR NEW EASTER BRUNCH COORDINATOR(S)

The Arndt and Roark families will be stepping down as FLC EASTER CREW in 2021 and would like the opportunity to have the next Crew shadow one event.

Individuals, a family, or families interested in learning more about Brunch responsibilities **please talk with Brooke Roark.**

We have truly enjoyed serving with this ministry and thank everyone for their abundant donations year after year.

FALL EVENTS

Two fun fall events require advance reservations.

Please see **Dean Johnson or Phil and LaVerne Engelhardt** for more information and reservations.

1. **September 28th WOODFEST at Camp Wood** west of Emporia a Kansas City symphony outreach includes dinner and a fun sunset outdoor concert \$50 per person or \$150 for 8 (what a deal!!!)
2. **October 18-19 HYLLINGSFEST in Lindsborg.** Friday-folk dancing, shopping, outdoor eating, evening meal is a Scandinavian smorgasbord followed by a concert by Smoky Hills Men's Chorus at Bethany church. Saturday morning is a fun parade. A group of us is planning to attend the two day event. Folks can attend either day, but the smorgasbord on Friday requires advanced reservations which are limited. The price of the smorgasbord is almost \$30. Please see one of us if you are interested. Each of these events can be researched online. Bring some friends and join us!!!

A TRIP TO THE YMCA OF THE ROCKIES IS BEING PLANNED FOR THE END OF JULY 2020. PLEASE SEE THE POSTER IN THE NAVE LOUNGE AND FEEL FREE TO TAKE AN INFORMATION SHEET.



Please see the **Adventures in Learning!** newsletter from Shepherd's Center of Topeka www.shepherdscentertopeka.org on the bulletin board outside the church office.

Shepherd's Center of Topeka is a community ministry whose mission is to operate a volunteer senior's organization that enhances physical well-being, spiritual growth, & education for life.



Children's Day Out Preschool

MAY 19th is CDO SUNDAY AND RECOGNITION OF KATHY DALE

Kathy Dale is retiring. We will say "We Love You" and "Thank You" in worship, May 19th. Please look for a letter in the mail with an invitation to share some memories with Kathy. Kathy has been an integral part of growing our preschool and creating a loving space for kids to learn.



REMEMBER THE "BLESSING BOX" NEEDS FILLING.

If you can help **LET'S HELP** on the **third Wednesday of any month** we'll see you at **200 South Kansas Avenue**. The next date for helping is **June 19th**. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Gary Anderson at 246-3229. **Gary Anderson - First Lutheran Let's Help Team**



CLOTHING ROOM NEEDS:

Men's Jeans up to size 38, Men's Underwear-all sizes,
Men's shoes (especially size 9 and up), Women's Underwear-all sizes

DOORSTEP IS OPEN MONDAY – FRIDAY, 8:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

We are located at 1119 SW 10th Street (10th & Buchanan).

We ask that you do not leave donations outside our building when we are not here. They often become a parking lot mess. Thank you!

DOORSTEP NEWS

Earlier this year the Topeka Community Foundation announced there would no longer be a Topeka Gives event. In the six years of the event, Doorstep was in the top three in number of donors each year! In light of the news we wanted to come up with some event of our own to keep the ball rolling!

Introducing... **DOORSTEP'S SUMMER CASH BASH!** Make a donation to Doorstep anytime from **June 1st – June 15th** and help Doorstep earn 'match money'! You can mail your donation in, bring it to the office, go online or stop by our table at the Topeka Day of Giving. Let us know your member congregation, and that it is for the 'Summer Cash Bash' and it will be credited towards our goal.

If we raise \$15,000 we will receive a \$2,500 match, BUT, if we **raise \$20,000 we will receive \$5,000** in 'match money' from a generous, anonymous donor!

In the past, funding received from the Topeka Gives events has carried us through those lean summer months! And, this year is no different. We need your donations this June 1st-15th, to help us earn additional match money!

Doorstep will also be at the Topeka Performing Arts Center on **June 12th from 2pm-8pm** for the **TOPEKA DAY OF GIVING**. We will have a table at the event, and will be accepting donations towards Doorstep's Summer Cash Bash!

SAVE THE DATES...

We will have one food sale fundraiser this year! We will take orders for **Cinnamon Rolls and Tamales September 6th – 22nd**, with delivery the weekend of October 11th. Mark your calendars to stock your freezers!

Doorstep's 2nd Annual Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Run is Saturday, October 5th at Lake Shawnee, Reynolds Lodge. Plan to join us in getting some exercise around the lake, and raise funds for Doorstep this October. There will be more information closer to the event!

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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The **DEADLINE** for the July 2019 *In The First Place* is **June 12, 2019**.
Contact the church office in person or via email with Articles or Calendar Information.

Save the Dates

May 19 – CDO Sunday – honoring Kathy Dale

May 28 – Caring for Kids 1st Resumes

June 2 – Red Bag Offering, CSSA Delegate Blessing & Council Installation

June 9 – Pentecost (wear red) and Jerry's 50th Anniversary Recognition

June 9 – Jerry Anderson's 50th Anniversary Recital at 4:00 p.m.

June 17-21 – VBS "In the Wild" 5:30-7:30 p.m.