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sharing God's love with all.*

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From Caring for Kids 1st Director, Julie Bradley

Caring for Kids 1st summer program is off to a great start in our second year and I am incredibly fortunate to be the program director. This summer we are at our capacity with 15 children, with 10 of these children returning for another year with us. We feel extremely blessed by these numbers and continue to look for ways to improve our program every day. I can tell you that we have wonderful times every single week, with field trips, water fun, art lessons, community visitors, cooking lessons, reading, STEAM projects and simply using our imaginations while we play.

It has been our goal to offer Christian based childcare to these elementary school aged children. Every week is based on a book that has a message about a "Fruit of the Spirit". We also read several times a week from a book titled, *Love Does, For Kids*, by Bob Goff. It is a wonderful book of short stories which teaches about acts of love. My heart is touched every day by the way these children are willing to share their thoughts about our Lord.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members of First Lutheran Church who have welcomed us into your home. Your generosity to us in February was overwhelming when you donated \$750 to our program. That money has been used to purchase all of the items that were borrowed last year and so much more. Your support has been truly appreciated. If any of you would like more information about our program, please feel free to call me at 785-806-5172.

Blessings, Julie Bradley

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: Dick Schaeffer (home), Twila Zeigler (home), Jeani Anderson (home), Ann Sanders (home), Rob Peterson (home), Breck Edds (home), Ann Johnson (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: Jerry Manning (friend of Nancy Sherbert), Tim Brunkhorst (Ann Sanders' brother), 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 Lubers), 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 Wolgasts), 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 Engelhardts).

OUR CONDOLENCES to the family and friends of *Josephine Harkness*, who died June 9, 2019.

OUR CONDOLENCES to *Anita Wolgast* on the death of her brother, Gary Torluemke.

OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE PEOPLE REMOVED FROM THE PRAYER LIST DUE TO DEATH:

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	
WEDNESDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY May 15, 18 & 19 and 22, 25 & 26	
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5/15/19 WEDNESDAY ATTENDANCE TOTAL: 12	Tithes and Offerings: \$
ATTENDANCE TOTAL: 203 Saturday: 27 Sunday: 176	Tithes and Offerings: \$4,199.01
5/22/19 WEDNESDAY ATTENDANCE TOTAL: 6	Tithes and Offerings: \$
ATTENDANCE TOTAL: 138 Saturday: 33 Sunday: 105	Tithes and Offerings: \$5,650.00
5/29/19 WEDNESDAY ATTENDANCE TOTAL: 15	Tithes and Offerings: \$
ATTENDANCE TOTAL: 159 Saturday: 24 Sunday: 135	Tithes and Offerings: \$5,617.90
6/5/19 WEDNESDAY ATTENDANCE TOTAL: 13	Tithes and Offerings: \$
ATTENDANCE TOTAL: 184 Saturday: 23 Sunday: 161	Tithes and Offerings: \$6,415.97
6/12/19 WEDNESDAY ATTENDANCE TOTAL: 13	Tithes and Offerings: \$
ATTENDANCE TOTAL: 133 Saturday: 20 Sunday: 113	Tithes and Offerings: \$2,260.90

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***

To continue our efforts to increase security at church, the **SECURITY COMMITTEE** has recommended and the **Council** has approved the policy to **lock the outside doors 10 minutes after worship starts and unlock them 10 minutes before worship ends**. The doors are not locked for someone exiting, just to someone entering. The council team members will be in the narthex during worship to recognize if someone needs entrance during worship. This change will take effect **July 7, 2019**.

Children, Youth & Family Ministry

On June 2nd, we began 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

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

**A NEWSLETTER FROM OUR *MISSIONARY IN RUSSIA, REV. BRADN BUERKLE*
CAN BE FOUND ON THE BULLETIN BOARD OUTSIDE OF THE CHURCH OFFICE.**

RED BAG OFFERING TOTAL FOR CSSA EQUALED: \$1,024.52

The FLC Endowment Committee is pleased to announce that the 2019-2020 Endowment Fund \$500 Scholarships are being awarded to *Madison Liby, Adam Schultz, and Adam Crawford.*

Adam S. is an Eagle Scout, a National Honor Society and Kansas Honor Scholar. He graduated from Seaman High School this spring and plans to attend K-State. **Madison** graduated from Shawnee Heights High School this spring, was active in sports and school clubs, and was selected for the National Honor Society. She plans to attend K-State in the fall. **Adam C.** graduated from Topeka West High School this spring, and plans to attend Washburn University. He has been very active at Doorstep and Harvesters, and has accumulated many credits at Washburn Tech in computer science, which will transfer to Washburn U. All three of our recipients are active in the life and ministry of our church. Please give your congratulations to these fine young members of our church family.

WOW!!!!-Words cannot beginning to say “THANK YOU” for my 50th anniversary celebration.

Special thanks to the 1st Lutheran Congregation, Pastor Jenny, Mark Fuller, the Church Council and the Choir for their generous gifts and for all who put in extra time to honor me. It was hard to believe that the whole congregation could keep such a secret!!! What a wonderful surprise!

Friday evening I was also honored by the Central States Synod at their banquet in Kansas City. It has truly been a pleasure to serve and work with such a loving and caring congregation!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest!

Soli Deo Gloria

Jerry



**Topeka High School Historical Society Presents
MUSIC FROM THE TOWER**

By Jerry Anderson (THS '67)

A CONCERT OF PATRIOTIC MUSIC

Played on the Historical THS Deagan Chimes

800 SW 10th Street

Sunday, June 30, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.

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!!!



2020 ESTES PARK TRIP



Wowzers!!! Over 50 (!) friends are going to Estes Park in July 2020! If you have any interest in joining us, please contact LaVerne Engelhardt ASAP at 785-845-7110.

CAMP TOMAH SHINGA QUILT AUCTION Saturday, September 14th, 2019

Camp Tomah Shinga, 7821 E Lyon Creek Road, Junction City, KS

11:00 a.m. Quilts on Display 12:00 p.m. – Lunch is Served 1:00 p.m. – Auction begins

All are welcome to come for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and supporting outdoor ministries!

Additional info and RSVP at tomahshinga.com

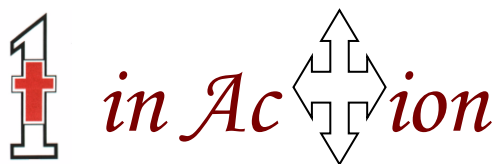
Please see the Welcome Center for paperwork on donating a quilt.

MAKING STOCK DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH

The Finance Committee is pleased to announce that arrangements have been made to assist those who would like to make donations of stock to the congregation. A brokerage account has been set up with a local Oppenheimer office here in Topeka and Mr. Pete Stauffer is the local agent. Stauffer has worked with the congregation in the past. He manages the Endowment and Sibberson brokerage accounts.

The donation of stock to the congregation may be advantageous to donors in a variety of ways. For example, a charitable contribution of stock may allow the donor the benefit of making a contribution without having to pay capital gains taxes on the investment. Also, stock donations may assist donors with decisions that are made in conjunction with Required Minimum Distributions of Individual Retirement Accounts. Please consult with your financial advisor to see how this may be helpful to you.

Once the gift of stock has been received, the Oppenheimer agent is authorized to sell the stock and the net proceeds (less the brokerage fee) will be given to the church. If you have any questions about this process, please contact Christ Lear at cwlear@prodigy.net. Chris serves as the chair of the Finance Committee and he can provide you with the account number for donations to the brokerage account. Thank you.



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 **July 17th**. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Gary Anderson at 246-3229. *Gary Anderson - First Lutheran Let's Help Team*



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!

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

HYGIENE KITS: Deodorant (male/female/neutral), Shampoo + Conditioner in 1, and Razors.

FOOD ITEMS: Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Fruit, Dry Beans, Egg Noodles, Pork n Beans and Jelly.

SUMMER CASH BASH – TOPEKA DAY OF GIVING We made our goal!! Doorstep received a total of \$20,110 and will get the \$5,000 match money from a donor! Thank you to everyone who donated and helped spread the word! This will greatly help us during the summer months, and replace the money we used to get from Topeka Gives!

DOORSTEP NEWS

Last December Doorstep assisted 260 households involving 822 individuals with Christmas gifts and food. Each year we celebrate "**CHRISTMAS IN JULY**" to get a jump start on collecting new items for our annual Christmas adoption! Our goal is to help alleviate some of the strain during the holidays by also collecting items mid-year. Doorstep will adopt 260 households with 750+ individuals this December through the Christmas Bureau. By having items donated in July, our Christmas Store Chair, Judy Neher, has a better idea what items we still need by November. Judy is here every week sorting through donations, and organizing the basement where our Christmas donations are stored until the Christmas Store week arrives!

Our focus for Christmas in July is household items, health kit items, toys, school supplies, gifts for men and women, sheet sets, and blankets. These are items that are not seasonal, and easy to find this time of year! The families we adopt are in need of basic items. They are so happy to receive a new set of dishes, new sheets, pots and pans, or a crockpot! We give every family a blanket or quilt. Last year we were short 100 blankets, and had to purchase them the week of the Store.

Each school aged child we adopt receives school supplies and a backpack, if needed. Typically, they have used up their back to school supplies, and they need replenished. Also, each of the 260 households receives a health kit filled with hygiene products, and wrapped with a new bath towel, hand towel and washcloth!

Each child receives one bigger toy as their gift, and other smaller items are available along with games, books, stuffed animals, stocking stuffers etc. Typically, we are lacking in the main gift area. If you can help with toys for children ages 2-12 and gifts for the teenagers (make up and nail kits) we would be grateful.

Please look over the **Christmas in July flyer (located next to the Doorstep cart)** and see how you can help. Doorstep continues to be successful helping people in need because of our member congregations who are working together to provide for their neighbors in need. If everyone pitches in just a little, big things will happen!

Please bring your Christmas donations to worship in July or to Doorstep, Monday – Friday, 8am – 3pm.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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The **DEADLINE** for the August 2019 *In The First Place* is **July 10, 2019**.
Contact the church office in person or via email with Articles or Calendar Information.

Save the Dates

June 30 – Patriotic Chimes Concert at THS, 6:00 p.m.

July 4 – Independence Day – Office Closed

July 7 – Magi Moments and Potluck Fellowship

July 14-19 – Confirmation Camp at Camp Tomah Shinga

July 31 – Adult Learning Survey Due