

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 10, 2010

NEW YEAR, NEW ADULT CLASSES – Starting this Sunday, January 10, Pastor Bushur will re-begin teaching the Book of Acts to the Adult Bible Study class in the Meeting Room at 9:00 a.m. No prior attendance is necessary. Come and join Pastor and people together opening the Scriptures and learning about Christ's work in the early church after Jesus' ascension and Pentecost.

Pastor Roberts will begin teaching a new 6-week Bible study with the help of a brand new book written by Rev. Matthew Harrison entitled *A Little Book on Joy: The Secret of Living the Good News Life in a Bad News World*. Each person will have their own copy (cost \$10 each, but come even if you can't afford it). Read a review of the book by Rev. Dr. Albert Collver (son of Al and Sally). This small group class will meet at 9:00 a.m. Sundays in the school library. *After 6 weeks (on February 21), we will begin another "I Have Good News for You" class for those interested in exploring the Christian Lutheran faith and becoming a member of our church.*

55 ALIVE Thursday, January 14. At our December luncheon we celebrated the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with beautiful music and songs. Now let us join together to ask His blessing on our days ahead in this New Year. May all we say and do be to His glory. Lunch at 12:00 noon (cost \$6.00). Entertainment by First Lutheran School K- 1st grade choir. Speaker is our own Arnold Korte on the topic "Diabetes: Living with and maintaining a healthy, active life."

2010 MARCH FOR LIFE will take place on Sunday, January 4 at 2:00 p.m. leaving from Calvary Baptist Church, 3200 Kingston Pike. A brief prayer service will be followed by the march past one of Knoxville's abortion facilities to Tyson Park. Shuttles will be available back to the church. For more information, contact Tennessee Right to Life, Knox County Chapter, (865) 689-1339 or trlknox@knology.net. Pastor Roberts and a small group of members from First Lutheran Church and Lutheran Campus Ministry at UT attended last year and plan to do the same this year. Please let Pastor Roberts know if you'd like to come and/or carpool.

For information concerning a 2-day bus trip to the March for Life in Washington, DC, on January 22, contact Ester Golightly at (865) 310-0690 or egolightly@charter.net.

VALENTINE'S DAY CONCERT – Knoxville Jazz Orchestra is presenting "Jass Is for Lovers" at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 13. Free parking is available, and also carpooling if interested. Tickets are \$25.50 per

person (\$15.00 for students). Money must be received by **January 31** – NO EXCEPTIONS. Contact Jennifer Elmore to pay for your tickets and/or if you want to carpool.

HAVE YOU HEARD the commercial about voting for your favorite school to win \$100,000??? Well...U.S. Cellular is giving away \$100,000 for the school that receives the most votes between now and January 15, so here is what you need to do:

1. Visit the website
<http://uscellular.com/callingallcommunities>
2. Click on the **Vote for your school** link on the right
3. Enter the voting code **ZJ3KP9A**
4. Follow the instructions and vote for First Lutheran School (our zip code is **37917**)

We could really use the \$100,000 and it doesn't hurt to try, so please share this with your friends and social networks (like Facebook, etc.). That option will be provided after you vote. Thanks for voting!

PRAYER PARTNERS – The staff of FLS would like to invite you to join us as prayer partners in a new group we're calling "Two or More" (TOM). The Bible tells us "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (*Matthew 18:20*). We'll join together each Tuesday beginning December 8 at 8:30 a.m. We'll discuss current prayer needs for our school, our staff, our church, and our families who request prayer. Can't make it here but would like to become a partner with us? No problem! Pray with us, wherever you are! Sign up via e-mail to be added to our "Two or More" prayer partnership and we'll e-mail a list of current prayer needs. Simply send an e-mail to Mrs. Julie Haynes (2nd and 3rd grade teacher) at her e-mail at jhaynes@firstlutherschool.com and say "Add me to 'Two or More'." If you have a need for prayer and would like to be added to the prayer list, let Mrs. Haynes know. We're looking forward to joining with you in prayer!

MISSING ITEMS – If you have borrowed items from the church, please return them. Several items are missing, including two 6' aluminum stepladders. Thank you.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION – We would like to remind everyone to please collect and turn in Box Tops for Education. There is a collection box across from the office and in the hallway outside the Church which says Campbell Soup on it...(we'll take those labels as well). There are hundreds of products which have the little Box Tops coupons on them...Betty Crocker items, cereals, Pillsbury products, baby items, office supplies, personal care items, paper

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products, snacks. For a list, go to their website at www.boxtops4education.com/Image.aspx?id=2164. These are items that we all use everyday. The important thing to remember is that our school gets money for these...each one is 10 cents...this adds up quickly! I have a little basket in my kitchen and I collected a dozen little coupons over the weekend without even trying! Some products offer 2 and 3 coupons per item. Just cut them out and get them to our school periodically. Janet Williams is the Box Top "Queen" and we appreciate her efforts and help. This is a great supplementary fundraiser for PTL which goes right back to our kids and teachers! Just think how much it would add up if every family (including teachers and staff!) got on board in this endeavor. Let's not throw money away.

Thank you & God bless, Cathy Price

LARGE PRINT READINGS – Each Sunday the Bible readings are available in large print in the back of the church. Please ask an usher for help.

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE
LAST WEEK**

Sunday Attendance – 205

Epiphany Attendance 72–

Total – 277

Sunday School & Adult Bible Class –

Offering needed – \$6,678.09

Total offering received – \$5,991.05

Year-to-date needed – \$180,308.05

Year-to-date received – \$178,724.90

**THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN
January 11-17, 2010**

Monday	7:00 p.m.	Day School Board
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	School Chapel
	4:45 p.m.	Beginning Bells Rehearsal
	5:30 p.m.	Lutheran Ringers Rehears.
	6:30 p.m.	Worship Service
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees
Thursday	12:00 p.m.	55 Alive
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Mission Serve
Sunday		MITEBOX SUNDAY
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School & Bible Classes
	9:45 a.m.	First Bells Rehearsal
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	5:00 p.m.	Worship in LaFollette

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SERVING US NEXT WEEK

Duty Elder: Keith Hodson

Communion Assistant: Roy Hall

Ushers: Group 4 (Keith Hodson, Head Usher)

Acolytes: Mekenzie Day & Olivia Killian

Altar Guild:

PRAYER LIST

If you would like to add or delete an item on the Prayer List, please call our office at (865) 524-0366, by Wednesday evening, each week.

Sick or Burdened Members

General: Jim Beck, Don Weaver

Homebound (* = Nursing Home): Edna Clark, Jerry Etzel, Elizabeth Frankenberg*, Gladys Frankenberg, Maryjane Handzus, Evelyn Haynes, Norma Herron, Dixie Houck, Mary Ruth Knaffl*, Jackie Kniefel, Jerry Stewart, Maxine Yeatts

Serving Our Country: Matt Bancroft, Byron Hatmaker, Chaplain Sean David Hunze, Jeffrey Kaiser, Keith Miller, Jeff Stone

Other Prayer Requests: Jack Anthonijs, Jason Beach (Margaret Ortstadt's nephew with leukemia), Rosa Beck's sister, Terry Brahams (cancer), LaRayne Buesing (Dot McConnell's sister who is bedridden in a nursing home in Minnesota) with MSA, Joyce (Ratcliff) Chess (cancer), Charles Chesteen (co-worker of Larry Hood) in hospital with H1N1 since Dec. 23, Betty Coleman (friend of Elisabeth Krueger) with cancer, James Flanigan (Eric Flanigan's brother with cancer), a friend of the Franklins (cancer), Jerrod Guerney (paraplegic), Allen Horner (Sharon Mueller's son with liver problems), Christopher Isbill (recovering from bone cancer & leukemia), Jerry Jones (cancer), Mary Jones, Jeffrey Kaiser (Steve & Janice's son) being deployed to Iraq, Betty Kron (Shirley Watson's sister) having leg surgery, Beryl Lusbay, JoAnne Mattingly (lupus), Gina Mollica's friend's father (hospitalized), Phil Moore, Gary Munsey, Kristi Plumlee (co-worker of Wendy Slifka) having chemo for breast cancer, Jason Rutledge, Kurtis Stewart (cancer), the Varner family, Liz Wheeler (friend of the Kaisers) with breast cancer, Melody Zimmer (leg problems).