

St. Luke's Visitor

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him shall not perish
but have eternal life. John 3:16*

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

⁸"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
— Exodus 20:8

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WORSHIP SERVICES

Traditional

Saturday 6:00 PM

Sunday 8:30 AM

Contemporary

Sunday 11:00 AM

Children's Sunday School and

Adult Bible Class

Sunday 9:45 AM

The Third Commandment was understood in a very legalist way in the Old Testament. Does that surprise anyone? It is a "commandment!" How else should it be understood? The problem was that the religious leaders put requirements on the commandment that were never intended by God. Work was prohibited, and work was very specifically defined. For example, they were not allowed to kindle or extinguish a fire. Even today, strict Jews are not able to turn the light switches on in their synagogues on the Sabbath. They hire a Goyim – a Gentile.

The Ten Commandments are listed out in Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5. When the Lord gives the Third Commandment, he also gives a little explanation with it. In Exodus 20, he says that just as he created the world in six days and rested on the seventh, we should also rest on the seventh day. In Deuteronomy 5, he gives a different reason. He says that we should remember that he brought us out of slavery. (With our New Testament perspective, we understand this as our removal from slavery in sin.)

During Jesus' earthly ministry, he dismantled the common legalistic understanding of the Third Commandment. He says, "*The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath*" (Mark 2:27). In other words, the Sabbath is a gift, not a burden.

The Third Commandment should not be understood as an obligation, but as a blessing. Our Lord invites us on the Sabbath to focus on what He has done for us (giving us forgiveness). He wants, through this gift of forgiveness, to remove our guilt of sin, to give us relief, to give us rest, to re-create us.

This Sabbath observance happens during worship. Our Lord serves us (which is why we call it the Divine Service) and He gives us his gifts of forgiveness and life. When I encourage you to "observe the Sabbath" (Deuteronomy 5:12), I'm encouraging you to come to our worship services and be blessed.

If you are not worshipping with us every Sunday, I encourage you to do so. You will be blessed by doing so.

Keep in mind the follows dates:

- **August 12 – Rally Day.** Think of this day as a St. Luke's Church Fair. The ministries of St. Luke's will be on display. Opportunities to get involved will abound. This is also the day to register your child for Sunday School and BASIC Training.
- **August 19 – Sunday School starts.** Sunday School focuses on Bible stories.
- **August 22 – BASIC Training starts.** BASIC Training focuses on learning the Books of the Bible and the Catechism (i.e., the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, etc.). It is Pre-Confirmation and Confirmation.

In our Biblically illiterate society, it is extremely important to teach our children God's Word.

September – Inquirer's Class. This is the class that leads to membership at St. Luke's. It will be held on Sundays, 2:00-3:30 PM. The first of six classes will be on **September 23.**

It is an honor to serve as your pastor.



Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us."

JUNE OFFICIAL ACTS

Receive from Other Lutheran Churches
Chris and Carol Deetjen

Transfer Out
Dale Meyer

Release Members
**Timothy Theisen, Eliza
Jonathan Miles**

BIRTHDAYS

August 1: Ryan Krause, Jacob Meier, Breanne Jones
August 2: LeAnn Sturdy, Amanda Hatesohl, Nathan Ukena
August 3: Don Morgan, Stephanie Sanborn
August 6: Ann Zier
August 7: Laroy Manry, Grant Kohlmeier
August 8: Glenda Moore, Shelia Frihart, Jamie Prockish, Jordan Frihart
August 9: Mac McLain, Sr., Jesse Smith
August 10: Linda Williams
August 12: Fran Irelan, Justine Grant, Anna Murphy
August 13: Kolby Montross
August 14: Larry O'Neill, Jodi Starkey
August 15: Carol Ukena, Douglas Newland, Jr.
August 16: Lowell Kohlmeier, Michael Havenstein
August 18: Ryan Almes, Diane Eckart, Emmalee Raymond
August 19: Carla Robker, Ashlyn Lehwald
August 20: Joan Spiker, Aaron Proctor, Perry Reid
August 21: James Kroenlein, Justine Moore
August 22: Joan Koehler, Isaura Garcia
August 23: Diane Mosier, Joshua Peters, Jase Rengstorf
August 24: Larry Wesche
August 25: Benjamin Enright, Carson Randolph
August 26: Justin Keister



August 27: Martha Mooneyham, Jocelynn Fitch, Jersey Klima
August 28: William Hosier, Betty Gehrt, Douglas Newland, Anthony Richter
August 29: Janet Beach
August 30: Keith Schwanke, Riley Lynch
August 31: Dale Grunewald, Greg Thomas-Baldwin

ANNIVERSARIES

August 4: David & Diane Eckart
August 7: David & Connie Wetzel
August 9: Don & Mary Lou Morgan
August 11: Charles & Fran Veatch, Larry & Liana Eagan
August 12: Robert & Judy Krause
August 15: Steve & Gayle Heitman, Monty & Peggy Enright
August 16: Randall & Amy Juracek
August 18: Keith & Gail Schwanke
August 19: Mark & Tara Claussen
August 20: Dennis & Bonita Tegtmeier
August 22: Samuel & Crystal

Danker
August 23: Leonard & Eula Mae Parker, Pastor Mike & Kristina Schmidt
August 25: Cory & Megan Saunders
August 26: C. Lee & Nancy Woodford
August 28: Michael & Patricia Kring
August 30: Dan & Lisa Reinhardt
August 31: Daniel & Kay Mathies



| Date | Saturday 6:00 pm | Sunday 8:30 am | Sunday 11:00 am |
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| August 4/5 | Kennedy Danker | Olivia Stuckwisch | Colin Abitz |
| August 11/12 | Luke Schmidt | Ian Carter | Jaden Campbell |
| August 18/19 | Isabella Jepsen | Jocelyn Brott | Kyle Campbell |
| August 25/26 | Simon Schmidt | Olivia Stuckwisch | Tyson Kruse |

ST. LUKE'S EARLY LEARNING CENTER (ELC)

The ELC has had a wonderful summer of fun! We are sad to say goodbye to our many kindergartners but are looking forward to kicking off a new school year on August 15!

We do still have open spots available for children ages 2.5 to 5 years old. If you, or someone you know, is looking for a positive, loving environment we would love to have them join us! Call (785) 539-2604 or email Laurie at centerdirector@stlukesmanhattan.org.



Children's Ministry Chair:

Shane Rengstorf, slrengstorf@yahoo.com

BASIC Sub-Chair:

Gail Schwanke, 785-210-6250

Sunday School Sub-Chair:



Children's Church/Nursery Sub-Chair:

Marilyn Fick, wm_fick@yahoo.com

VBS Sub-Chairs:

Tiffany Manning,
tiffanykaymanning@gmail.com

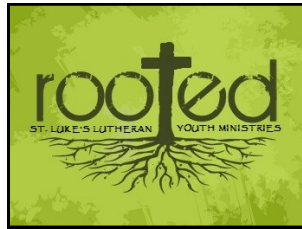
Family Events Sub-Chair:

Darci Paull, 785-565-4132

- Teacher training and curriculum handout August 1 at 6:00 PM.
 - Parents register for Sunday School and BASIC at Rally Day August 12.
 - Sunday School begins August 19.
 - BASIC begins August 22.
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Youth Ministry Chair:
Lori Uffman

Servant Events Sub-Chair:
Jerry Feeley



Youth Events Sub-Chair:
Jessica Campbell

Gathering Sub-Chair:
Kristina Schmidt

- August 4 is Sky Zone. RSVP due August 1 to Jessica Campbell. \$5 per person plus lunch money; friends invited. Meet at church by 8:45 AM and back by 2:00 PM. Drivers needed.
- Youth Board Meeting is August 12 at 1:00 PM.
- Church shirt design due August 22. Youth can go to customink.com. Design must include "St. Luke's Lutheran Church" and "2018/2019."
- Bi-yearly Youth and Parent Meeting August 26 at noon; lunch provided.
- National Youth Gathering Meeting August 26 at 1:00 PM.

MISCELLANEOUS

AUGUST DOOR OFFERING: Early Learning Center (ELC) Scholarships

ELIZABETH CIRCLE: We will meet on Tuesday, August 7, at the home of Ruth Morgan; Linda Frey will lead topic.

MISSION OF LOVE: We will meet to work on quilts on Wednesday, August 8, at 9:00 AM in the fellowship hall.

RALLY DAY: This year St. Luke's will be hosting Rally Day on Sunday, August 12, 9:45 to 10:45 AM and during the ice cream social 3:00 to 5:00 PM. Come enjoy fellowship and homemade ice cream and check out what's happening around St. Luke's.

OPEN HOUSE: Trail Life and the American Heritage Girls will be hosting an Open House on Monday, August 20, at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Parents and children interested in learning more about these programs are welcome to attend.

CHURCH COUNCIL: We need people to serve as Chairs to lead the following Boards:

- **Fellowship & Assimilation** (two-year term): Involve members and guests in the life of the congregation by hosting fellowship time between church services on Sundays, helping new members feel welcome to the congregation, encouraging community among members who attend the different services, and helping as needed during church events.
- **Adult Ministry** (two-year term): Support the growth of faith in adults at St. Luke's in the areas of education (Bible studies, small groups, and family life education opportunities), assembly (participation in retreats, conferences, and gatherings), events (fellowship and social activities, and outreach opportunities), and service (helping those in need). Adult Ministry sub-chair

positions are also available for each of these four areas.

- **Christian Care** (one-year term): Show Christian love and compassion to everyone by encouraging and supporting the efforts of individuals and small groups who provide physical, emotional, and spiritual help to our members, Early Learning Center (ELC) families, and the larger community in times of need.

CONNECT GROUPS

- * Sundays, in the fellowship hall following coffee time, **Adult Sunday School**, Pastor Schmidt
- * Mondays, 2nd and 4th Monday, 9:30 AM, **Women's Bible Study**, "John, The Way to True Life," Diane Mosier, 785-776-8615
- * Monday, 6:30 PM 3rd Monday of the month, **Lighthouse**, an infertility, miscarriage, and infant loss support group, at the church, Meghan Loverude, meloverude@gmail.com; Jessica Heimsoth, jessicaheimsoth@gmail.com; Charity Smith, dcestlukesmanhattan@org.
- * Monday, 3rd Monday of the month, 7:00 PM, **Card Making** at Candlewood Frame Shop, Janet Beach and Ann Williams
- * Tuesday, 3rd Tuesday of the month, 6:00 PM, **"I Wanna Craft"** in education building, Charity Smith, 804-874-1225, bring any craft you desire
- * Wednesday, 2nd Wednesday of the month, 9:00 AM, **Mission of Love** (working on quilts) in basement fellowship hall, Dorothy Burtness, 539-8018
- * Thursdays, TBA, **Cancer Companions** at Via Christi Village Chapel, Judy Boye, 785-320-6355 or judyboyehotmail.com
- * Thursdays, 7:00 PM, **Small Group Bible Study** in the Junior High Room of the Education Building, Kim Kerschen, kjkerschen@gmail.com or 316-727-4724
- * Thursdays, 8:00 PM, **Young Adult Bible Study** at the Hartsook home, 721 Rannells Road, Gretchen Hartsook, 785-410-1691 or gretchenamelia@gmail.com

St. Luke's LWML Minute

Each month, we are highlighting the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML). LWML is the official women's auxiliary of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and has been around for over 75 years.

The mission of LWML is to assist each woman of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.

There are 3 primary focuses during the current biennium of the LWML:

Nurturing Faith in Christ – By God's grace we offer each woman opportunities to be in the Word and to use her unique gifts in God's service.

Making Our Faith Meaningful – We equip each woman to make a significant difference in the lives of all people.

Sharing Encouragement – We value each other in Christ and we accept and encourage each woman to grow in her relationship with others.

St. Luke's LWML is interested in learning how we, as an LWML Society, can assist women who are affiliated with St. Luke's Lutheran Church, including the Early Learning Center (ELC), to affirm her

relationship with our Triune God through nurturing her faith, making her faith meaningful and sharing encouragement. If you have ideas or suggestions, please contact the St. Luke's LWML Society President Julie Hatesohl at phoebehat@gmail.com or by calling 785-236-0493.

The St. Luke's LWML Society held a social event at St. Luke's on July 9. The meal was provided by the LWML Executive Board and consisted of a Taco Salad Bar. There were 30 in attendance.

LWML will be participating at Rally Day, August 12, at the Church. Please stop by our booth and talk with one of our members.

The next events coming up include: Pumpkin Patch (October 5 & 6), Blessing of the Quilts (October 6 & 7) and LWML Weekend (October 13 & 14).

We can always use volunteers and if you are interested in learning more, please contact the Society Officers: Julie Hatesohl, Alice Wesche, Jill Newland, Nancy Williams or Circle Presidents: Dorothy Burtness or Marilyn Fick, either at Church, or contact us through the Church Directory. We'd love to hear from you!



ON-LINE MEDIA

Website: stlukesmanhattan.org
FaceBook: St. Luke's Lutheran Church
St. Luke's Early Learning Center
LCMS U at Kansas State University
Twitter: @StLukesMHK
Instagram: st.lukesluth

Traveling Bulletin . . .

Immanuel Lutheran, Norton, KS, Shawn and Julie Thiele, Tessa, Taryn & Teagen
Mt. Calvary Lutheran, Marysville, KS, David and Julie Hatesohl
St. John's Lutheran, Lawton, OK, Bradley and Susan Brunkow
St. John's Lutheran, Moore, OK, Ken Culbertson

(When you worship at another church, please bring the worship folder and bulletin to the church office with your name on. We will post your name and where you've worshipped, hopefully stimulating conversation of where you've visited. And, our staff will get the chance to see what other churches are doing. Thanks!)

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Stewardship Newsletter Article - August 2018

When it comes to stewardship, a favorite Bible verse is the account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1–4). It's a moving account. Our Lord praises the seemingly small gift of two copper coins given by a poor widow above the abundance of gifts given by the rich, saying, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them" (Luke 21:3).

And that is usually where we stop. But the text goes on. "For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on" (Luke 21:4).

"She ... put in all she had to live on." She gave everything. She held nothing back. She trusted that the Lord who made her and all creatures, who gave her everything she had, who redeemed her from her own sin, from death, and the power of the devil, who called her by the Gospel and enlightened her with His gifts of Word and Sacrament, would continue to do this. He would provide her with all that she needed for this body and life because that is the character of the God she had.

But this is not why we give small gifts. Her gift, though it appeared small, was actually large. When we are tempted to give small gifts it is precisely because we want them to be small! We don't trust the Lord to provide for us.

We give small gifts because we lack faith in the One who created us, redeemed us, sanctifies and keeps us in the one true faith. We give small gifts because we doubt that God will really give us what we need and desire. We give small gifts because we are not content with what God has already given.

We are not slaves, children of the slave woman, under the Old Covenant (Gal. 4). We are adopted sons of the free woman. And since we are sons, we are also heirs. And heirs receive the inheritance. For everything is already ours in Christ. And thus, moved by the willing spirit of adoption, we do the will of God in financial matters far beyond all that done by those under the Old Covenant who were forced by legal demands.

So what have you decided to give? How do I decide what to give? Let the Scriptures be your guide.

We are to give proportionally to what we have received from God's giving to us (Luke 12:48; 1 Cor. 16:1-2, 2 Cor. 8:12). But you have not been set free to give nothing. See that you excel in the grace of giving (2 Cor. 8:7).

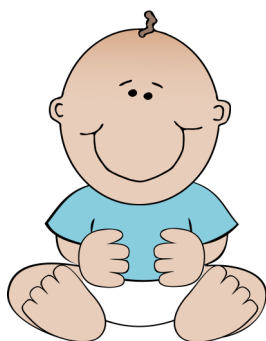
We are not free to live selfishly outside the Gospel, without regard for God who gives us all good gifts, without generosity for our neighbor who needs us and our gifts, without supporting the community of faith in which we live, without care for our spiritual fathers and those who teach and help raise our children in the faith, without resources for the poor and needy – in short, we are not free to live unto ourselves, hoarding what God has given us only for us.

For love is the fulfillment of the law (Romans 13:10). And the sum of the law is this: Love God and love your neighbor (Matt. 22:34-40). We love because He first loved us. We give because He has given to us.

Luther once said, "Possessions belong in your hands, not in your heart" (LW 14:240). There is a reason your 10 fingers spread apart. With your hands you catch God's gifts for what you need and let the rest fall through your fingers to your neighbors – your family, your friends, your community, your church.



FROM THE PARISH NURSE



AUGUST IS CHILDREN'S EYE HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH!



Stay Cool!

Wear your shades!

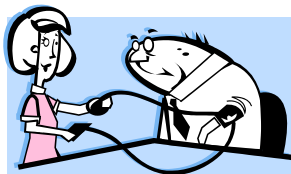
Drink water!

Use sunscreen!

Play safe!

Your Parish Nurses:

Jamie, Kate and
Heidi



SCHOOL TIME!



It's time to get ready to go back to school. For some kids it is an exciting time, for others, especially kindergartners, it can be a stressful time. Parents can also be rejoicing or dreading this time of year. Growing anxiety over getting back into the early morning rush routine of getting ready for school can be a major source of stress for families. Add to that the busy after-school activities, dinner preparation and homework and all the new changes and routines that go along with back to school.

Here are few tips to relieve the stress on yourself and the kids:

Start Early: Starting two to three weeks before school begins get on a more regular schedule of meal and bedtime. This will help ensure that you are more prepared and don't feel as much anxiety on the first day.

Visit the school: This is especially true if your child will be attending a new school or going to school for the first time. Many schools offer an open house—take advantage of this

opportunity! Knowing one's way around school will relieve first day jitters.

Get Ready: Nothing relieves stress like shopping! Make back to school shopping a family event! When you get home, have your child decorate and prepare a "study" area for themselves. Establish the routines of having your child lay out clothes the night before and making and packing their lunches.

The Bottom Line: The key to easing back into school is to be prepared mentally, logistically and in every way. Doing so will make a positive difference on you and your children.

IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH

Getting ready to go back to school and immunization updates go hand in hand. Don't forget to check for any required immunizations your child needs before starting school or preschool.

National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM) is an annual observance held in August to highlight the importance of vaccination for

people of all ages. NIAW was established to encourage people of all ages to make sure they are up to date on the vaccines recommended for them.

Adults also need to stay current of immunizations.

Talk to your doctor today about the status of your immunizations or visit

www.cdc.gov for more information.



AUGUST IS BREASTFEEDING AWARENESS MONTH

August is National Breastfeeding Awareness Month. The breastfeeding campaign, funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, hopes to empower women to commit to breastfeeding by highlighting new research showing that babies who are exclusively breastfed for six months are less likely to develop ear infections, diarrhea and respiratory illnesses, and may be less likely to develop childhood obesity. Visit the International La Leche League for local chapters, resources and more information at: www.llusa.org