

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

*You shall not murder.
Exodus 20:13 & Deuteronomy 5:17*

With this newsletter article, I continue our walk through the commandments.

This commandment – *You shall not murder* - is perhaps the most famous. I would imagine that even the most wretched in the world would be able to state this as one of the Ten Commandments.

In the Large Catechism, Luther is quick to point out that this commandment does not apply to God or government. God has given the sword to government (Romans 13:1-5).

The simple understanding of this commandment is plain enough. Unless we are a soldier or executioner acting on behalf of the government, we are not to take the life of another human being.

But with this commandment, God is also concerned about our hearts, our motives. We are not to hate, or even be angry with, our neighbor (Matthew 5:21-26, 38-48). This includes rejoicing in someone's demise.

This commandment tells us not just how we are to treat our friends, but our enemies as well. We are to be loving, kind, and generous toward them.

This commandment also condemns seeing a physical need, and not responding to it (Matthew 25:41-46).

As we look at the commandments and we become aware of our shortcomings, we run to our Savior, who fulfilled the commandments perfectly. Under the shadow of the cross, we say, "Lord, help us be the people you have declared us to be in your Son."

October 5-6 – The Pumpkin Patch at Pottorf Hall. LWML will be there!

October 6-7 – Trail Life USA & American Heritage Girls Camp Out

October 6-7 – Blessing of the Quilts

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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

October 12-13 – Jr. High District Youth Gathering, Williamsburg, KS
October 18 – (6:30 PM) Demographic Study Presentation @ Mt. Calvary in Wamego, KS
October 28 – (2:00 PM) Circuit Reformation Service @ St. Paul in Duluth, KS
October 31 – (6:00 PM) Trunk-or-Treat
November 16-18 – Sr. High District Youth Gathering, Hutchinson, KS

If you are interested in serving as a Lay Representative at the Synodical Convention July 20-25, 2019, please submit your name to me (Pastor) or the council. Delegates will be elected at the Circuit Forum on October 18.

Our **Circuit Reformation Service** will be on **Sunday, October 28**, at **2:00 PM**, at **St. Paul Lutheran Church** in **Duluth** (21185 Duluth Road, Duluth, KS 66521-9414). Celebrate with us in worship the great truths that were rediscovered at the time of the Reformation – grace alone, faith alone, Scripture alone, Christ alone, and to the glory of God alone.

Trunk-or-Treat will be on **Halloween, Wednesday, October 31**, at **6:00 PM**. This is a wonderful opportunity to reach out to our Early Learning Center Families and our community. Please plan to be part of the festivities by decorating your car trunk and passing out candy. Dressing up in costume is optional, but a lot of fun.

It is an honor to serve as your pastor.



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

AUGUST OFFICIAL ACTS

Transfer In
Dennis & Linda Graham
Mount Olive Lutheran, Milpitas, CA

Burials
Elsie Anna Toone
July 13, 2018

Baptisms
Braylee Dawn Kortan
August 18, 2018

Leah Ruth McDaniels-Cederberg
August 10, 2018

August Scott Hartsook
August 19, 2018

Klaus Markus Hass
August 27, 2018

Marriages
Marshall Hay & Kim Kerschen
July 28, 2018

Edith "Edie" L. Jorns
September 7, 2018

Carl Carlson
September 8, 2018

BIRTHDAYS

October 1: Judy Hughey
October 2: Barbara Hackbart, Robert Krause, Pat Roland, Jerry Feeley
October 3: Matthew Feeley
October 6: Rachel Johnson, Ava Thomas-Baldwin, Calven Zrafzik
October 7: Shanda Wilson, Brent Anders
October 8: Conway Fleming,
October 9: David Beach, Chris Day, Cassandra Wyatt, Benjamin Lindsey
October 10: Nancy Williams, Catherine Ukena, Christopher Havenstein
October 11: Jeanette Campbell, Jacinda Tucker, Michael Kring, Aaron Heil
October 12: Dan Murphy, Andrew Wagner, Rebekah Johnson
October 13: Kayla Dieball, Paul Zidek
October 14: Noni Johnson, Mike Hatesohl
October 15: William Robb, Stella Reinhardt
October 16: Nancy Danner
October 17: Gary Kasten, Ryan Holle, Joe House
October 18: Colin Meyers
October 20: Lavon Smith



October 21: Brandon Klimek, Coleton Prockish
October 23: Wesley Conrow, Hannah Schmidt
October 24: Jean Peterson, John Miesner, Shane Lohse
October 25: Rod Robison
October 26: Ryan Feeley, Kyle Campbell
October 27: Darleen Moormann
October 29: Terry Wehmueller, Deanne Burris, Jon House, Lucas Parker
October 30: Chari Manry, Caylee Asebedo

ANNIVERSARIES

October 2: Vince & Sandi Redding, Phil & Amy Vikander
October 3: Tobin & Tricia Olson-Mills
October 4: Ryan & Mary Holle
October 8: Larry & Alice Wesche, Tom & Patricia Orazem
October 9: Brian & Sylvia Carter
October 11: Steve & Sharon Eckhoff
October 13: Lowell & Stacy Kohlmeier
October 14: Jared & Shanda Wilson
October 16: Larry & Joan McCoy
October 20: Brandon & Jennifer Fleming
October 27: Jay and Jean Peterson



Date	Saturday 6:00 pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 11:00 am
October 6/7	Kennedy Danker	Ian Carter	Jaden Campbell
October 13/14		Jocelyn Brott	Simon Schmidt
October 20/21	Isabella Jepsen	William Miesner	Madison Simonds
October 27/28		Olivia Stuckwisch	Logan Sturdy

ON-LINE MEDIA

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ST. LUKE'S EARLY LEARNING CENTER (ELC)

Children and teachers in the Early Learning Center have had a great start to the new year! Some of the learning themes have been families, colors, five senses and manners. Our talented teaching staff has done a wonderful job of creating hands-on, age-appropriate activities to engage their students.

At the end of the month, we took our Pre-K students on a field trip to Meadowlark Hills for a tea party. The students sang three songs: "The Butterfly Song," "Jesus Loves Me" and a song for grandparents. Residents who attended loved hearing the kiddos sing and the conversations that were had over tea and cookies. It was a precious time!

We have adopted a new Bible curriculum and have really enjoyed watching the students put God's word to memory. They have become experts at remembering that God keeps his promises. Most of them can also quickly recite the verse, "Trust the Lord with all your heart. Proverbs 3:5" God is definitely at work with these little hearts.



(Chapel Time)



(Singing at Meadowlark Hills)

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

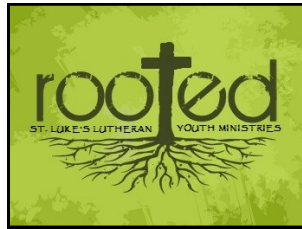
VBS Sub-Chairs:
Tiffany Manning,
tiffanykaymanning@gmail.com

Family Events Sub-Chair:
Darci Paull, 785-565-4132

- Creation Science: The first three Sundays of October, the 6th to 8th grade Sunday School will have class in the basement fellowship hall.
- Trunk-or-Treat is Wednesday, October 31, starting at 6:00 PM.
- We are in need of a 6th to 8th grade Sunday School co-teacher.
- BASIC co-teacher needed for 1st and 2nd grade and 5th and 6th grade.

Youth Ministry Chair:
Lori Uffman

Servant Events Sub-Chair:
Jerry Feeley



Youth Events Sub-Chair:
Jessica Campbell

Gathering Sub-Chair:
Kristina Schmidt

- Creation Science: The first three Sundays of October, the Junior and Senior High youth will have Sunday School class in the basement fellowship hall.
- Senior high youth nights continue on Wednesday nights at 6:15 PM.
- Junior High Gathering is held in Williamsburg, KS October 12 and 13. Please pray for those attending the Junior High Gathering.
- Senior High Gathering registration due October 28; \$115 to attend plus the cost of 4 meals. Gathering is held in Hutchinson, KS November 16 to 18.
- National Youth Gathering non-refundable payment of \$150, with paperwork, due October 14.

MISCELLANEOUS

OCTOBER DOOR OFFERING: LCMS Disaster Relief Fund

CREATION SCIENCE: In October Sunday School hour for 6th graders through adults will be held in the basement fellowship hall. Topics will be:

- October 7: Anthropology, Paleontology & Theology: Dinosaurs Existing with People
- October 14: Biology: Proteins, Amino Acids and DNA with the Intelligent Design Theory
- October 21: Physics & Cosmology: Precision of Natural Laws and How They Allow for Life

MISSION OF LOVE: We will be having "Blessing of the Quilts" at our worship services October 6 and 7. The quilts we have completed this year will then be packed and taken to meet the Lutheran World Relief truck or taken to Orphan Grain Train. Thank you to all who have helped us thru the year by either helping make tops, tying knots or donating materials. We meet the second Wednesday of each month in the church basement. - Dorothy Burtness, 539-8018

THE LWML LADIES NUTS AND TREATS: If you like pecans and other nuts and treats for yourself or gift giving look for the bright yellow order forms. It is time for the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) nut sales. Proceeds from this fundraising event will purchase the "Portals of Prayer" devotional booklets for use at the hospital and nursing homes in Manhattan. Order forms are available in the narthex or from one of the members listed below. Orders with check attached must be turned in by October 1 or November 1 to: Jeanette Campbell (539-6060); Marilyn Fick (776-0879); Julie Hatesohl (320-2196); Joyce Mott (537-0907); Jill Newland (539-0174); Nancy Williams (383-3340) or Alice Wesche (539-7278).

PRESENTATION: Every district of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) has experienced numerical decline in the past decade. How long will the decline continue? What's going on? What does the future hold? What should churches be doing to respond? How should our congregations be planning for the future? **What is one thing ("hang-up") congregations need to overcome to reverse the decline?** Rev. Heath Curtis, Coordinator for Stewardship - LCMS, will present the demographic picture of the LCMS, Thursday, October 18, 6:30-8:30, at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Wamego. Free child-care is available. Refreshments will be served. Please come!

Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day: You are welcome to join in a 5 K walk/run October 7 at the Blue Earth Plaza. Remembrance ceremony is at 1:00 PM; kids fun run at 2:00 PM; 5 K at 2:30 PM. Register at register.chronotrack.com/r/42893. October is miscarriage and infant loss remembrance. 1 in 4 have experienced this loss. Please pray for those mourning and for our Lighthouse group to continue to reach those effected.

CONNECT GROUPS

- * Sundays, in the fellowship hall following coffee time, **Creation Science**, DCE Charity Smith
- * 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
- * Tuesday, noon, **"Lunch with Jesus"** in Fireside Room, Charity Smith, 804-874-1225
- * Starts Tuesday, October 17, 6:00 PM (9 week class), **Financial Peace University**, contact Jesse Smith, smithjesse@icloud.com
- * Starts Tuesday, January 8, 6:00 PM (6 week class), **Smart Money, Smart Kids**, contact Jesse Smith, smithjesse@icloud.com
- * 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 judyboye@hotmail.com
- * 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 Early Learning Center continued)



(Mrs. Tracie's class of smiles)

St. Luke's LWML Minute

Thank you to those who participated in the September 5th Sunday Mite collection after each service. This money goes towards our District (State) and National mission projects. State mission projects include:

- * Orphan Gain Train - Wichita, KS
- * Concordia Seminary Food Bank - St. Louis, MO
- * Lutheran Braille Workers - Kansas
- * Ascension Lutheran Church - Pratt, KS
- * LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces - St. Louis, MO
- * Lutheran Student Center - Wichita State University
- * Capstone Ministries - Kisumu, Kenya
- * Lutheran Indian Ministries - Haskell College
- * Lutheran Heritage Foundation - Macomb, MI

A list of national projects are listed on the bookmarks in the narthex next to the LWML acrylic mite box or downstairs in the fellowship hall on the LWML bulletin board (next to the nursery). There will be one remaining 5th Sunday in December so keep saving your loose change for this final event. We are less than \$700 from meeting our goal of \$2,108 for this year. Thank you, again, for your support!

We want to hear from you! LWML is conducting a survey to get feedback on what type of events might interest the women of St. Luke's. You can access the survey by [clicking here](#). If you are unable to get to the survey and would like the link e-mailed or you would like a paper copy, please contact Julie Hatesohl at phoebehat@gmail.com or call 785-320-2196.

The fall season brings a lot of activities for LWML. Please watch the weekly bulletin for more information on these upcoming events:

October 5-6 – Pumpkin Patch. We are looking for volunteers to work any of the 2-hour shifts or provide baked goods such as breads, cookies, trail mix or fruit pies (no cream, pecan or pumpkin pies). If you are interested in working a shift, please contact Julie Hatesohl at phoebehat@gmail.com or call 785-320-2196. Baked good can be left in the Church kitchen Thursday or Friday; October 4 and 5.

October 5-6 – Blessing of the Quilts. Please join us during the weekend church services and see the beautiful quilts the Mission of Love Committee has created this past year.

October 13-14 – LWML Weekend. Please join us during the weekend church services to recognize LWML and the women in our church who serve.

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!



Are you a little curious about Cancer Companions (CC)? What it is all about? (This devotion was written by CC founder, Karen Tripp March 20, 2018.)

CANCER IS NOT A PUNISHMENT

Cancer is not a punishment. God did not give you cancer. He gave you His Son so you may live a life of hope in the midst of suffering.

Before we go on, it's important that you know one thing: your struggles are not stronger than the love Christ has for you.

There is no place you have been and nowhere you will go that the love of Christ does not go with you. Look at today's verse:

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38-39

Look at the list in the verse above about believers and answer these questions:

- Is there anything in your past, anything that you have done or was done to you, that could separate you from the love of God?
- Is there anything in your future, any pain, any procedure, any mistake that could separate you from the love of God?
- Is there any evil, any demon, or evil person or evil deed that could separate you from the love of God?
- Even in death, whether it's from cancer or a car accident or dying in your sleep, could you be separated from the love of God?

There truly is **Nothing** that separates us from God's Amazing love!

Do you or someone you know needs this reassurance and hope in their cancer journey? Call the church office for contact information.

Traveling Bulletin . . .

Trinity, Colby, KS, Susan and Kim Spain
St. John Ev., Palmer, KS, Mark and David Hatesohl
Trinity, Bloomington, IL, Larry and Alice Wesche
Zion, Sebeka, MN, Dan and Pearl Caponera
Ascension, El Paso, TX, Jesse Smith
Faith, Abilene, KS, Jesse Smith
Zion, Independence, KS, Brian and Sylvia Carter, Ian
Ascension, Wichita, KS, Hamlin and Dorothy Burtness
Riverton First Baptist, Riverton, IL, Jamie Spikes

(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 - October 2018

Why do we give? Is it simply because God commands us to? Or is there more to it? To be sure, the instruction and Word of God in the Bible says we should give, and this is sufficient to encourage us to give (Luke 6:38; Acts 20:35; 1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 8:7; Gal 6:6).

But there's more to it than just obligation. We're not just trying to fulfill a work of the Law. We are bearing fruits of the Spirit given to us by our Father in heaven through His Son our Lord Jesus Christ. In other words, we're not just doing what our Father said, we're also doing what He did.

Children emulate their parents. When they grow up they often carry many of the same mannerisms and characteristics as their parents, but there is more to it than that. Children copy their parents even on a more mundane level. They watch how their parents cross their legs, how they fold their hands, how they stand and sit and walk, how they do and say most everything.

And children try to copy it, which can be quite humorous when parents wish they wouldn't. It can be uncomfortable and embarrassing if a child copies or repeats something less than polite that they learned from a parent. Sitcoms thrive on these situations. It only happens because children emulate their parents because they want to be like them.

We are the children of God, by grace, through faith. In Holy Baptism, God the Father declares of us what He declared of Jesus at His Baptism in the Jordan: "You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." God the Father claims us as His own. He takes away all our sins, and in exchange He gives us His righteousness, His purity, His holiness, and His Spirit, by which we cry out, "Abba, Father."

We are born again, born from above, born of water and the Spirit, to a new life in Christ as His children. We are sons of God in Christ, through Baptism. And since we are sons, we are heirs – heirs who share in the glory of the Son of God. The inheritance is ours because of the Father's grace and mercy, His generosity in sending His Son in time to save us for all eternity.

And this is why we give generously of our income to the work of the church. We want to be like our heavenly Father. We want to emulate His generosity by being generous ourselves. We give to the work of the Church because we have witnessed the generous giving of our Father in heaven. More than that, we are recipients of it. It is because we have received God our Father's gifts that we desire to give ourselves. And His gifts are not just spiritual. They are temporal and earthly as well. As the Small Catechism teaches in the Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer:

"Give us this day our daily bread." *What does this mean?* God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving. *What is meant by daily bread?* Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like." In other words, God gives us everything we need for the care of both body and soul. His generosity knows no bounds. Therefore, we sit down at the beginning of the year, the beginning of the month, or the beginning of the week to set aside a generous portion of God's daily bread for His work in the Church.

We don't do this simply because He has commanded us so to do; it is because we, as His children by grace, want to emulate His generosity in our own lives. He is our Father; we are His children. And children want to be like their parents.



FROM THE PARISH NURSE



Give unto the Lord the
glory due to His
name; worship the
Lord in the beauty of
holiness.

Psalm 29: 2



Your Parish Nurses:
Jamie, Kate & Heidi



SAINT LUKE'S SUNDAY OCTOBER 18

Luke wrote one of the major portions of the New Testament, a two-volume work comprising the third Gospel and Acts of the Apostles. In the two books he shows the parallel between the life of Christ and that of the Church. He is the only Gentile Christian among the Gospel writers. Tradition holds him to be a native of Antioch, and Paul calls him "our beloved physician." His Gospel was probably written between 70 and 85 A.D. He is the patron saint of physicians and surgeons. On St. Luke Sunday we pause to remember all those who selflessly sacrifice for our health, safety and well-being daily. Take a moment to ask God's blessing on those who are healthcare workers, including physicians, nurses and certified nurses aides, First Responders, Paramedics, EMTs and Firefighters. www.franciscanmedia.org



It's National Domestic Violence Awareness Month!

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, which first began in 1981 by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence as a Day of Unity to connect battered women's advocates across the country.

Domestic violence affects millions, both women and men, of every race, religion, culture and status.

It's not just punches and black eyes -- it's yelling, humiliation, stalking, manipulation, coercion, threats and isolation. It's stealing a paycheck, keeping tabs online, non-stop texting, constant use of the silent treatment, or calling someone stupid so often they believe it.



Since the Violence Against Women Act passed in 1994, we've come a long way. This landmark legislation, led by then Senator Joe Biden, combined new provisions that hold offenders accountable and provide programs and services for victims. Between 1993 and 2010, the overall rate of domestic violence dropped nearly two-thirds and state laws have reformed to address issues such as dating abuse in the workplace, stalking, employment discrimination and more.

For more information go to: www.breakthecycle.org/

