

# St. Luke's Visitor

*But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid.  
I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."  
Luke 2:10*

## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

*"For nothing will be impossible with God."  
Luke 1:37*

For the last several months, I have been walking through the Ten Commandments, examining one commandment every month. I will continue with that series in 2019, but for the last month of 2018, I will take a hiatus from that series to take a look at where we have been in November (in worship), and where we are going with Advent and Christmas.

The last couple of weeks in November (not including Thanksgiving) the topic was **End Times**. We looked at the return of Christ, the end of the world, the final resurrection and judgment, the destruction of the universe, and the re-creation of the heavens and the earth. As Christians, we have a great comfort in knowing that the God who died for us wants us to spend an eternity with him.

The first week in **Advent** looks very similar to the Last (couple of) Sunday(s) of the Church Year. We rejoice that Jesus is coming again to save us. But as we move through Advent, our attention shifts from Christ's *second* coming to His *first* coming. This process of looking forward to the coming of Christ is one of *anticipation*. It is also a time of *repentance*.

The Advent season comes to an end on Christmas Day, which begins the season of **Christmas**. This *season* lasts for 12 days (which is where the song gets its name). During this time, we rejoice that God has become man in order to save us from our sin.

Every year, we observe the season of **Advent** with **Wednesday services at 7:30 PM**. Our Advent Midweek Series this year is entitled "Our King is Coming." Our schedule is as follows:

### **Advent Midweek 1 (December 5, 2018)**

Jesus: King of Shame – Zechariah 9:9b; Psalm 25:1-3

### **Advent Midweek 2 (December 12, 2018)**

Jesus: King of Guilt – Psalm 80

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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

**Advent Midweek 3 (December 19, 2018)**

Jesus: King of the Low – 2 Samuel 7:1-17; Luke 1:26-38

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Our **Christmas Eve** and **Christmas Day** worship times are also listed as follows:

**Christmas Eve**

4:00 PM – “Happy Birthday Jesus”

7:30 PM – “Lessons and Carols”

10:00 PM – “Candlelight”

**Christmas Day**

10:00 AM – “The Nativity of our Lord”

Please don't miss the opportunity to invite a friend or family member to worship with us as we celebrate the incarnation of our Lord.

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On Friday, December 7, at 5:30 PM, St. Luke's will have a float in the Mayor's Spirit of the Holidays Lighted Parade. If you would like to help with the float, or if you are willing to walk in the parade and pass out candy and flyers, please let me know.

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Are you able to help with the “Happy Birthday Jesus” Service? We will have a **planning meeting** on **Sunday, December 9, at noon**. Jobs are not difficult, but I can't be in 4 places at once. I need help. Please join us if you can.

Please be aware of two more calendar items that are happening on December 9. At noon, the youth will be serving a free will donation lunch, and there will be a Voters' Meeting. We will be voting on the **budget** and getting an update on the progress of the **new building**.

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The **church children** will be performing their Christmas Program on **Saturday, December 15**, at 4:00 PM. The **ELC children** will have their Christmas Program on **Sunday, December 16**. After their program and craft making activity, we will be going **caroling**. All are invited.

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It is an honor to serve as your pastor.



***“Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.”***

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**OCTOBER OFFICIAL ACTS**

Release

**Kyle Glass**

**Peggy Knudsen Frazier**

## BIRTHDAYS

**December 1:** Katherine Hickman, Ian Carter  
**December 2:** Randy Hill, Eric Madsen, Luke Wilson, Joshua Hinrichs-Toburen, Rex Hatfield  
**December 3:** Kasey Sorrell  
**December 4:** Loren Ascher  
**December 6:** Carol Deetjen, Debra Motley, Clayton Woods, Kallen Hudson  
**December 7:** Robert Hetzler, Barbee Jorns, Shaila Febre  
**December 8:** Suellyn Hooper  
**December 9:** Zoe Riggs  
**December 10:** Jane Goff  
**December 11:** Taylor Claussen  
**December 13:** Gayle Heitman, Adam Ukena, Donnarae O'Connell  
**December 14:** Don Shepek  
**December 15:** Lois Brunmeier, Jasmine Helms, Lexie Wright  
**December 16:** John Armbrust, Kim Davis, Richard Roland, Theresa Curtis, Alexa Ukena  
**December 18:** Tom Orazem, Caitlyn Claussen, Knox Pralle  
**December 19:** Nancy Havenstein  
**December 20:** Pearl Caponera, Gerald Robker, Ann Williams, David Hatesohl  
**December 21:** Sara Holcomb, Taryn Thiele  
**December 22:** Joe Wilson, Frederik Lindsey



**December 23:** Tricia Mills, Jo Woods  
**December 24:** Nancy Zidek  
**December 25:** Anita Hinkle  
**December 26:** Jeremy Hinkle  
**December 27:** Amy Riggs, Shane Maupin  
**December 28:** Maurice Gehrt, Daniel Gehrt, Christy Wagner  
**December 29:** Dennis Tegtmeier, Eli Zidek  
**December 30:** Wallace Becker, Mike Day, Braylee Kortan  
**December 31:** Fran Veatch, Jennifer Petik

## ANNIVERSARIES

**December 2:** Robert and Roneda Sauerbrunn  
**December 3:** Mike and Amanda Hatesohl  
**December 11:** Doug and Shelia Frihart  
**December 14:** Edison and Doris Park, Clayton and Jo Woods  
**December 15:** Grant and Rebekah Lyons  
**December 20:** Jeff and Jacinda Tucker  
**December 26:** Carroll and Barbara Hackbart, William and Tatiana Hull  
**December 27:** Steve and Diane Mosier



Date	Saturday 6:00 pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 11:00 am
December 1/2	Kennedy Danker	Olivia Stuckwisch	Colin Abitz
December 5 - Wednesday Advent Midweek 1 - 7:30 PM - Luke Schmidt			
December 8/9		Ethan Olesky	Jaden Campbell
December 12 - Wednesday Advent Midweek 2 - 7:30 PM - Madison Simonds			
December 15/16	Isabella Jepsen	William Miesner	Kyle Campbell
December 19 - Wednesday Advent Midweek 3 - 7:30 PM - Simon Schmidt			
December 22/23		Ian Carter	Tyson Kruse
December 24 - Christmas Eve - 4:00 PM - Simon Schmidt December 24 - Christmas Eve - 7:30 PM - Ian Carter (crucifer) & Zoe Riggs (acolyte) December 24 - Christmas Eve - 10:00 PM - Luke Schmidt			
December 25 - Christmas Day - 10:00 AM - Bailey & Sophie Wright (acolytes) & Ava Wright (crucifer)			
December 29/30		Jocelyn Brott	Zoe Riggs

## ST. LUKE'S EARLY LEARNING CENTER (ELC)

Happy belated Thanksgiving from the students and staff at St. Luke's Early Learning Center! We are grateful for many reasons this Thanksgiving. For one, St. Luke's has been given the amazing opportunity to share Jesus with the Manhattan community through our Early Learning Center. A second reason to give thanks is for the families who entrust their children in our care. And lastly, we are thankful for the support we have from the members of our church. This ministry would not be possible without you!

December brings forth many exciting Christmas related activities. We are most excited about our upcoming Christmas program. This year's program titled "Still, Still, Still" will be on Sunday, December 16th, at 3:00 PM. We would love for you to join us in telling the story of Jesus' birth!



(Fun with leaves)



(All eyes on the turtle)

**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

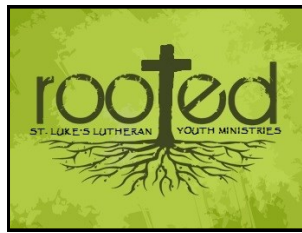
**Family Events Sub-Chair:**  
Darci Paull, 785-565-4132

- BASIC Christmas store December 5.
- Parent's Day Out Saturday, December 8, 9:00 to 11:00 AM.
- BASIC meal December 12.
- No BASIC December 19, 26 and January 2.
- No Sunday School December 23 and 30.
- 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

- Youth will be serving a free will lunch before the Voters' Meeting December 9. Funds raised go to the National Youth Gathering.
- Youth Christmas Party December 16, 1:30 to 3:30 PM; boys bring snacks/girls bring drinks. Everyone needs to bring a white elephant gift; \$5.00 limit.
- Junior and Senior High Youth Night December 19, 26 and January 2.
- Optional servant event opportunities: 1) BASIC Christmas Store December 5; 2) Parent's Day Out December 8; 3) Christmas Caroling to nursing homes December 16.
- Bi-yearly Youth and Parent Meeting January 6 at 12:30 PM; 5th grade families invited.
- Senior high youth nights continue on Wednesday nights at 6:15 PM; youth nights end at 7:20 PM during Advent.
- We are in need of a male youth night leader for our Wednesday night meetings. Contact Charity Smith for more information.

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## MISCELLANEOUS

### **DECEMBER DOOR OFFERING: Mayor's Christmas Holiday Food and Fund Drive**

The holidays are a busy time for everyone and the Flint Hill Breadbasket is no exception. With the holiday season right around the corner, we're already busy preparing for our annual food and fund drive that provides local individuals and families in need with food assistance year round. The Flint Hills Breadbasket receives no federal, state, county, or city funding. We rely strictly on grants, foundations, and private gifts from individuals. Our mission is to minimize hunger and poverty through the distribution of available food and to nurture the programs that will help alleviate hunger and poverty. Thank you for everyone's continued support in helping us promote our mission!

**STUDY BAGS:** We will be placing a donation box in the narthex for Finals Week Study Bags. We will accept donations through the end of November.

**LWML CHRISTMAS TEA:** Please join the women of the LWML as we celebrate our Savior's birth with a "12 Days of Christmas" Tea on Saturday, December 1, 10:30 AM, in the fellowship hall. All women of the church are invited to attend and to bring a friend.

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## CONNECT GROUPS

- \* Sundays, in the fellowship hall following coffee time, **Adult Bible Class**, 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, 3rd Monday of the month, 6:30 PM, **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
- \* Tuesdays, 6:30 AM, **Men's Bible Breakfast**, Eastside McDonald's, "Definitions - Understanding God's Living Word," Eastside McDonald's, Walt Fick, 776-0879
- \* 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
- \* Tuesdays, noon, **"Lunch with Jesus,"** basement fellowship hall, Charity Smith, 804-874-1225
- \* Tuesdays, 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 (will not meet in December), 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

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## STEWARDSHIP HIGHLIGHT

This month's Council Board is Property Management. The Board for Property Management has the responsibility for the protection and security of St. Luke's to include maintenance, improvement, insurance of all properties and investments. The Properties Chair maintains records of all contracts with companies for snow removal, mowing, janitorial services, etc. The Property Board is responsible for all Church properties including the Church, Education Building, Blue House and, in the future, the Anderson Property.

Skills to serve on the Property Board include carpentry skills, equipment and abilities to maintain properties including snow removal, yard work. Everyone can help this Council Board by helping with clean-up after Church and when using the facilities.

Committee meets only when necessary. If you have an interest to help with the Properties Board, please contact Dan Caponera



### The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod LCMS Stewardship Ministry December 2018 Newsletter Article

Throughout his epistles and his preaching recorded in the Book of Acts, St. Paul refers, in one way or another, to thanksgiving and thankfulness nearly 50 times. Whether vertically toward God, or horizontally toward the neighbor, thanksgiving is a major theme within St. Paul's body of work.

What does this mean? It means thankfulness is intrinsic to the life of those baptized into Christ. In other words, giving thanks is what Christians do as they live out their lives in this world.

The problem is that we often forget this. Consider your average, run-of-the-mill, normal day. When you get home, and your parents, your spouse or your children ask about your day, what first comes to your mind? After 99 percent of things went right, went exactly as planned, were enjoyable and blessings, we tend to focus on and remember the 1 percent of things that went poorly, that didn't go as planned, and that were nuisances.

We remember the bad things. We focus on discontent. And we fail to give thanks in all circumstances for everything (Eph. 5:20) and to rejoice in the Lord always (Phil. 4:4).

Thankfulness and contentment go together. We are content with things for which we are thankful. St. Paul could be content with having plenty or when in need because He gave thanks to the Lord for all things. He thanked the Lord for those who had prayed for him and listened to his proclamation

of the Gospel. He gave thanks for their good works in and for the Church of Christ. He gave thanks for the grace of God in Christ Jesus and found that God's grace was sufficient for him.

So, give thanks for all things and in all circumstances dear brothers and sisters in Christ. For you have been saved from sin, death, and hell by the death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. You have been added to the very family of God in an adoption of grace through Holy Baptism. God is your Father. Our Lord, Jesus Christ is your brother.

But He not only provides for your spiritual well-being, He cares also for this body and life. Your Father in heaven provides food and clothes, house and home, husband, wife, and children. He gives you reason and all your senses. He has given you the raw talents that you have developed into careers. Everything you are and everything that you have is a gift from His fatherly divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in you.

Give thanks for these things. Make a list – every morning if you must. Say them out loud. Sing about them within the congregation of the saints. And remember this: God has given you these things so that you may be of service to those around you – your family, your neighbors, your brothers and sisters in Christ. For to whom much is given; much shall be required (Luke 12:48).

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### **ST. LUKE'S LWML MINUTE**

As the year comes to a close, LWML celebrates all of their efforts throughout the year with a Christmas Tea, which will be on December 1 starting at 10:30 AM at the Church. The theme this year is the "12 Days of Christmas".

Once again, the St. Luke's LWML Society has been very blessed with the amount of help and giving. We are still closing in on our Mite goal of \$2,018; we are under \$150 to meet this goal. We will have a 5th Sunday collection at the end of December.

At our November Society Meeting, the guest speaker was from Shepherd's Crossing and we presented a check from the donations received from this year's Pumpkin Patch booth. We also had election of officers: Julie Hatesohl will continue another term as President; Marilyn Fick was nominated to serve as Secretary.

We are excited for the upcoming year; one that will include the National LWML Convention in Atlanta, GA in June, and a new year of activities that provides to those in need with our mission projects. If anyone has a suggestion for an organization to help in the coming year, please reach out to Julie Hatesohl with your ideas. She can be reached at [phoebehat@gmail.com](mailto:phoebehat@gmail.com) or on her cell phone at 785-236-0493.

2019 will be the 70th year that the St. Luke's-Manhattan will celebrate 70 years of serving the Lord with gladness and having an LWML Society. We are looking forward to celebrating throughout the upcoming year.

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





## CANCER COMPANIONS COMING IN 2019

**FIRST:** Cancer Companions organization is looking forward to something new in January! January 2nd – 31st people across the United States, and maybe even the world, will receive a text video each day with a prayer about cancer. Prayer is a powerful gift that God has given us.

Prayer can change the way we talk about cancer, the way we relate to those with cancer and more!! Ephesians 6:16-18— <sup>16</sup>In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one, and <sup>17</sup>take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, <sup>18</sup>praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints...

More information will be coming. Questions: Contact Judy Boye.

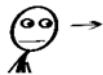
### TO REGISTER:

- Text the word 'CANCER' to 57838. You will receive a message asking if you want to sign up. Reply with the word 'YES'.
- January 2nd you will start receiving a video prayer each day on your phone.
- Your number will only be used for this purpose and no one else will receive your phone number.
- You can also check this out at [www.30dayscancerprayer.com](http://www.30dayscancerprayer.com).

**SECOND:** A new Cancer Companions group will begin early February.

- If you are interested or know someone who might be interested — call the church office to let them know. This group is for those with all types of cancer.
- Cancer Companions supports those in treatment, post treatment and caregivers — in their faith through their cancer journey. We meet at Via Christi Village Chapel.

Past groups have commented on how this group was “a place to share what they felt they couldn’t with their family”. Couples who have come were able to talk about things they hadn’t been able to.



Be looking for a starting date!

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### Traveling Bulletin . . .

Messiah Lutheran, Hays, KS, Carroll and Barbara Hackbart  
Messiah Lutheran, Hays, KS, John Johnson  
Zion Lutheran, Independence, KS, Brian, Sylvia and Ian Carter  
Holy Cross Lutheran, Wichita, KS, Jesse Smith

(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!)



# FROM THE PARISH NURSE



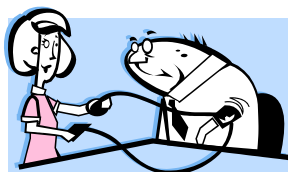
## Winter Health Tips!

- \* Germs abound as we stay indoors. Wash your hands frequently.
- \* Moisturize your skin after shower or bath—your feet, too!
- \* Drink plenty of fluids and eat a well-balanced diet.
- \* With shorter daylight hours, your mood can change. Get plenty of sleep but also a minimum of sunlight daily. Don't forget to use sunscreen daily!
- \* It's not too late to get your flu shot!



## Christmas Blessings!

Jamie, Kate and  
Heidi



## FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN-



unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. *Is. 9:6 KJV*

## STRATEGIES FOR HOLIDAY STRESS RELIEF

The holiday season often brings unwelcome guests — stress and depression. And it's no wonder. The holidays present a dizzying array of demands — parties, shopping, baking, cleaning and entertaining, to name just a few. But with some practical tips, you can minimize the stress that accompanies the holidays. If you feel lonely or isolated, **reach out**. Get involved with community or church activities. **Be realistic**. Holidays don't have to be "perfect". Keep things simple and meaningful. Remember the real reason for the season. **Learn to say no**. Saying yes when you should say no only leaves you resentful and overwhelmed. **Don't abandon healthy habits**. It's easy to get distracted by all the food and drink available this time of year. Overindulgence only brings guilt, stress and added weight. Continue to get plenty of sleep and personal activity time for yourself. **Seek professional help if you need it**. Despite your best efforts, you may find yourself feeling persistently sad or anxious, plagued by physical complaints, unable to sleep, irritable and hopeless, and unable to face routine chores. If these feelings last for a while, talk to your doctor or a mental health professional.



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## **Come take a trip with us! February 15-18th**

A trip is planned to visit the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter just south of Cincinnati.

You can register for the trip at:

<https://goo.gl/forms/RMwJho7fI41tIUAr2>

The price for the trip is as follows:

**Travel:** \$150 for round trip bus ticket

**Museum Tickets:**

<b>Adult</b> (ages 18+)	\$70.00
<b>Senior</b> (age 60+)	\$60.00
<b>Youth</b> (ages 13-17)	\$40.00
<b>Children</b> (ages 5-12)	\$25.00
<b>Children</b> (under age 5)	Free

**Hotel:** \$125 a Night

**Food:** Suggested \$30 per day/per person

Payment for Museum Tickets and Travel needs to be turned into St. Luke's by January 15th. Registration and payment turned in by January 1st will receive a free ticket to the Creation Museum's Planetarium show "Created Cosmos".

