

St. Luke's Visitor

*But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever,
the purposes of his heart through all generations. Psalm 33:11*

From The Pastor's Pen

[Jesus said,] ¹¹ *I am the good shepherd.
The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.*
John 10:11

The Easter season lasts 7 weeks, or a week of Easter Sundays. The Fourth Sunday of Easter is always Good Shepherd Sunday. Our Good Shepherd laid down his life for us, his sheep. Don't miss the opportunity to gather with other sheep in worship to hear the words of our Good Shepherd. Look for opportunities to invite others to join us in worship.

If you haven't heard, we are moving! Our new property is on the far west side of town, west of Scenic Drive on Anderson Avenue, directly west of Blueville Nursery. We postponed our **Ground Breaking Ceremony**. (We thought it best not to do it on Palm Sunday/Confirmation Day with extended family in town.) Continue to watch for a new date.

Our **Spring Concert** is **Wednesday, May 1**. It begins at 6:30 PM. Please join us for a fun evening.

The **LLL** (Lutheran Laymen's League) **Golf Tournament** is **May 4**. Support a worthy ministry cause, and have fun at the same time. For information, go to <https://stlukesmanhattan.org/golf-tournament/>

Our **Voters' Meeting** is on **Sunday, May 5, at 1:00 PM**. According to our Constitution, every May we elect half of our council. We will be electing people for the following positions: Treasurer, Secretary, Pre-School Education, Children's Ministry, Property Management, Christian Outreach & Mission, and Christian Care. We will also be electing half of our elders. All terms are two year terms with term limits of two full terms. Some of our current leaders have agreed to stay on for another term. Some are stepping down. One individual, *Brian Carter*, our head elder, has reached his term limit. We have several openings. If you have questions about the position, please talk with me (Pastor), a council member, or an elder. If the Lord is moving you to serve on the council or elders, please let our church council secretary Jessica Jones know and she will put your name on the ballot.

The **LLL** (Lutheran Laymen's League) **Rally** is **May 5** at 3:00 PM at St. Luke's. Rev. Kevin Larson will be presenting on the topic of "Churches that were Affected by the Building of Tuttle Creek Reservoir." The event will also include the Election of Officers. A meal will be served after the meeting.

Life Choice Ministries Walk for Life will be on **Saturday, May 11**. A big thank you to all the walkers and those who have sponsored them. For more information, go to <https://stlukesmanhattan.org/walk-for-life/>

Vacation Bible School is **June 2-6**. To register your child, please go to <https://stlukesmanhattan.org/vacation-bible-school/> . Adults, we still have several of positions to fill. If you have questions or are willing to help, please contact Tiffany Manning at tiffanykmanning@gmail.com

St. Luke's owns and operates **Trail Life USA (TLUSA) Troop KS-0057** and **American Heritage Girls (AHG) Troop KS-0057**. These groups are wonderful opportunities for young people to grow in character and leadership. Both of these groups embrace camping, adventure, and service. And our Lord Jesus Christ – crucified and risen – is clearly taught.

- Pray for these groups.
- If willing and able, volunteer to serve in some capacity. Numerous positions are available.
- Encourage families to join our ranks.

Please talk with me (Pastor) or Andrew Hudson if you are willing to be involved.

It is an honor to serve as your pastor.



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



Date	Saturday 6:00 pm	Sunday 8:30 AM	Sunday 11:00 am
May 4/5	Kennedy Danker	Ian Carter	Simon Schmidt
May 11/12		William Miesner	Bailey Wright
May 18/19		Lilly Radke	Luke Wilson
May 25/26		Ethan Olesky	Sophie Wright



May 1 Patricia Kring, Cory Dieball, Maddi Lohse, Kysa Heimsoth
May 2 Donna Kroenlein, Dylan Eckhoff
May 3 Dorothy Burtness, David Cederberg, Barry Fickbohm
May 4 Derek Winter, Avery Eckhoff
May 5 Shirley Williams, Jameson Nyp
May 7 Kaden Lemaster
May 8 Patricia Oberhelman, Sue Jenkins, Jeff Sturdy, Seth Wagner, Juliana Davies
May 9 William Moore, Sarah Ascher
May 10 Ashley Wyatt
May 11 Kelly Burris
May 12 Blaize Moore
May 14 Allen Walter
May 15 Tracie Hudson, Danielle Sass, Joshua Abitz
May 16 Gerald Ukena
May 17 Patricia Havenstein, James House, Bryce Burris, Rebecca Montross
May 18 Joyce Juhler, Kim Hay, Rylan Vikander, Caitlyn Fleming
May 20 Gavin Sauerbrunn, Teagen Thiele
May 22 Charity Smith, Colin Olesky, Gavin Hudson
May 23 Howard Beikmann, Jillian Meier
May 24 Lona Mae Ukena, Jason Huss

May 25 Jane Keister
May 26 Sharon Wright, Gretchen Hartsook
May 28 Mary Holle
May 29 Nancy Kopp, Alyssa Juracek
May 30 Shawn McCormick
May 31 Nancy Woodford



May 8 Stacy & Jamie Sue Moore
May 10 Jared & Megan Hanson
May 11 Nicholas & Stephanie Thede
May 19 Scott & Beverly Winter, Michael & Patricia Havenstein
May 20 Laroy & Chari Manry
May 22 Paul & Nancy Zidek
May 23 Jim & Sue Jenkins
May 24 Tony & Angela Reid
May 25 Steve & Ann Williams, Jason & Stephanie Watt
May 26 Larry & Christy Wagner, Chris & Jocelynn Fitch
May 27 Duane & Jeanette Campbell, Byron & Melanie Jones, Walter & Marilyn Fick, Lynn & Constance Thomas
May 28 Del & Maxine Ganske
May 30 Jon & Heidi Brott

ST. LUKE'S EARLY LEARNING CENTER (ELC)

He is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia! Easter greetings have been spilling out of the mouths of our youngest people at the ELC. We have just finished learning about the most important story in the Bible: Christ's death and resurrection! The children learned about what a great friend Jesus is to us, as He has done what no one else can do for us. It brings us so much joy to see the faith of these children grow and grow. As we enter a new month we are starting to wrap up our weekly themes based on letters. May will include a field trip to Sunset Zoo, our Family Fun Night and Graduation and the last day of school for some of our students.

Our annual fundraiser, known as Family Fun Night, will be on Friday, May 17, and will begin at 5:45 PM. There will be a program, free-will pizza dinner, silent auction and carnival style games for the children. If you own a business, or have connections to someone who does, and would like to support the Early Learning Center in this way, we would gladly accept your donation. We have been gathering donations for several months now and will welcome more until Monday, May 13. Please come out and see what is happening at St. Luke's very own Early Learning Center. This is all possible because of your prayers and support!



(Cherry Blossom Class all smiles after their egg hunt!)



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-chair: Tiffany Manning, tiffanykaymanning@gmail.com

Family Events Sub-chair: Darci Paull, 785-565-4123

- Children's Choirs are singing at the late service April 28, meeting in the basement fellowship hall at 10:45 AM.
 - Teacher Appreciation April 28 between services.
 - Spring Concert Wednesday, May 1, at 6:30 PM.
 - VBS decorating following Voters' Meeting on Sunday, May 5.
 - Last day of Sunday School May 19.
 - Vacation Bible School set up May 29.
 - We're looking for a new BASIC Sub-chair and we want to thank Gail Schwanke for her years of service.
 - We're looking for a Sunday School Sub-chair.
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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

- May 1 Registration for NYG closes.
- Reminder for rising 6th graders: After the last night of BASIC youth are considered a part of the Junior High Youth Ministry. We will meet regularly on Wednesday nights through the summer at 6:15 PM.
- May 18 Junior and Senior High going to Sky Zone in Topeka; friends invited. Bring \$15 for lunch. Be at church at 9:45 AM; back by 3:00 PM. RSVP Jessica Campbell, 785-422-7668, by May 15.
- We're looking for a new Youth Events Sub-chair and we want to thank Jessica Campbell for her years of service.

MISCELLANEOUS

May Door Offering: HIS (Helping International Students)

HIS gives us an opportunity to offer hospitality, friendship, and be a witness to our Lord right here in Manhattan. Founded in 1979, at KSU this non-profit local organization is made up of members of local churches and Christian Campus organizations. It is funded through donations from each of the participating groups. HIS is committed to providing an American Christian friend for every international student at KSU who desires such a friend, to give every international student the opportunity to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to give every international student who is or becomes a Christian the opportunity to grow in faith. Through the host family program and special events, such as the orientation dinner, Labor Day picnic, and the annual banquet, these goals are met.

Elizabeth Circle: We will meet Tuesday, May 7, at 1:00 PM at Alice Wesche's home, 539-7278.

Mission of Love: We will meet at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, May 8, in the fellowship hall to continue working on quilts. Come and enjoy a morning of fellowship. Questions: Dorothy Burtness, 785-539-8018.

CONNECT GROUPS

Sunday Adult Bible Class, following fellowship time, Pastor Schmidt

Women's Bible Study, Mondays, 2nd and 4th Monday, 9:30 AM, "John, The Way to True Life," Diane Mosier, 785-776-8615

Lighthouse, an infertility, miscarriage, and infant loss support group, 3rd Monday of the month, 6:30 PM, education building, Meghan Loverude, meloverude@gmail.com; Charity Smith, dcestrlukesmanhattan.org

Card Making, 3rd Monday of the month, 7:00 PM, at Candlewood Frame Shop, Janet Beach and Ann Williams

Men's Bible Breakfast, Tuesdays, 6:30 AM, "Definitions - Understanding God's Living Word," Eastside McDonald's, Walt Fick, 776-0879

Lunch with Jesus, Tuesdays, noon, in the fellowship hall, Charity Smith, 804-874-1225

Mission of Love (working on quilts), 2nd Wednesday of the month, 9:00 AM, basement fellowship hall, Dorothy Burtness, 539-8018

LCMS U Bible Study, Thursdays, 9:00 PM, Blue house, John Augustine, 785-531-1899, Katie Eberth, 913-416-3579

Cancer Companions, Until a new group begins, is there someone you know with cancer that Cancer Companions can pray for? We would be honored to pray for that person. Write their name, and if possible their type of cancer, on a piece of paper and put it in the Boye's or Spikes' folder at church, or call the church office and they will relay the information to us.



MUSIC NOTES

The Children's Choirs, which rehearse during BASIC Training on Wednesdays (preschool through 6th grade) and Sunday School (preschool through 2nd grade), will be singing at the late service **Sunday, April 28**, meeting in the basement fellowship hall at 10:45 AM and at the Spring Concert **Wednesday, May 1**, at 6:30 PM. They do not need to arrive early to the Spring Concert.

Our **Spring Concert** will be on Wednesday, May 1, at 6:30 PM in the church sanctuary featuring our children's choirs, handbell choir, vocal choir, worship team, and various members. This is a time to support and showcase the musical talents God has given us. Any member of any age is welcome to perform, including instrumentalists, vocalists, and ensembles. Sign up by Monday, April 29.

We are in need a **drummer** for our praise band starting as soon as possible and **piano accompanist** for our children's choir starting in the fall.

The **Music Ministry Appreciation Party** for the musicians of St. Luke's and their families will be Saturday, May 4, at 6:00 PM at the Hartsook home, 721 Rannells Road. A dinner entree of taco/nacho bar and beverages will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. RSVP to 785-410-1691, the Facebook event, or gretchenamelia@gmail.com by Wednesday, May 1.

Contact Director of Music Gretchen Hartsook at 785-410-1691 or music@stlukesmanhattan.org for any inquiries or questions.



**THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD
LCMS STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY
MAY 2019 NEWSLETTER ARTICLE**

St. Paul teaches, "Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches" (Galatians 6:6).

And again, he says, "Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the sacrificial offerings? In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel" (1 Corinthians 9:13–14).

In other words, ministers of the gospel are supported by the offerings of those who are served by them. And this is how the Church lives even now. It is standard practice.

But this deserves closer examination. For it instructs us not *just* that we are to give but also *what* we are to give. And it does so with four little words: "In the same way ..."

St. Paul is building his case for supporting the preachers of the Gospel with the sacrificial giving of individual members on the example of the Old Testament people who supported the Levites with their offerings and sacrifices.

We're to support the Gospel ministry "in the same way." But how did the Old Testament people support the Levites?

Moses records this: "You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. And before the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always" (Deuteronomy 14:22–23).

The Levites were supported by the tithe, 10 percent of all the yearly yield of that which was harvested.

Does that seem like a lot? Does it surprise you that St. Paul instructs us that we are to support the New Testament Gospel ministry “in the same way?”

If it does, ask yourself: is the Church’s job in the New Testament bigger or smaller than the Levites’ job in the Old Testament? Back then there was one Temple, and the ministry was almost exclusively located in one nation among the descendants of Abraham.

Jesus calls us to teach and baptize all nations (Matt. 28). And there are churches and ministries all around the world. How could we support this new Gospel ministry with anything less than the Israelites supported the Old Testament ministry?

Of course, we are free to give more, for we have received more than those in the Old Testament. We have received the fullness of God’s revelation, the fullness of His salvation, the fulfillment of everything that God promised to do.

For we have received Christ, God’s own Son, in the flesh, who took upon himself our sins and in exchange gave us his righteousness. The Father claimed us as his own in Holy Baptism.

He gathers us together in the place where his name dwells to feast on the first fruits of the resurrection, the risen and living body and blood of his Son, our Lord, Jesus. He reminds us that we are His, that all things are ours because we belong to Him. He blesses us here in time with physical and spiritual gifts.

In the same way, and in response to his fatherly divine goodness and mercy, we gladly give to those who proclaim to us “the excellencies of him who called us out of darkness and into his marvelous light.”

For once we were not a people, but now we are God’s people; once we had not received mercy, but now we have indeed (1 Peter 2:9–10).

CANCER COMPANIONS

The definition of companion is: friend, confidant, buddy, travel companion, someone who travels with you. Cancer Companions is all of those. We travel with you as you find your way through cancer. We accompany your caregiver, too. We are not just companions, WE are CHRISTIAN companions. Our materials help us all see that God is our friend and companion, too. He is always walking with us, supporting us and loves us. Cancer **cannot** change that. If you are interested in learning more, contact the church office, 785-539-2604.

TRAVELING BULLETIN

King of Glory, Williamsburg, VA, Bill and Glenda Moore
Calvary Presbyterian, Riverside, CA, Howard and Liz Beikmann
Mountain View Lutheran, Apache Junction, AZ, Larry and Alice Wesche
Outdoor Chapel, Fort Riley, KS, Dan and Pearl Caponera
First Lutheran, Ponca City, OK, Brad and Susan Brunkow
Ascension Lutheran, Wichita, KS, Hamlin and Dorothy Burtness

(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!)



St. Luke's Vacation Bible School

June 2-6 from 5:30-8:30 PM

*Ages 2 ½ - 6th grade welcome
(must be potty-trained)*

To sign up: vbspro.events/p/stlukesvbs2019

Questions: VBS@stlukesmanhattan.org



MARCH 2019 OFFICIAL ACTS

Transfer In
Logan Winter,
Bethany Lutheran
Overland Park, KS

Transfer Out
Aaron and Ana Heil
Rob Purdy

Release
Jeston Miller
Brian Navinsky
Jeremiah White
Chelsea White

Baptism
Cora Rose Pinkston
(Austin Pinkston and Kiana Stewart)
March 24, 2019

FROM THE PARISH NURSE...



- National Autism Awareness Month
- National Arthritis Awareness Month
- **National Nurses Week May 6-12th**
- National Day of Prayer May 2nd
- Mother's Day May 12th
- Armed Forces Day May 18th
- Memorial Day May 27th



Your Parish Nurses:

Jamie, Kate & Heidi



greatest number of cases reported in the U.S. since measles was eliminated in 2000.

CDC recommends that children get two doses of MMR vaccine:

- the first dose at 12 through 15 months of age, and
- the second dose at 4 through 6 years of age.

Teens and adults should also be up to date on MMR vaccinations.

For more information about the MMR vaccine and other vaccination information, go to the CDC website at: www.cdc.gov



Why Care? Because **1 in 5 people will be affected by mental illness in their lifetime.** Each year millions of Americans face the reality of living with a mental illness. **During May, NAMI and the rest of the country are raising awareness of mental health.** Each year NAMI fight stigma, provide support, educate the public and advocate for policies that support people with mental illness and their families.

Care is a simple 4-letter word, but a powerful way to change lives for people affected by mental illness. It's an action. It's a feeling. It's a gift we give to ourselves and to each other. **People feel loved when someone cares.** People feel heard when someone cares. People recover when someone cares. **Society changes when people care.** Entire systems change when people care. For more than 40 years, NAMI has been a beacon of help and hope by providing the support, education and advocacy to ensure that all people affected by mental health conditions get the care they need and deserve. www.nami.org



L.E.R.T. News from Donna Williams, District Disaster Response Coordinator

KANSAS DISTRICT DISASTER RESPONSE: FLOODING IN NEIGHBORING STATES

If you've been following the news, you've heard reports of the extensive flooding our northern neighbors are experiencing as a result of the "bomb cyclone" that settled on a large area of the upper Midwest earlier this month. The devastation is widespread, resulting in loss of human life as well as livestock and thousands of acres of crops and an untold number of homes. Schools, churches and businesses have been destroyed, families displaced, and whole communities left in dire need of the basic necessities. For up-to-date information, please visit the LCMS Disaster Response webpage (<https://www.lcms.org/how-we-serve/mercy/disaster-response>).

The Disaster Response and LERT teams in the Kansas District stand ready to respond after assessments are completed and a needs list has been issued. Rev. Michael Meyer traveled to Nebraska on March 21 to help assess the damage. He will also interact with LCMS leaders in the Iowa West, Iowa East, Minnesota South and South Wisconsin districts. Once district and LCMS officials determine the location of the flood-relief staging area, they will send out a call for LERT volunteers. In the meantime, both the LCMS Disaster Response webpage and Nebraska District websites (<http://www.ndlcms.org/disaster-response/>) have a link to contribute financially. Please keep these brothers and sisters in Christ in your daily prayers.

Volunteer Information Exchange: LCMS Disaster Response is building a **database** of all volunteer members of Lutheran Early Response (LERT). Application information is exchanged between the LCMS and representatives from the LCMS districts in which your volunteer service takes place, as well as your home district. This exchange ensures that the LCMS districts in which you would serve and your home district have the information they need to effectively manage the volunteer project and ensure proper safety measures. ALL LERT TEAM LEADERS ARE ASKED TO RELAY THIS INFORMATION TO TEAM MEMBERS. TO OPT OUT OF THE EXCHANGE, MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO SEND TEAM LEADERS (at St. Luke's, that's Pastor Schmidt) A NOTE TO THAT AFFECT. OTHERWISE IT WILL BE ASSUMED THAT ALL CERTIFIED LERT TEAM MEMBERS WILL BE ADDED TO THE EXCHANGE. Team leaders are asked to share the link to the LERT Training Attendance Form with team members so that they can complete their form online. Do an online search for LERT Training Attendance Sheet or type in the link <https://form.jotformpro.com/81215292634959>. USE TRAINING CODE **9999**.