

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

²⁷He answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind';
and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"
²⁸"You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."
Luke 10:27

"Love the Lord your God ... Love your neighbor as yourself." Are these statements law or gospel? To answer this question, we need to ask: are they commands or are they promises? And who is doing them, us or God? The law are commands that we are required to do. The gospel are promises made and done by our Lord for our benefit. With this understanding, the above statement is law. It is something that is required of us.

What I find interesting is that the above passage is immediately followed up by Jesus telling the parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10:30-37. You remember the story. A man who is traveling is beaten and robbed and left for dead. A priest and a Levite ignore him, but a Samaritan helps him. Jesus finishes the story by telling the man with whom he was interacting to "go and do likewise." So is this story, the story of the Good Samaritan, law or gospel? According to our previous criteria, it would be law. We are supposed to do something.

But the story of the Good Samaritan is also gospel. It is a story of what God does for us. He picks us up, we who are as good as dead, dead in our trespasses and sins, and he cares for us. He washes our wounds of sin with the waters of baptism. He provides us the nourishment our souls need.

Our souls need the gospel. Avail yourself of the gospel that is distributed freely every worship service.

Please join us on **Sunday mornings** at 9:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall. After refreshments, we gather for **Bible Study**. We are currently looking at **Exodus** and watching a video documentary on the subject.

The **LCMS National Youth Gathering** is this month – July 11-15, 2019. It will be held in Minneapolis, MN. The theme is "Real. Present. God." Please keep our youth and the adult leaders in your prayers.

The election results are in. The Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison has been re-elected president of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). It will be his fourth term of office, 2019–2022.

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.



L.E.R.T. activities continue throughout Kansas. Information about current L.E.R.T. activities can be found the Kansas District website (www.kslcms.org) under "Workers Together," the District's newsletter. St. Luke's is in need of a L.E.R.T. coordinator. If you are interested, please speak with me (Pastor Schmidt).

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
July 6/7	Kennedy Danker	William Miesner	Jaden Campbell
July 13/14	Simon Schmidt	Jocelyn Brott	Hunter Lang
July 20/21	Hannah Schmidt	Ian Carter	Jaden Campbell
July 27/28		William Miesner	Ava Wright



July 1 Megan Saunders, Ethan Bean
 July 2 Brandon Fleming
 July 3 Garrison Vikander
 July 4 Nyla Mathies, Lorene McAtee, Duane Campbell, David Meier
 July 5 Ryan Kruse, Bethany Zidek
 July 7 Kimberly Spain
 July 8 Angela Kohls, Tara Claussen, Melissa Bean, Ryan Williams, Evan Williams
 July 9 Janice Hill, Aaron Morgan, Jared Morgan
 July 10 Logan Redding
 July 11 Teresa Lynch
 July 12 Scott Stone, Darrin Frey
 July 13 Del Ganske, Jacob Wagner, Jocelyn Brott
 July 14 Zachary Davis
 July 15 Diane Murphy, Joshua Morgan, Aidan Proctor, Jaxson Vikander
 July 17 Mike Kraemer, Kristi Hageman, Heather Fong, Garrett Lister, Levi Tucker, Keller Sorell
 July 19 Eva Anders, August Hartsook
 July 20 Chantel Willingham, Stacy Moore, Sherie Welch, William Miesner
 July 22 Diane Ukena
 July 23 Ken Culbertson, Tony Johnson, Whitney Madsen, Kaylee Mathies

July 24 Lisa Reinhardt, Haley Ukena
 July 25 Joyce Nelson, Janet Mallon, Jeri Lee Richter
 July 26 Mary Lou Morgan, Talon Claussen, Cole Dieball
 July 28 Donna Burton, Amy Vikander
 July 29 Joshua Kohls
 July 31 Jennifer Ukena, Chloe Fleming



July 1 Ryan & Teresa Lynch
 July 2 James & Diane Ukena
 July 3 Tyrone & Justine Grant
 July 5 Derek & Jana Winter
 July 8 Alexander & Kim Saak
 July 14 John & Karen Armbrust
 July 15 Dan & Diane Murphy, Ken & Carolyn Culbertson
 July 18 Garrett & Alyson Lister
 July 19 David & Donna Cederberg
 July 20 Gerald & Catherine Ukena
 July 24 William & Terry Wehmuller
 July 24 Shane & Traci Lohse
 July 25 Mac & Alice McLain, Sr., Ian and Gretchen Hartsook
 July 26 Mark & Deanne Burris, Scott & Tiffany Manning
 July 27 Ryan & Kelli Almes
 July 28 Chantry & Kasey Sorell, Marshall & Kim Hay
 July 31 Ralph & Linda Simon



Children's Ministry Chair: Shane Rengstorf, slrengstorf@yahoo.com
BASIC Sub-chair:
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

- July 31 Teacher training for BASIC and Sunday School teachers at 6:00 PM in the basement fellowship hall.
- We are in need of a Sunday School Sub-chair and BASIC Sub-chair.



Youth Ministry Chair: Lori Uffman
Servant Events Sub-chair: Jerry Feeley
Youth Events Sub-chair: Shanda Wilson
Gathering Sub-chair:

- July 4-6 Servant Event at St. Luke's ELC playground.
- July 7 National Youth Gathering (NYG) Bible study 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Bring your Bible, a drink and \$5 for pizza.
- July 7 Designs for yearly St. Luke's t-shirts can be turned in using customink.com. This ends August 11.
- July 9-15 National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN. Pray for those attending.

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17. OTHER COMMENTS:

Abstract

Timing of recruitment: Questionnaire - directly - 2 minutes

100000, if you can't help or have questions:

Other important considerations:

CONNECT GROUPS

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MOODS NOTES



THE FUTURE

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

Whenever the topic of stewardship and giving comes up, the conversation inevitably turns to the question: “How much should I give?” Answers will vary because the motive behind such questions also vary.

Sometimes the motive behind asking this question is for self-justification. Even though, as Lutherans, we know we are not saved by our works but by grace through faith because of Jesus’ substitutionary atonement, the natural religion of fallen man is to earn God’s favor by what we do.

Take, for example, the response of our Lord to the rich young ruler who asked, “What must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus first tells him to keep the commandments. The rich young ruler responds by indicating that all this he has kept from his youth. But Jesus tells him that he lacks one thing: He must sell all he has and give it to the poor and then follow Him.

This rich young ruler went away sad because he was quite wealthy and could not part with his possessions. Here we see that those who seek to justify themselves by their giving will hear a response that intensifies the duty that God places upon them. Indeed, they will hear a response that makes it impossible to win God’s favor by their works.

But to those who genuinely desire to know their duty as Christians in the arena of giving, we look to the Bible for our answer. We believe the Bible is the Word of God. And we know that the Word of God has been “breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work” (2 Tim. 3:16–17).

So, we begin to answer the question, “What should I give?” with the question, “What does the Bible say about how much we should give and to whom?”

The Old Testament is explicit. The expectation is that the people of God would give a tithe – 10 percent – of the first fruits of their labor to support the full-time ministry of the Levites. This is what the Lord gave Moses to teach the people:

“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.

“And if the way is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry the tithe, when the Lord your God blesses you, because the place is too far from you, which the Lord your God chooses, to set his name there, then you shall turn it into money and bind up the money in your hand and go to the place that the Lord your God chooses and spend the money for whatever you desire – oxen or sheep or wine or strong drink, whatever your appetite craves.

“And you shall eat there before the Lord your God and rejoice, you and your household. And you shall not neglect the Levite who is within your towns, for he has no portion or inheritance with you.

“At the end of every three years you shall bring out all the tithe of your produce in the same year and lay it up within your towns. And the Levite, because he has no portion or inheritance with you, and the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow, who are within your towns, shall come and eat and be filled, that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands that you do.” (Deut. 14:22–29)

This principle of tithing is carried over into the New Testament, though not explicitly by calling it a tithe. St. Paul teaches the Church at Corinth the following:

We are to give to the church regularly (1 Cor. 16:1–2), proportionally (1 Cor. 16:1–2; 2 Cor. 8:12), and generously (2 Cor. 8:20) of our first fruits (1 Cor. 16:1–2; Gen. 4:4; Prov. 3:9; Lev. 27:30) with a spirit of eagerness (2 Cor. 9:2), earnestness (2 Cor. 8:7), cheerfulness (2 Cor. 9:7), and love (2 Cor. 8:23). And all of this is because the “Lord has ordained that those who preach the Gospel should make their living by the Gospel” (1 Cor. 9:14), just as the Levites did.

This is our New Testament standard. Since Christ became poor for us in order to make us rich in Him – blessing us with the riches of heaven – so we have also been so blessed to follow the example of our Lord and Savior and give of ourselves and the work of our hands to bless others with the same.

If we have been lax in this, let us, like our Lord, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross and scorned its shame, likewise begin to work toward this goal of regular giving of a generous proportion of the first fruits of God’s giving to us.

And let us do so not begrudgingly, but for the joy set before us – with a spirit of eagerness, cheerfulness, and love – to share the blessings of God with those placed into our care.



STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

What does it take to run a Church? Obviously, there is a need for money to pay for utilities and upkeep of the buildings and grounds. But there are other ways of giving through time and talents.

July begins new terms for St. Luke’s elected leaders. I want to thank those who have served this past term (or terms) for their services. Your efforts did not go unnoticed. THANK YOU!

For those newly elected, either to serve another term or who are starting their new role/term, thank you for your commitment to serve.

There are several opportunities to serve the Church. God has given us each our own abilities to do His will. This reminds me of Romans 12:4-8:

⁴ For as in one body we have many members,^[a] and the members do not all have the same function,⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶ Having gifts that differ according to the grace

given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷ if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, ⁹ with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

If we all as members use our gifts and talents to serve the Lord, we are able to meet the needs of our Congregation and our Church grows. Please prayerfully consider where you can provide your gifts of time and talents through serving as a Board Chair (we have open positions available) or even to help support our current Council members becoming a part of a Committee. Feel free to visit the weekly bulletin for a list of contacts.

ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION MINUTE

Lutheran Women in Mission recently announced that they now have their own podcast: <http://www.lwml.org/podcast>. This is a free service for Lutheran women everywhere! All you need is an Android/iPhone device and subscribe through your podcast app to the LWML podcast.

Also, don't forget about the LWML app: <http://www.lwml.org/app>. This is a great way to access the podcasts, read devotions when you may be stuck somewhere in a line or when you just have a few minutes to turn to God's Word.

We continue towards our Mite goal for 2019: \$2,742.04. Mites is a collection of loose change that goes towards funding grants both right here in Kansas and around the world. If you would like to contribute, we have an acrylic box in the narthex for mite collection. We also will be collecting loose change during 5th weekends throughout this year. We thank you for your support.

July 8th will be our annual social event, hosted by the St. Luke's LWML Executive Board. This year we will be having a taco bar starting at 6:30 PM at the Church. There will be no meeting. You do not have to bring anything; except a friend.

Upcoming Events:

- July 8th – St. Luke's LWML Social
- September 9th – St. Luke's Society Meeting

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

CANCER COMPANIONS

Do you know someone with cancer or their caregiver, maybe a co-worker or someone in your own family? Cancer Companions has a **"Prayer Wall"** on the bulletin board in the church narthex. We would be honored to pray for them! You can put their name and their type of cancer, or just put "friend" or "family member" if you don't want to put a name. Put as much or as little information as you would like! We will pray for them!

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6

FLINT HILLS LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

33 members from six congregations of our circuit met April 28 to hear Jeanne Mackay, President, Lutherans For Life of Kansas, give a presentation, "All About Lutherans For Life". Following discussion, the 33 present voted to begin a Lutherans For Life (LFL) ministry in our circuit. On June 9 a second meeting was held, during which Jeanne talked about steps in organizing a LFL chapter. At this meeting, those present adopted Flint Hills Lutherans For Life as the name for our chapter. The following officers were elected: Judy Boye, President; Kari Kufahl, Vice-President; Kathy Wright, Secretary; and Jim MacGregor, Treasurer. Rev. Larry Boye was elected Pastoral Advisor. These officers (the Executive Committee of the chapter), along with the Pastoral Advisor, met June 9 and 23, organizing the chapter (proposing a constitution/bylaws; opening a bank account; proposing first-year goals, etc.). They will meet again on July 15.

The first meeting of the Flint Hills Lutherans For Life Chapter is Sunday, August 11, 2:00-3:30 PM, at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Wamego. A major portion of this meeting will be educational. Adoption of the proposed constitution/bylaws, goals, and committees will conclude the meeting. Chapter members and other interested people are encouraged to attend.

MAY 2019 OFFICIAL ACTS

Profession of Faith
Douglas and LaRae Kraemer

Release
Evan Buckhaus
Diane Eckhart

Baptism
Oliver Anthony Porter
Winston Delos Porter
May 11, 2019

Amber Beth Kruse
May 11, 2019

Breanna Nicole Foster
May 11, 2019

Jason Ray Stadel
May 25, 2019

Confirmations
Tristin Kraemer

TRAVELING BULLETIN

Trinity Lutheran, Colby, KS, Scott Stone and Susan Spain
Faith Lutheran, Abilene, KS, Jesse and Charity Smith, Magdalene
St. Matthew's Lutheran, Fort Worth, TX, Carroll and Barbara Hackbart
St. Paul's Lutheran, Alta Vista, KS, Brad and Susan Brunkow
Centennial Lutheran, Superior, NE, Jesse and Charity Smith, Magdalene
Faith Lutheran, Topeka, KS, Jesse and Charity Smith, Magdalene
LifePointe, Fort Collins, CO, Morris and Jean Olson

(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...

St. Luke's Lutheran Church

Its July....and the Heat is ON!



Independence Day

July 4th!

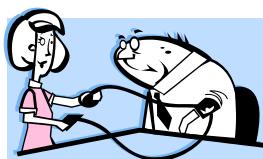
Independence Day honors the birthday of the United States of America and the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. It's a day of picnics and patriotic parades, a night of concerts and fireworks, and a reason to fly the American flag.



*"...Blessed is the nation
whose God is the Lord, the
people he chose for his
inheritance."*

Your Parish Nurses:

Jamie, Kate & Heidi



July is Ultraviolet (UV) Safety Awareness Month.

With summer heat upon us it's time to think safety as well as fun in the sun! Many people love the warm sun. The sun's rays make us feel good, and in the short term, make us look good. But our love affair isn't a two way street. Exposure to the sun, and in particular, the ultraviolet rays (UV) causes many of the wrinkles and age spots on our faces and hands and is the number one cause of skin cancer.

In fact, sun exposure causes many of the skin changes that we think of as a normal part of aging. Over time, the sun's UV light damages the fibers in the skin called elastin. When these fibers break down, the skin begins to sag, stretch, and lose its ability to go back into place. The skin also bruises and tears more easily—taking longer to heal. So while sun damage to the skin may not be apparent

when you're young, it will definitely show later in life.

Besides skin cancer and age spots, exposure to the sun also causes pre-cancerous (actinic keratosis) skin lesions, fine and coarse wrinkles, freckles, mottled discolored areas on the skin and dilation of small blood vessels under the skin.

It is never too late to take steps to prevent damage from sun exposure! Follow these simple steps:

- Apply sunscreen of SPF 30 or greater 30 minutes before going outside and every few hours thereafter
- Wear sunglasses with total UV protection. Your eyes are very sensitive to the affects of UV exposure
- Wear a wide-brimmed hat and long-sleeve shirt and pants
- Avoid peak hours of sun



exposure-10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- Perform skin self-exams regularly. Note any skin changes particularly any changes to moles.
- Avoid tanning beds.
- 80% of a person's lifetime sun exposure is acquired before age 18. As a parent, be a good role model and foster skin cancer prevention habits in your children and teens.

For more information go to:
www.webmd.com and search for sun safety tips.

July is National Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Month

Juvenile arthritis (JA) is not a disease in itself. Also known as pediatric rheumatic disease, JA is an umbrella term used to describe the many autoimmune and inflammatory conditions or pediatric rheumatic diseases that can develop in children under the age of 16. Juvenile arthritis affects nearly 300,000 children in the United States. Although the various types of juvenile arthritis share many common symptoms, like pain, joint swelling, redness and warmth, each type of JA is distinct and has its own special concerns and symptoms. Some types of juvenile arthritis affect the musculoskeletal system, but joint symptoms may be minor or nonexistent. Juvenile arthritis can also involve the eyes, skin, muscles and gastrointestinal tract. No known cause has been pinpointed for most forms of juvenile arthritis. Some research points toward a genetic predisposition to juvenile arthritis, which means the combination of genes a child receives from his or her parents may cause the onset of JA when triggered by other factors. For more information visit:

www.kidsgetarthritisoo.org