

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

How easy it is to become anxious when things go differently than we had hoped. We worry about ourselves and our loved ones. We experience everyday anxieties and big cosmic ones too. Sometimes anxiety can become so serious that professional help is needed. Paul writes in Philippians 4:6, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Easier said than done, Paul! But nevertheless, Jesus invites us to trust in our God, who is good. Concerning the things most of us worry about—like food, clothing, provisions—Jesus observes that just as the birds, the lilies, and the grass are well-provided for, we will be taken care of as well. The adventure of life is one of faith: entrusting ourselves to the care of God, seeking first God's reign, and experiencing the rich provision enjoyed by all of creation as a gift.

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**.

Flint Hills Lutherans for Life will meet on **Sunday, August 11, 2:00-3:30 PM**, at **Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church** in **Wamego** (17535 Say Rd., Wamego, KS 66547).

The **Bi-Yearly Youth & Parent Meeting** will be on **Sunday, August 11, 2:30-3:30 PM** in the fellowship hall.

Rally Day is **Sunday, August 11**. The fellowship hall will be a fair-like atmosphere as those involved in ministry committees and teams will have displays on tables, answering questions and encouraging people to get involved. This will not only happen in the morning but also in the afternoon. From **3:00 to 4:30 PM**, Early Learning Center families will be on the property, meeting their teachers and then getting a tour of the church which will end in the fellowship hall with an ice cream social.

School starts in August. So does Sunday School and B.A.S.I.C. Training. Let's stamp out Biblical illiteracy in the next generation.

- **Sunday School** starts **August 18**.
- **B.A.S.I.C. Training** (which stands for **B**rothers **A**nd **S**isters **I**n **C**hrist) is our Wednesday night program for Preschool through 8th grade. It starts **August 21**. Our Confirmation Training for 7th and 8th graders is also during this time.

St. Luke's owns and operates **Trail Life USA (TLUSA) Troop KS-0057** and **American Heritage Girls (AHG) Troop KS-0057**. Their Open House is on **Monday, August 26, at 7:00 PM**.

Lutheran Early Response Team (**L.E.R.T.**) information and activities throughout the Kansas District can be located on the LCMS 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).

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) held its 67th Regular Convention July 20-25, 2019. The President of the Kansas District, Rev. Peter Lange, was elected to be the 1st Vice President. Congratulations to Rev. Lange.

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
August 3/4	Kennedy Danker	Ethan Olesky	Luke Wilson
August 10/11	Simon Schmidt	Lilly Radke	Bailey Wright
August 17/18	Hannah Schmidt	Oliva Stuckwisch	Zoe Riggs
August 24/25		Lilly Radke	Sophie Wright
August 31/ September 1			



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, Amber Kruse, 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 14: Larry O'Neill
August 15: Carol Ukena, Douglas Newland, Jr., Kieghlyn Huss
August 16: Lowell Kohlmeier, Michael Havenstein
August 18: Ryan Almes, Emmaley 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, Monet Sielaff
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



August 4: Ryan & Amber Kruse
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

EARLY LEARNING CENTER (ELC)

Where has the summer gone! Classes begin on Wednesday, August 14, and we are looking forward to working with the families joining us this year. In preparation for the beginning of the school year we will be closed on August 11 and 12 to put the finishing touches on the classrooms and meet as a team to prepare for the upcoming school year.

Please spread the word that we still have openings for children ages 2.5 to 5 years old, 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM. There are also openings in the Tuesday/Thursday preschool classroom which meets 8:30 to 11:30 AM. Call the office, 785-539-2604, if you are interested, or email Laurie at centerdirector@stlukesmanhattan.org.



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

- Sunday School begins August 18.
- BASIC begins with meal on August 21.
- 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:

- August 3 Paradise Park in Kansas City 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM. RSVP due July 28. Bring \$15 for admission ticket; \$15 for dinner. Friends invited.
- August 11 T-shirt designs due using customink.com. Designs must include "2019-2020" and "St. Luke's Lutheran Church." Design needs to be short sleeve and one color ink.
- August 11 Bi-yearly Youth and Parent Meeting 2:30 to 3:30 PM in the Fireside Room.
- August 14 Last night of Junior High Youth Night for the summer; Senior High Youth Night continues through the school year.
- We are in need of a Gathering Sub-Chair.

MISCELLANEOUS

August Door Offering: ELC Scholarships

Rally Day: RSVP to Charity by Wednesday, August 7, if you want a table/booth at Rally Day on Sunday, August 11, between services and from 3:00 to 4:30 PM. The fellowship hall will be a fair-like atmosphere with displays on tables, answering questions and encouraging people to get involved. From 3:00 to 4:30 PM, Early Learning Center families will be on the property, meeting their teachers and then getting a tour of the church which will end in the fellowship hall with an ice cream social. People can set up on Friday, August 9, until 5:00 PM and again on Saturday, August 10, from 5:00 to 7:30 PM.

Mission of Love: We will meet at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, August 14, in the fellowship hall to continue working on quilts. Come and enjoy a morning of fellowship. Questions: Dorothy Burtness, 785-539-8018.

LLL Picnic: Join us Sunday, August 25, at 6:00 PM for the annual LLL Picnic at the Hackbart's (3640 Flush Road, St. George, KS). Bring a salad or dessert and guests. For directions, please contact Carroll or Barb Hackbart. For other questions, please contact David Hatesohl at 785-845-8124 or djhat@gmail.com

Needed: Volunteers needed for children's church and the nursery. Contact Marilyn Fick at 776-0879, 317-0097 or email wm_fick@yahoo.com, if you can help or have questions.

CONNECT GROUPS

Sunday Adult Bible Class, following fellowship time, Exodus, 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, dcestlukesmanhattan.org

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

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

Cancer Companions, Fridays, 2:00 PM, Via Christi Village Chapel, Jamie Spikes, 785-537-3929; Judy Boye, 785-320-6355

MUSIC NOTES



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

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
NEWSLETTER ARTICLE AUGUST 2019**

Have you ever noticed the subtle ceremony of receiving the offerings during the Divine Service? The offerings are collected in plates or baskets, and they are brought forward and given to the pastor or an assistant. The pastor turns toward the altar, and, as he slightly bows his head, the offerings are raised slightly to the Lord and placed on the altar or an adjacent table.

Why do we have this ceremony? And what does it teach us? For that is what ceremony does – it teaches, as the Augsburg Confession tells us what we need to know about Christ (AC XXIV, 1–3).

Originally, this ceremony included more than simply bringing forward what was collected in the offering plates. The elements for the Holy Communion – the bread and the wine – were brought forward with the offerings. The offerings and elements were lifted toward the Lord and placed upon the altar. The altar, now made a table, would be set for the Lord's Supper.

Gifts brought to the altar come from the sweat of His people's brow. They are the bread and wine, the fruits of His people's labor in this fallen world. After six days of labor and toil, the people are to

bring a generous proportion for the Lord's work. Gifts set upon the altar are offered to the Lord for Him to take up and press into service for His gracious work.

For what is offered to the Lord from the sweat of His people's brow – the bread of anxious toil – comes back to us as the bread of life. The bread comes down from heaven that whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup will receive life through the forgiveness of their sins.

This is not unlike what the Lord did for His people in the Old Testament:

"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." (Deut. 14:22-26)

What a blessing! God provides for us in all things. He provides bread from the sweat of our brows. He receives this from us in the first-fruits offerings we give to Him in thanksgiving and praise, and He turns these into spiritual bread. He gives this heavenly bread – the bread of eternal life – back to us so we might have joy.

So, the next time you are in the Divine Service, watch this ceremony in wonder. The offerings we have given to Him, the Lord gives back to us in His supper so that we may rejoice in the salvation He won for us upon the cross.



ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION MINUTE

LWML needs *YOUR* help!!

Lutheran World Relief is in need of school kits. St. Luke's LWML has purchased 60 bags to make 60 school kits. We are asking the congregation to help us fill them! LWML will assemble them in September. Look for a box in the narthex to place your items. Thank you for your help in this outreach to those in need who live in countries far from us.

The following are what we need – for EACH bag:

- **FOUR** 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, aprx. 8" x 10 ½"; no loose leaf paper (**240 total**)
- **ONE** 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- **ONE** pencil sharpener
- **ONE** pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)

- **FIVE** unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band (**300 total**)
- **FIVE** black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band (**300 total**)
- **ONE** box of 16 or 24 crayons
- **ONE** 2 ½" eraser



(Completed: **ONE** sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag, approximately 14" x 17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks) **60**.)

CANCER COMPANIONS

Our group meets Fridays at 2:00 PM at Via Christi Village Chapel. Cancer Companions is a Christian Support Group for anyone dealing with cancer. It is meant to help us keep our focus on Jesus and His great love for each of us. I often think of the last line of the refrain from the song, "On Eagles' Wings" - "...And hold you in the palm of His hand." God has this cancer thing, let Him hold you. Questions? Call the church office, 785-539-2604.

FLINT HILLS LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

There is a new organization in our circuit of churches!

Flint Hills Lutherans for Life

The agenda for our first meeting includes sharing our goals. We need your support in order for this new organization to be successful. We hope you can attend!

Please join us on:
SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2019
 2:00-3:30 pm
 Mt. Calvary Wamego
 17535 Say Rd.
 Wamego, KS

An executive board has been elected, and our first meeting has been planned.

What is our purpose?

1. Educate members of the Lutheran faith on life-issues from conception to natural death according to God's Holy Word.
 2. Support ministries within the community that affirm life, such as Crisis Pregnancy Center, Adoption Agencies, etc.
 3. Teach Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices for life.
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JUNE 2019 OFFICIAL ACTS

Transfer

Dale Meyer

Faith Lutheran, Topeka, KS

Dan & Alyssa Gudenkauf, Liam, Hannah

Trinity Lutheran, Blair, NE

Release

Randy Hill

Baptism

Bowen Scott Winter

(Derek and Jana)

June 16, 2019

FAREWELL AND GODSPEED: The LCMS Kansas District and St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church invite you to attend a special Divine Service with Farewell and Godspeed for LCMS Kansas District President Rev. Peter K. Lange Friday, August 2, at 7:00 PM at St. John's (901 SW Fillmore St., Topeka, KS 66606). President Lange was elected first vice-president of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod at the 2019 LCMS National Convention July 21.

"THE LOSS OF A SPOUSE:" Widowed? Do you dread those lonely days? Wonder what to do with your spouse's belongings? Feeling like your brain is in a fog? Unsure of how you'll go on? Seven Dolors is hosting a special seminar called "The Loss of a Spouse" on Tuesday, August 6, at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center. At "The Loss of a Spouse" seminar, you'll discover:

- Other people understand and have found ways to make it through it.
- Why it won't always hurt so much.
- Reasons for hope.
- Practical tips for coping with the death of a spouse.

This seminar lasts about 2 hours. Here's what to expect:

- Seminar video – you'll view a 35 minute video with encouraging, practical advice from counselors, pastors, and widowed men and women.
- Sharing time – then you'll get the time to talk with other widowed people about what you learned from the video. (No pressure to share.)
- A guide to bring home: Everyone receives a booklet with 30 short readings on how to live with grief and eventually rebuild your life.

To register, please call the parish office at 785-565-5000 or email Rosie at formation@sevendolors.com

TRAVELING BULLETIN

St. John's Lutheran, Moore, OK, Ken Culbertson
Christ Lutheran, Fort Worth, TX, Brad and Susan Brunkow
Our Redeemer Lutheran, Jacksonville, 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!)

FROM THE PARISH NURSE

"If we all tried to make
other people's paths easy,
our own feet would have a
smooth even place to walk
on."

Myrtle Reed (1874-
1911) American Writer



AUGUST IS IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH!

Infants, children, teens,
adults, and senior adults

**ALL need to keep their
immunizations up to date!**

Your Parish Nurses:

Jamie, Kate and Heidi



ON-LINE HEALTH INFORMATION ~ CAN YOU TRUST IT?

There are thousands of medical websites. Some provide reliable health information. Some do not. Some of the medical news is current. Some of it is not. Choosing which websites to trust is an important part of using the Internet.

As a rule, health websites sponsored by Federal Government agencies are good sources of information. **You can reach all Federal websites by visiting www.usa.gov.** Large professional organizations and well-known medical schools may also be good sources of health information.

You can use the following checklist to help make sure that the health information you are reading online can be trusted.

1. Is the sponsor/owner of the website a Federal agency, medical school, or large professional or nonprofit organization, or is it related to one of these?
2. If not sponsored by a Federal agency, medical school, or large professional or nonprofit organization, does the website reference one of these trustworthy sources for its health information?
3. Is the mission or goal of the sponsor clear?
4. Can you see who works for the agency or organization and who authored the information? Is there a way to contact the sponsor of the website?
5. When was the information written or webpage last updated?
6. Is your privacy protected?
7. Does the website offer unbelievable solutions to your health problem (s)? Are quick, miracle cures promised?

Here are few trusted websites to try:

- American Diabetes Association: www.diabetes.org
- American Heart Association: www.heart.org
- National Kidney Foundation: www.kidney.org
- Senior Health: www.nia.nih.gov



CAUGHT ON THE WEB!

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