

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

If the Lord describes Himself in Scripture as our "Shepherd," it follows that we, as those who belong to Him, are His "sheep." True to our broken nature, we all wander away from our Shepherd's provision, wrongly assuming we can find our own way. Not only can we never find our own way to lasting life, but we can find our own way only to everlasting death. We all stand in need of rescue! We all are the lost sheep who have wandered away. Thank the Shepherd for coming to your rescue. His death and resurrection are proof that He never gives up on us! He pursues His wanderers. Finding us and claiming us, He carries us home. He gathers us to Himself so that He can fill us, His sheep, with His love and mercy.

If you are interested in becoming a member of St. Luke's, or simply hope to learn more about what St. Luke's believes, teaches, and confesses, please join us for our **New Member Class** (also known as the Inquirer's Class). It consists of 6 sessions each lasting 1½ hours. We will hold them on Sundays, 2:00-3:30 PM. We will meet on September 8, 22, & 29; October 13 & 20; and November 3.

We will answer questions like:

- What are our rules for interpreting the Bible?
- What happens to us after we die?
- Why do we baptize babies?
- Why is communion so important to us?

We will also strive to answer your specific questions. Please let me (Pastor) know if you plan to attend. I want to have enough materials available. If you would like to take the class but are not able to attend during the scheduled timeframe, please let me know so that we can put something on the schedule that would work for you.

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**.

If you enjoy snacks on Sunday morning, please consider signing up to be our snack provider on a particular Sunday. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board next to the kitchen.

Our **Campus Ministry** meets on **Sundays** at **6:00 PM** in the **Blue House** (the house across the street from the church) for Table Talk. It is a time for food and fellowship. This is a ministry of St. Luke's. If you would be willing to provide our Campus Ministry students a meal, please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex of the church. The students also meet on Tuesdays at 9:00 PM in the Blue House for Bible Study.

American Heritage Girls (AHG) Troop KS-0057 had their Open House on Monday, August 26, at 7:00 PM. A couple new families will be joining their ranks. **Trail Life USA (TLUSA) Troop KS-0057** will have their **Open House on Monday, September 9, at 7:00 PM.**

Trail Life USA Sunday is September 8. Our **AHG Troop** will be joining our **TLUSA Troop** that Sunday. They will be very visible in their uniforms. They will usher at the 8:30 AM service and serve snacks in between services.

Sunday School and B.A.S.I.C. Training has started. We look forward to seeing your children on Sundays (9:45-10:45 AM) and Wednesdays (6:00-7:15 PM).

Because our Kansas District President **Rev. Peter Lange** was elected to be the next 1st Vice President of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS), a full time paid position, the **Rev. Justin Panzer**, Pastor at Faith Lutheran Church in Abilene, KS, and 1st Vice President of the Kansas District, will become the new District President of the Kansas District on August 3. Congratulations to both men.

Please mark it on your calendars ... **GROUNDBREAKING** on our new property (4801 Anderson Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66503) will be on **Sunday, October 6, at 3:30 PM.** Afterwards, we will go to the Campbell farm for our Fall Festival. Please bring a dessert or side dish to share.

It is an honor to serve as your pastor.

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



JULY OFFICIAL ACTS

Transfer out
Marshall and Kim Hay

Release member
Daniel Kolby and Becca Montross
Kyle Glass
Michele and Laura Hutchinson

Baptism
Magdalene Kay Lynn Smith (Jesse and Charity)
July 7, 2019
Whitlee Marie Glessner (Jeremiah and Alexis)
July 14, 2019
Christine Lynn Hanson (Jared and Megan)
July 20, 2019



Date	Saturday 6:00 pm	Sunday 8:30 AM	Sunday 11:00 am
August 31/ September 1	Kennedy Danker	Ian Carter	Jocelyn Brott
September 7/8	Ethan McQuilliam	Kaden Lemaster	Jaden Campbell
September 14/15	Jaden Campbell	William Miesner	Jonathan Feldhausen
September 21/22	Zoe Riggs	Colin Olesky	Joseph Feldhausen
September 28/29	Payton Sturdy	Ethan Olesky	Hunter Lang



September 1: Allison Frihart
September 2: David Cooper, Judy Krause, Mike Schmidt, Mitchell McCoy, Evan Brott
September 3: Marsha Grunewald, Greg Burnett
September 4: Craig Ukena, Simon Schmidt
September 5: Eula Mae Parker, Tucker Lynch
September 7: Luke Schmidt, Ethan Olesky
September 8: Eleanor Shelton, Logan Olesky
September 9: Dale Meyer, Tyson Kruse, Bennett Spikes
September 10: Anna Schrader, Daniel Mathies, Samuel Danker, Tyler Sams
September 11: Kennard Kopp, Jamie Spikes, Joshua Schwanke
September 12: Gary Mott, Cathie Wilkinson, Bobbie Horocofsky, Madilyn Burris
September 13: Alice McLain, Matthew Easton, Scott Manning
September 14: Larry Eagan, Hailey Greuter, Annabelle Saunders
September 15: Edna Williams, Marilyn Fick
September 16: Andrew Klimek
September 17: Ralph Wright, Chauncy Larson, Trysta Williams
September 18: Glavin Lohse, Cole Fleming
September 19: Bruce Oberhelman, Christopher Koehler

September 20: Lucille Love, Paul Abitz, Miranda Tegtmeier, Reagan Danker
September 21: Dan Caponera, Kathryn McNeal, David Lohse, Brandy Ukena, Seth Tucker, Rachael Peterson
September 22: C. Lee Woodford, Steve Williams, Mason Sturdy
September 23: Charles Veatch, Karissa Rengstorf, Torie Winter
September 24: Missy Schrader, Lillian Sauerbrunn, Elijah Bean
September 25: Chris Deetjen, Kate McCoy, Myra Campbell
September 26: Steve Koehler, Rhiannon Fleming, Olivia Stuckwisch
September 27: Thelma Liebe, Alia Willingham
September 28: Joan McCoy, Sharon Eckhoff, David Garcia



September 1: Ed & Denise Klimek
September 5: Stephen & Jessica Heimsoth
September 7: Hamlin & Dorothy Burtness
September 9: Paul & Amy Abitz
September 13: Dan & Pearl Caponera
September 14: Gary & Connie Kasten
September 17: Larry & Linda Williams

EARLY LEARNING CENTER (ELC)

St. Luke's Early Learning Center has officially begun a new school year. This year's theme, "Joy: Fully in Christ," is a wonderful way to express to our families what our center is all about. It brings us great joy to have the opportunity to share Christ with all who walk through our doors every day. Praise God!

The teachers and students at the ELC have had a great start and have a couple of special events planned. We will be inviting the children's grandparents to join us for a special Grandparent's Day celebration on September 9. Our families will also be invited to attend St. Luke's annual Back-To-School Bash, which will be Sunday, September 15, from 3:30-6:00 PM. We hope to see many members of St. Luke's, ELC families and others from the community join together for a fun afternoon.

We are having a booth at Praise Fest September 21 to advertise for current openings. We are in need of volunteers to stand at the booth, hand out brochures and answer basic questions (we will provide a list of FAQ). Booths are open from 1:00 to 6:00 PM; we need help throughout this time and are hoping for people to cover a 1-2 hour shift. If you are interested, please contact Julie at juliemthiele@gmail.com or 785-370-2140. Thanks in advance for your continued support.



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

- No Sunday School September 1.
- On-line sign-up sheet is available for providing BASIC snacks. [Click HERE.](#)
- We are in need of a Sunday School Sub-chair and BASIC Sub-chair.
- We are in need of substitute teachers for Sunday School and BASIC.



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

- September 11 Registration paperwork and \$40 due for Junior High Gathering September 27 and 28 in Williamsburg, KS.
- September 11 T-shirt orders due.
- September 29 Early registration and \$95 due for Senior High Gathering in Wichita, KS November 22 to 24.
- We are in need of a Gathering Sub-Chair.

MISCELLANEOUS

September Door Offering: Orphan Grain Train

Mission of Love: We will meet at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, September 11, in the fellowship hall to continue working on quilts. Come and enjoy a morning of fellowship. Questions: Dorothy Burtness, 785-539-8018.

Church T-shirts: Church t-shirts were designed by one of our youth. Shirts are \$20, sizes small to triple XL. Make checks payable to St. Luke's Lutheran Church with quantity and size in memo line. Orders due by September 11 to the church office.

Back-To-School Bash: Our back-to-school bash will be Sunday, September 15, 3:30 to 6:00 PM in the green field across from the church. We will have games and food. Sign-up sheet is available on-line. Click [HERE](#):

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

Parents' Night, Parents with any age child are welcome to spend time together in fellowship, discussion and devotions. 1st Tuesday of the month, 6:00 PM, basement fellowship hall, Charity Smith, dcestlukesmanhattan.org, or Rachel Sielaff, Rachel_louree@hotmail.com. Childcare is available at \$10 per child; RSVP required for childcare. Food provided.

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

Cancer Companions, Fridays, 1:30 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 on Wednesday nights.

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 SEPTEMBER 2019

What is a steward? Most people will say a steward is a manager.

That is correct, but it is only half right. A steward is indeed a manager, but he is a manager of what does not belong to him. Someone else is the owner, and the steward manages the owner's property on the owner's behalf.

We are God's stewards. Our stewardship is that God has made us managers of what belongs to Him:

"For we brought nothing into this world, and we cannot take anything out of the world" (1 Tim. 6:7).

Everything that we have and everything that we are comes from God's fatherly divine goodness and mercy. God is the owner.

This is not only because He created all things; He is also the redeemer. He has redeemed – that is, purchased – and won all things. Therefore, it all belongs to Him.

We are simply managers of everything in this world. Like Joseph in Egypt, we are put in charge of managing what belongs to God. What a privilege.

Think about that for a minute. The all-knowing, all-powerful, all-wise God has asked us to manage his possessions on His behalf here on earth.

And by doing this, He invites us to take part in the allocation of His good gifts. He wants us to give our input and advise Him in where His gifts are to be used. What a privilege indeed.

But what a responsibility!

“Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required” (Luke 12:48b).

We are not the owners. And while He puts us as managers, we are still to do with His property what He wants done with it. That means we need to know what He desires and wills for His property.

How do we know this? How can we know the will and mind of God?

We find the will of God in the Bible. There God tells us what His will is for all of His gifts. He tells us how we are to spend our time and use our talents and treasures. He instructs us in the use of our minds, bodies, and souls.

There is nothing we have that doesn't belong to Him.

“Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body” (1 Cor. 6:19–20).

God informs us of the big picture, the overarching policy, of how we as His stewards – managers and custodians – are to manage His property.

And that is stewardship. It is simply doing what God wants us to do with what He has given us.

As St. Paul said,

“Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness” (Rom. 6:13).

So, let's dive into God's Word, and listen to what He desires from His stewards.



ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION MINUTE

Last month, we announced Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) podcasts are now available: <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.

This month, we want to share a new program called Mailbox Member. This is a program for those who cannot make local LWML meetings and events but want to stay connected. This program is free to all women. Once you sign up by sharing how you prefer to be contacted (paper (delivered to your Church folder) or via email), you will receive information about LWML, Bible studies and devotions for at-home quiet time, opportunities to connect with other women and opportunities to get involved and share your talents. Sign-up forms are available in the narthex near the LWML acrylic mite box or, if you want to be connected through e-mail, just email phoebehat@gmail.com with a subject line of **LWML Mailbox Member** and be added to the distribution list.

We are so excited to announce that Susan Brunkow has been appointed as the LWML Vice President of Christian Life. Please keep Susan in your prayers as she begins this very busy and important role for LWML.

LWML participated in the recent Rally Day events. Through this event, we already have 3 people who have signed up to be our newest LWML Mailbox Members!

Mary-Martha Circle made snacks to hand out to ELC teachers, church workers, church council and elders to thank them for their service during the August meeting. Mary-Martha also provided cookies for the first day back to Sunday School for teachers and students.

The Caring Service Committee is currently collecting school supplies to complete school kits for Lutheran World Relief. Items needed include crayons, blunt scissors, rulers, erasers, 70-sheet spiral notebooks (plain), 5-pack pen and ink pens. These kits will be assembled during the September 9 Society Meeting. A box is available in the narthex at the church for your donations.

Upcoming Events:

- September 9th – St. Luke's Society Meeting – Report from National Convention in Mobile, AL
- September 21st – LWML Zone Event – "Bearing One Another's Burdens" in Wheaton
- September 27th & 28th – Pumpkin Patch – Will need baked goods & volunteers to work at the booth
- October 1st – First nut sale orders due November 1st
- October 6th – Blessing of the Quilts
- October 12th – Lutheran World Relief Pick-up
- October 12th-13th – LWML Weekend – Celebrating 70 years of St. Luke's LWML
- October ??? – Spooktacular event (details coming – Watch for updates in the "Boo"lletin!)

If you have questions about Lutheran Women in Mission or want to get involved, 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!

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE – SEPTEMBER 2019

In November, we will have our annual Consecration Weekend, where we will ask members to prayerfully consider their giving of time, talents and treasurers for the upcoming year.

But, one does not have to wait until November to begin thinking about and giving of their time and talents. As one looks through the bulletin on Sundays (or Wednesday's email), there are so many events that, in order to be successful, need volunteers: Back-to-School Bash, Table Talk, ushers, yard clean-up and landscaping, church council chairs, elders...and the list goes on and on. God gives each and every one of us gifts to serve His purposes.

The church does not maintain itself; it takes volunteers. During Consecration Weekend last year, if you pledged to give more of your time to God, consider finding something in the bulletin that you can do to help out and fulfill that pledge. Even if you have already met your 2019 pledge commitment, consider stretching yourself a bit further by getting to know our college students and sign-up to provide food for one Sunday evening dinner (Table Talk) or sign up to help on one of the Thrivent projects.

During September and October, we will be building a volunteer board to have on display ways to volunteer your time here at St. Luke's. I hope you will visit this display and consider accepting one (or more) of these activities in serving the Lord.

CANCER COMPANIONS

You may not have **heard** ---- we are meeting on Fridays at 1:30 PM at Via Christi Village Chapel. This is a very private, peaceful setting to meet. If you are in cancer treatment, post treatment or a caregiver of a cancer patient, take the first step to finding God in Your cancer journey.

FLINT HILLS LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

The first chapter meeting was August 11. The constitution and by-laws were approved and sent to the national office. We received our certificate and Chapter number: **#257**. If you plan on joining Lutherans for Life, please include our chapter number as we receive 20% of the donations.

The committees are now working on plans for the rest of this year and next year. The committees are: education, outreach, issues, membership and fundraising/donations. If you were not able to attend the August meeting and would like to serve on one of the committees that would be great! Just e-mail or call Judy Boye, judyboye@gmail.com, 785-320-6355.

The next chapter meeting is Sunday, October 13, 2:00 PM, at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Wamego. Look for more details soon!

TRAVELING BULLETIN

Trinity Lutheran, Colby, KS, Susan and Kimberly Spain
St. John Lutheran, Ellinwood, KS, Laroy and Chari Manry
Zion Lutheran, Independence, KS, Brian, Sylvia and Ian Carter
Peace Lutheran, Columbus, NE, Brad and Susan Brunkow

Canadian Reformed Church of Carman East, Canada, Duane and Jeanette Campbell

(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!)

“Lutheran Women in Mission”

***From the Manhattan Zone invite all women to join us on
Saturday, September 21, 2019, at
St. Luke Lutheran Church
129 Railroad St., Wheaton, KS***

Under the theme “Bearing One Another’s Burdens”

“Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” -Galatians 6:2

Registration: 8:45 a.m.

Call to Order: 9:15 a.m.

Cost: \$5.00 – Includes Lunch

Bible Study

Led by Rev. Jim Price (Bring your Bible)

Ingathering

School Kit Items for Lutheran World Relief

Bring one item or items for an entire kit—it’s up to you!

Each kit contains: Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide-or college-ruled paper, one 30-centimeter ruler, one pencil sharpener, one pair blunt scissors, five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers, five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink), one box of 16 or 24 crayons, one 2 1/2” eraser and one sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag (approximately 14” x 17” with shoulder straps; no standard backpacks).

Servant Events

Mitey Bears Project and Assemble School Kits for LWR

Mites

Bring your coins and bills for our mite offering!

Our mites help share Jesus with the world!

All ladies invited!

Bring someone from your congregation that does not usually attend!

Let’s share the love of Jesus as Lutheran Women in Mission!

**Join us as we share in a day to celebrate and remember
pregnancies and babies gone too soon.**



This is a community wide event on Sunday, October 13, at the Blue Earth Plaza in Manhattan.

All are welcome to attend.

The Remembrance Ceremony is a free event that includes a bubble and butterfly release.

The Remembrance Day 5K Run/Walk and Kid’s Fun Run will follow the ceremony.

This event raises awareness and offers support to families and individuals who have experienced pregnancy or infant loss.

To register for the race, purchase a t-shirt, reserve a remembrance butterfly or for more information, please visit: <http://register.chronotrack.com/r/52735>

This event is brought to you by Perinatal Bereavement MHK and The Mercy Community Health Foundation.

For questions, please email:

PerinatalBereavementMHK@gmail.com

Find Us on Facebook: “Perinatal Bereavement MHK”

From the Parish Nurse...

St. Luke's Lutheran Church ~ LCMS



A MORNING PRAYER

Take my hand, Lord, and lead me through this day step by step. Remind me that I cannot do everything I wish, nor do any of it perfectly. Only you are perfect, and only with your help can I do my best. Help me to remember to ask for that help. In Jesus name ~ Amen

Watch for the Kids!

Back To School Time!



Your Parish Nurses:

Jamie, Kate and Heidi



National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month

The American Cancer Society estimates that about 22,530 women will receive a new diagnosis of ovarian cancer in the United States for 2019.

Ovarian cancer ranks fifth in cancer deaths among women, accounting for more deaths than any other cancer of the female reproductive system. A woman's risk of getting ovarian cancer during her lifetime is about 1 in 78. Her lifetime chance of dying from ovarian cancer is about 1 in 108. (These statistics don't count low malignant potential ovarian tumors.)

This cancer mainly develops in older women. About half of the women who are diagnosed with ovarian cancer are 63 years or older. It is more common in white women than African-American women.

For more information about ovarian cancer visit the American Cancer website: cancer.org or visit with your physician.



September 19-25

National Farm Safety & Health Week.

The National Education Center for Agricultural Safety (NECAS) is dedicated to preventing illness, injuries and deaths among farmers and ranchers, agricultural workers, their families and employees. To learn more go to: www.necasag.org



September is National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month!

1 in 3 children in the United States is overweight or obese. Childhood obesity puts kids at risk for health problems that were once seen only in adults, like type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, and heart disease. The good news is that childhood obesity can be prevented. Taking small steps as a family can help your child stay at a healthy weight.

- **Get active outside:** Walk around the neighborhood, go on a bike ride, or play basketball at the park.
- **Limit screen time:** Keep screen time (time spent on the computer, watching TV, or playing video games) to 2 hours or less a day.
- **Make healthy meals:** Buy and serve more vegetables, fruits, and whole-grain foods. For more information visit with your child's pediatrician. Also visit: www.cdc.gov/obesity/childhood/

