

## 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

*<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,  
... let us <sup>2</sup>[look] to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith...  
Hebrews 12:1a, 2a*

Don't miss out on the opportunity to spend time with your Lord in worship.

The first weekend in November we celebrate **All Saints' Day**. It is an opportunity to remember those who have gone before us in faith. We remember what they have done and how they have passed the faith onto us. We rejoice that they are with our Lord. We also remember that, because of our faith in Christ, we are also saints. We also rejoice that one day there will be a happy reunion in heaven.

The second weekend we will look at the **call of Moses**. Just like us, Moses had plenty of excuses. But nevertheless, the Lord used him in mighty ways. So the Lord does His mighty work in and through us.

During the last couple of weeks in November, we have the theme of **End Times**. We examine the Scriptural texts that talk about the end of the world ... and being ready for it.

We will have our Thanksgiving worship with the Eucharist (i.e., Holy Communion) on **Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 27, at 7:30 PM**. **Eucharist** is Greek for "thanksgiving" and is another name for Holy Communion.

Things are coming along nicely with the construction of our new facilities. If you haven't yet financially contributed to this project, be aware that opportunities abound!

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**.

December is right around the corner. Opportunities to get involved and serve include the **Mayor's Holiday Lighted Parade** (December 6) and **Christmas Caroling** (December 15).

It is an honor to serve as your pastor.

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



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**SEPTEMBER OFFICIAL ACTS**

Transfers

**Floyd and Belinda LeMay**  
**Alexis Glessner**  
Calvary Lutheran  
Council Grove, KS

Profession of Faith

**Janet Friedli**  
**Kevin and Becky McQuilliam, Ethan**

Transfer Out

**Linda McCollough**

Release Member

**Barbee Jorns**  
**Zachery Fleming**  
**Jeremy and Anita Hinkle, Jacob and Joshua**

Burials

**Eula Mae Parker** (September 15, 2019)  
September 21, 2019—Wamego City Cemetery, Wamego, KS



Date	Saturday 6:00 PM	Sunday 8:30 AM	Sunday 11:00 AM
<b>November 2/3</b>	Kennedy Danker	Hannah Schmidt	Payton Sturdy
<b>November 9/10</b>	Kaden Lemaster	Colin Olesky	Sophie Wright
<b>November 16/17</b>	Jocelyn Brott	Simon Schmidt	Luke Wilson
<b>November 23/24</b>	Ethan Olesky	Olivia Stuckwisch	Ava Wright
<b>November 27 - Thanksgiving Eve - Wednesday 7:30 PM - Simon Schmidt</b>			



**November 1:** Tami Robison  
**November 3:** Larry Williams  
**November 4:** Arlene Garcia, Ryan Lynch, Natalie Thomas  
**November 5:** Timothy O'Briant  
**November 6:** Alice Wesche, Melanie Jones, Patricia Thompson, Bentley Davies  
**November 7:** Brynlee Rengstorf  
**November 8:** Ruth Kandt  
**November 9:** Addison Heitman  
**November 10:** Traci Lohse, Jonathan Mellowship, Candice Mathies  
**November 11:** Steve Heitman, Waylon Fleming, Ed Park  
**November 12:** Brad Brunkow, Heather Coots, Angela Reid, Grant Haefke, Nathan Vogt  
**November 13:** Mary Lou Little  
**November 14:** Stacy Kohlmeier, Wesley Reinhardt  
**November 15:** Jill Newland, Scott Mall, Mark Hatesohl, Liam Pralle, Ashley Stuckwisch  
**November 16:** Stephanie Thede, Dillan Radke  
**November 17:** Steve Eckhoff, Amber Davies, Rebekah Lyons

**November 18:** John Johnson, Thomas Bean, Stephanie Watt  
**November 20:** Doris Ahrens, William Hull, Lindsey Wilson  
**November 21:** Leonard Parker  
**November 22:** Wayne Goff, Megan Raymond  
**November 24:** Doug Frihart, Sandi Redding, Jason Cederberg  
**November 25:** Jared Thomas, Megan Hanson, Seth Maxfield, Alyssa Frey  
**November 26:** Jim Jorns, Wyatt Alexander  
**November 27:** Marlene Moormann  
**November 28:** Erna Hass, Jim House, Natalie Bender, Sawyer Manning  
**November 29:** Amy Juracek, Colin Abitz  
**November 30:** Zachery Fleming, Grayson Prockish



**November 3:** Doug & Jill Newland, David & Arlene Garcia  
**November 18:** Wayne & Jane Goff  
**November 24:** Chris & Carol Deetjen  
**November 25:** William & Madeline Hosier  
**November 26:** Darrin & Paula Frey

## EARLY LEARNING CENTER (ELC)

October is always a wonderful month of learning for our students. Each classroom has enjoyed a variety of activities centered around pumpkins, leaves and the season of fall. The children are really getting excited about the leaves finally changing color. A highlight of our pumpkin studies was our field trip to Little Munchkins Pumpkin Patch in Alma. The weather was perfect for our outing and everyone had a wonderful time.

Our Little Caesars Pizza Fundraiser will continue until November 4. Let Laurie, Tracie or a board member know if you would like to order. We appreciate your support!



(Mrs. Tracie's M-W-F class enjoying their field trip.)



(Mrs. Tracie's Tuesday/Thursday class bundled up for outside play.)



**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

- Children's Choirs sing November 10 at late service; meet in Fellowship Hall at 10:45 AM.
- 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.
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**Youth Ministry Chair:** Lori Uffman  
**Servant Events Sub-chair:** Jerry Feeley  
**Youth Events Sub-chair:** Shanda Wilson  
**Gathering Sub-chair:**

- November 22 to 24 Senior High Gathering in Wichita, KS. Registration is now \$135, if you are interested in attending.
- November 27 Friendsgiving 6:00 PM. Junior High bring dessert and drinks; Senior High bring a side dish; Leaders bring main course.
- November 29 Day of Service 12:00 to 5:00 PM; contact Jerry Feeley. Treats afterwards.
- We are in need of a Gathering Sub-Chair.
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## MISCELLANEOUS

### **November Door Offering: Mayor's Holiday Food and Fund Drive**

The annual Mayor's Holiday Food and Fund Drive provides local individuals and families in need with food assistance year round. Help support this community project!

**The LWML Ladies Nuts and Treats:** If you like pecans and other nuts and treats for yourself or gift giving look for the bright yellow order forms. It is time for the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) nut sales. Proceeds from this fundraising event will purchase the "Portals of Prayer" devotional booklets for use at the hospital and nursing homes in Manhattan. Order forms are available in the narthex or from one of the members listed below. Orders with check attached must be turned by November 1 to: Jeanette Campbell (539-6060); Marilyn Fick (776-0879; Julie Hatesohl (236-0493); Joyce Mott (537-0907); Nancy Williams (383-3340) or Alice Wesche (539-7278).

**Mission of Love:** We will meet at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, November 13th, in the fellowship hall to continue working on quilts. Come and enjoy a morning of fellowship. Questions: Dorothy Burtness, 785-539-8018.

**Save Your Stamps:** Save your cancelled stamps! They can be sold to a stamp dealer and used for postage for LWR shipments. They do not need to be trimmed, but do try and leave a 1/4 inch border. Contact Dorothy Burtness.

**LWML Annual Christmas Tea:** All ladies are invited to the **LWML Annual Christmas Tea**, Saturday, December 7, at 10:00 AM. The tea will be held at the Stone Valley Club House, 2813 Stone Valley Drive. For more information, contact Dorothy Burtness or Kate McNeal.

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## CONNECT GROUPS

**Sunday Adult Bible Class**, following fellowship time, Exodus, Pastor Schmidt

**Women's Bible Study**, 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

**Men's Bible Breakfast**, Tuesdays, 6:30 AM, review sermon notes from Sunday's service, eastside McDonald's, Walt Fick, 785-776-0879 or fick.walter@att.net

**Young Adult Group**, Tuesdays, 7:30 PM, senior high youth room in education building, Kaitlin Krause, 918-899-6927 or kaitlinjoy.krause@gmail.com

**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

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## MUSIC NOTES

It is not too late to join one of our music ensembles! Join the fun in choir (Tuesdays at 6:00 PM) or handbells (Mondays at 6:00 PM)! No experience necessary! We'd love to have you.

### Children's Choirs & Confirmation Class Music Dates 2019-2020

- Sunday, November 10: Children's Choirs during late service, meet in Fellowship Hall at 10:45 AM
- Saturday, December 7: Children's Christmas Program rehearsal during Parents' Day Out from 9:00 to 11:00 AM
- Saturday, December 14: Children's Christmas Program at 4:00 PM, meet in Fellowship Hall at 3:30 PM
  - (New this year—youth and children's vocal/instrumental Christmas solos/duets welcome!)
- Sunday, December 15: Confirmation Class Chime Choir at both services, meet in sanctuary at 8:00 AM; finished by 11:10 AM
- Sunday, February 23: Children's Choirs during late service; meet in Fellowship Hall at 10:45 AM
- Sunday, April 5: Confirmation Class Chime Choir at confirmation service (TBD)
- Sunday, April 26: Children's Choirs during early service; meet in Fellowship Hall at 8:15 AM
- Wednesday, May 6: Children's Choirs (and anyone who would like to perform) at the Spring Concert at 6:30 PM



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

St. Paul wrote to the Church of Christ in Corinth: “Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor 9:7). *God loves a cheerful giver.* But who is a cheerful giver?

Abel was. By faith, Abel gave the firstborn of his flock, and it was acceptable in God’s sight. Abraham was. By faith, Abraham prepared cakes and a tender choice calf for God and entertained angels unaware. So also were David and Solomon. By faith, David would not make a sacrifice to God that cost him nothing, so he paid Araunah his due. By faith, Solomon built a house for God, where his name would dwell and thereby where He would dwell to be Israel’s God and they His people.

What more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of all those who gave not simply for the joy of giving but for the joy of knowing the One to whom they gave.

So also our Lord, who for the joy set before Him, gave everything, yes, even His life, enduring the cross and scorning its shame. He gave to the shedding of His blood, willingly and resolutely setting His face toward Jerusalem to die for the life of the world. Though He was rich in every way, He became poor, so that by His poverty we might be rich beyond measure.

So then, let us – like Abel and Abraham, like David and Solomon, and even like our Lord Jesus Christ – give cheerfully to God for the work of His kingdom in our midst. Like them, let us decide in our heart – for the joy set before us – the joy of knowing the One to whom we give is the One who gives us all good things.



**Stewardship Message – November 2019**

The weekend of November 2-3, we will have our annual Consecration Weekend where we will ask members to prayerfully consider their giving of time, talents and treasures for the upcoming year. The verse chosen for this year’s Consecration Weekend is:

***Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7***

Prayerfully consider how you can support St. Luke’s Church and Early Learning Center this upcoming year (2020), either through giving time to serve through your time and talents (skills) or financially through monetary gifts. Your decision comes from your heart.

Those who complete the Giving Form for weekend worship November 2 and 3 should either put it in an envelope with your name written on the outside or sealed with a staple or tape (again, name written on the outside) and placed in the box at the front of the Church during the final hymn. These forms will be returned in the Spring as a reminder of your commitment.

## **CANCER COMPANIONS**

We have been blessed to have new people attending our Cancer Companions Support Group. We have room for someone YOU know that has cancer. You don't have to convince them to come - just tell them about the spiritual support they will receive in their cancer journey!

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## **FLINT HILLS LUTHERANS FOR LIFE**

### **Thanksgiving Tree – Outreach Project for Flint Hills Lutherans for Life**

Each church in our circuit has the opportunity to participate in this outreach project. The tree will have leaves that will have a “need” for Life Choice Ministries. You will have 3 Sundays to bring that “need” back to church. December 1st will be the last Sunday to drop off the items and then they will be collected and delivered to Life Choice Ministries. Be looking for the tree and your opportunity to help this life-affirming agency.



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## **ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION MINUTE**

October is always a busy month for St. Luke's Lutheran Women in Mission. This year was no different.

There were two major missionary projects: Pumpkin Patch and Nut Sales. Pumpkin Patch involves baking and selling goods with funds going to Shepherd's Crossing. We raised over \$850.00. Each year LWML collects orders for nuts and chocolate-covered items and other goodies. Two order deadlines are October 1 and November 1. From the first order alone LWML has profited over \$1,000. This money goes towards payment for Portals of Prayers which are delivered to the local hospital and nursing care facilities. Both of these fund-raising events would not be possible without the generosity of a lot of people. We are thankful.

November 11 St. Luke's LWML will be celebrating 70 years of our Church's Women's Society for our final meeting of the year. We will have a presentation on the history of our Society. Refreshments will be served. Watch the bulletin for details.

December 7 will be the annual LWML Christmas event. Elizabeth Circle has been planning for this event. Please watch the bulletin for details.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- November 11: Society/Group meeting at 7:00 PM at the Church
- December 7: LWML Christmas Brunch at 10:00 AM at 2813 Stone Valley Drive (Clubhouse)
- April 17-19, 2020: Kansas District Convention, Topeka, KS

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 Burtner or Liana Eagan, either at Church or through the Church Directory. We'd love to hear from you!

## More from the Pastor's Pen

On Monday, September 31, I arrived at the church office like I normally do. Our computer guy, Farren, was sitting at my desk, checking out my computer. (It had stopped working on Saturday and I called him in a panic.) He confirmed that the mother board had died, but he would have to check to see if my hard drive had also died. (The hard drive has all my files on it.)

After Farren left my office, Jean wanted to talk. She told me that she would be retiring at the end of the month.

After Jean, it was Charity's turn. She had received a call to Tallmadge Lutheran Church. Tallmadge is a suburb of Cleveland, OH. She and Jesse would visit the church the following week, and then she would spend some time deliberating on where the Lord would want her to serve.

It was quite a Monday morning, and it wasn't even lunch time yet. But to be honest, I wasn't panicked. I couldn't work on my computer, so any computer related items were simply not possible. I figured we had a month to find Jean's replacement and get that person trained, but I also knew that the council would need to be the ones to take the lead on that, so I texted our congregational President and encouraged that he move ahead. And with Charity, I figured it was out of my hands. The Lord will guide the process, and He would do what is best for all involved.

Well, the council posted the office coordinator's job on a website, and we had 43 applicants within a day or two. We decided we had enough applicants and decided to close the posting. Charity, Laurie (our ELC Director), and I looked at the resumes and wrote comments on each one. Chari Manry, our Church Council Secretary, then went through them and picked out the top three candidates. The candidates interviewed with Chari, Walt Fick (our Council's Vice President), Charity, and me. All three candidates did well, and it was a close decision, but our top choice was Sue Wells. She was hired. Her first day was on October 21 and she has been training with Jean since then.

Jean has been a wonderful blessing to the church. Not only does she fulfill her job description, she does so much more. She interacts with visitors at church on Sunday. She proof reads my articles and letters. She pulls weeds. She interprets the church constitution and continually checks it to make sure we are following it. She will be missed. To date, "**Jean's Greens**", an account that has been set up in Jean's honor and will be used to landscape and beautify our new property, has now brought in over \$1400. (If you would like to contribute to it, please make a check out to St. Luke's and put "Jean's Greens" in the memo line.)

On Saturday and Sunday (October 26-27), Charity announced that she had declined the call to Tallmadge. Before she did, I thought of some of the things she has done in the last 7 years here at St. Luke's. She has started Lighthouse (a support group for those suffering through the heartbreak of miscarriage and infertility). She has brought Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University (FPU) to St. Luke's. (Both the Lighthouse Group and FPU fall in line with Family Life Ministry activities.) She has been involved in the Early Learning Center, sharing chapel and Bible time responsibilities with me. She has been instrumental in combining the Meet the Teacher event with Rally Day. She has worked with our members to put on our Back to School Bash. She has been a key figure in BASIC Training (our Wednesday night education program) and Sunday School. She started a Jr. High Youth ministry. She has been a key figure in making sure our youth have raised enough money to get to the National Youth Gathering, District Gatherings, and Quake. She has found willing people



to serve on boards, and then worked with those boards to make decisions and implement policies. She has been a warm, friendly greeter in the narthex, both before and after the worship services.

If the Lord would have led Charity to leave St. Luke's to go to Tallmadge, I would have been sad. We would have had a time of transition, but we would have made it through. But, I'm grateful that we don't have to do that. Charity has been a blessing to St. Luke's, and I'm grateful that she will continue to be.

And just to wrap up the loose ends in this little story, Farren discovered that my hard drive was not damaged. I didn't lose my files. He put my hard drive into a loaner computer, and I, once again, was working on a computer on Thursday, October 3.

The Lord watches over us.

### **TRAVELING BULLETIN**

Trinity Lutheran, Colby, KS, Scott Stone & Susan Spain  
Ascension Lutheran, Wichita, KS, Hamlin & Dorothy Burtness  
St. Paul's Lutheran, Alta Vista, KS, Brad & Susan Brunkow  
Our Father Lutheran, Centennial, CO, Jim Jorns  
St. James Lutheran, Belle Fourche, SD, Larry and Alice Wesche  
Redeemer Lutheran, Arkansas City, KS, Ken Culbertson  
Trinity Lutheran, Atchison, KS, Shawn and Julie Thiele, Tessa, Taryn and Tegan  
Christ Lutheran, Overland Park, KS, Jesse and Charity 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



## Did you get your FLU shot?



Everyone age 6 months and older needs to get a flu shot every year. The flu is a serious respiratory illness. The best way to protect yourself and others is to get the flu vaccine and wash your hands often to prevent the spread of flu.



Wash and rub vigorously for **20 seconds**. Don't forget your wrists, thumbs and nails!

## Your Parish Nurses: **Jamie, Kate and Heidi**



## NATIONAL ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

Alzheimer's disease is an irreversible, progressive brain disorder that slowly destroys memory and thinking skills, and, eventually, the ability to carry out the simplest tasks. In most people with Alzheimer's, symptoms first appear in their mid-60s. Estimates vary, but **experts suggest that more than 5.5 million Americans, most of them age 65 or older, may have dementia caused by Alzheimer's.**

Scientists don't yet fully understand what causes Alzheimer's disease. In its early stages, memory loss is mild, but with late-stage Alzheimer's, individuals lose the ability to carry on a conversation and respond to their environment.

### **Alzheimer's is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States.**

Scientists are conducting studies to learn more about plaques, tangles, and other biological features of Alzheimer's disease. Advances in brain imaging techniques allow researchers to see the development and spread of abnormal amyloid and tau proteins in the living brain, as well as changes in brain structure and function. If you or a loved one has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's or a related dementia, you are not alone. **The Alzheimer's Association is the trusted resource** for reliable information, education, referral and support to millions of people affected by the disease. Go to: [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org) for more information.

## FAMILY CAREGIVER AWARENESS MONTH

Here are 10 tips from the Caregiver Action Network.

1. Seek support from other caregivers. You are not alone!
2. Take care of your own health so that you can be strong enough to take care of your loved one.
3. Accept offers of help and suggest specific things people can do to help you.
4. Learn how to communicate effectively with doctors.
5. Caregiving is hard work so take respite breaks often.
6. Watch out for signs of depression and don't delay getting professional help when you need it.
7. Be open to new technologies that can help you care for your loved one.
8. Organize medical information so it's up to date and easy to find.
9. Make sure legal documents are in order.
10. Give yourself credit for doing the best you can in one of the toughest jobs is! ([www.caregiveraction.org](http://www.caregiveraction.org))