

St. Luke's Monthly

Sharing Christ's love with those around us



Building Our Future

God continues to bless St. Luke's with growth — in faith, in families, and in mission. As we look ahead to Phase 2 of our building project, we remain committed to careful planning and faithful stewardship. Every step we take now lays the foundation for a space that will serve generations to come.

Please continue to keep this project in your prayers: that we would move forward in faith, with clarity, unity, and joyful generosity. We trust that God will provide, in His perfect time and in His perfect way.

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From the Pastor's Pen

The Reformation: Christ's Church Rediscovered

October always draws our hearts back to the Reformation—not as a museum piece, but as a living confession. The Reformation matters because it is, at its core, a return to **Christ alone, grace alone, faith alone**, and **Scripture alone**. These are not slogans; they are the beating heart of the Gospel.

Why the Reformation Still Matters

The Reformation was not an attempt to create something new. It was a call to recover what had been lost: the clarity of the Gospel and the comfort of Christ's finished work. Luther's insistence that salvation is God's gift—not our achievement—remains as urgent today as it was in 1517.

- **The rediscovery of the Gospel** — Luther's study of Romans 1:17 (*"The righteous shall live by faith"*) shattered the idea that righteousness is earned. Instead, he saw that righteousness is *given*—a gift received by faith.
- **The centrality of Scripture** — Luther's translation of the Bible into German opened the Scriptures to everyday Christians. Before this, most laypeople never heard the Word except in Latin.
- **The freedom of the Christian** — Luther's famous treatise *The Freedom of a Christian* taught that Christians are perfectly free in Christ and yet joyfully bound to serve their neighbor.
- **The spread of hymnody** — Luther's love of music reshaped worship. "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," written around 1527–1529, became the battle hymn of the Reformation and remains one of the most sung hymns in the world.
- **The printing press** — The Reformation was the first movement in history to harness mass communication. Luther's writings accounted for one-third of all books sold in Germany between 1517 and 1525.
- **The Reformation's global reach** — By 1600, Lutheran congregations existed not only in Germany but also in Scandinavia, Eastern Europe, and even parts of the New World.

These are not merely historical curiosities. They remind us that God preserves His Church by His Word and Spirit. The Reformation is our heritage because the Gospel is our heritage.

As we celebrate Reformation this month, may we give thanks that Christ continues to build His Church—not by human strength, but by His living and active Word.

Events in October

LWML Sunday — October 4, 2026

We give thanks for the faithful work of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Their commitment to prayer, service, and mission continues to bless congregations around the world. Join us as we celebrate LWML Sunday and pray for the ongoing mission work supported through mites and service.

Circuit 8 Reformation Service — Sunday, October 27, 2026 • 2:00 PM

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Junction City, KS

Our annual Circuit 8 Reformation Service gathers congregations from across the region to rejoice in the Gospel rediscovered during the Reformation. This service is always a highlight of the fall season. Please plan to attend and celebrate Christ's saving work with our brothers and sisters in the faith.

Trunk-or-Treat— October 28, 2026 • 6:00 PM

Bring your family, invite your neighbors, and join us for an evening of fun, fellowship, and community connection. If you are not bringing the kids, please host a trunk. It's incredibly fun! We look forward to seeing you there.

Pastor Schmidt



From the Director of Christian Education

Happy Reformation Month!

It is in October that we celebrate the Reformation. October 31, 1517 is held as the day that Martin Luther posted his 95 theses publicly for debate! I wonder if he knew what that list of topics would ultimately create?

This month, I would encourage you to find a copy of the 95 These and give it a quick read. Reflect on the struggles/questions that the church of the 1500s was struggling with. I might argue that some of those struggles/questions are not a lot different then the issues we struggle with today: How does Justification work?

That is a question that still creates struggles for some today. We are blessed to have so many writings of Martin Luther, his contemporaries, and theologians since to think through the words of Scripture to help us understand God's gracious work for us. Here are a few topics that might help your exploration:

Justification by Faith Alone
Imputed, Not Earned, Righteousness
The "Righteousness of God" Reinterpreted
Works Have No Role in Justification

Have fun AND Happy Reformation!

In God's Grace and Peace,

- William Prann

Please continue your partnership with me as I pray for our Pastor, our leaders, our volunteers, for all the families at St Luke's. God is working in, around, and through us for His glory and for the benefit of the community around us. In situations like these Satan takes immense pleasure in causing discord and unrest. Please pray that each of us will "Fix our eyes on Christ" and that we would not be distracted by Satan's efforts.

HAPPENINGS

Traveling Bulletin

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.

*Kaitlin Krause, King of Kings Lutheran Church, Kansas City, MO
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HELP MAKE TRUNK OR TREAT A SUCCESS!!

Trunk or Treat is coming up on Wednesday, Oct. 28 from 6-7 p.m. We need your help to make this event a success again this year! Ways you can help: 1.) Sign up to host a trunk at the event. Weather permitting, you can choose to have an indoor or outdoor trunk. The sign-up sheet is outside of the church office. 2.) If you can't be at the event, we would love to have candy donations to help pass out at the trunks. There is a candy donation box in the narthex. Thanks in advance, for helping us with another successful Trunk or Treat.

"THE WIDOW'S MITE"

Luke 21: 1-4

LWML Manhattan Zone Fall Event

Saturday, October 3, 2026

St. John Lutheran Church

218 West 2nd Street

Alma, Ks. 66401

Registration: 9:30 AM

Call to Order: 10:00 AM

Guest Speaker: Carol von Soosten

Cost: \$5.00

Checks may be made out to "LWML Manhattan Zone"

LIGHT LUNCH WILL BE SERVED

GIFTS FROM THE HEART

"TEENS FOR CHRIST"

Small tape measures

Jump ropes

Small crank flashlights

Deflated soccer balls with pump

Travel sewing kits-colored thread is a luxury

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Everything must be small enough to fit in a shoe box. Amazon has items in bulk for Operation Christmas Child

All ladies invited!

Bring a friend!

HAPPENINGS

Building Project Update

Project design continues to move forward. One congregational priority is to reuse the altar from the Sunset Church at the current location. The black marble in front of the existing altar came from the previous altar and will be used in the future sanctuary. The original limestone top is being stored in our container. In the planned altar arrangement, the pastor will be able to stand behind the altar to address the congregation. To make this possible, the previous altar's 8-inch tall black marble shelf needed to be removed. That marble will be repurposed as a wall shelf behind the altar for candles and flowers.

Here are some pictures.



Altar leaving the Sunset church after an army of volunteers moved it out. Altar weight estimated at 2,500 pounds and possibly close to 3,000 with the carrying dolly.



Marble partially removed showing how it was installed with bricks and mortar on the altar. There were copper pins embedded between the marble parts to hold it together which made removal tricky.



The top will need some sanding to remove original pencil lines, but top of altar is ready for future service. The ground in crosses at the edges represent the nails in Jesus hands and feet. The cross in the middle the spear in Jesus side.



All marble pieces saved for the future shelf. Nothing broke! Two pieces did have original glue repairs it appears. Thank you to the volunteers who helped.

If you wish to help with future projects at church let Brad Brunkow know at 580-716-8187 or email brunkow24@outlook.com

MONTHLY CALENDAR

Worship with us | Saturday 6:30 pm | Sunday 8:30 & 11 am

Thursday 10/1

- 6 pm JuBELLation Handbell Rehearsal
- 7 pm Vocal Choir Rehearsal

Friday 10/2

- 9:30 am ELC Lesson Video
- 10 am Building Design Cmte

Sunday 10/4

- 9:45 am Adult & Children's Sunday School
- 12:30 pm AHG Joining Award Fun Day
- 2 pm New Member Class

Monday 10/5

- 5:45 pm Children's Ministry Meeting
- 6 pm AHG
- 6:30 pm Trail Life USA
- 7 pm Card Making
- 7:30 pm LCMS-U Bible Study & Fellowship

Tuesday 10/6

- 7 am Men's Bible Study
- 1:30 pm Cancer Companions
- 7 pm Elders' Meeting

Wednesday 10/7

- 9:30 am ELC Chapel
- 5:15 pm Praise & Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6 pm BASIC & Confirmation Class

Thursday 10/8

- 6 pm JuBELLation Handbell Rehearsal
- 7 pm Vocal Choir Rehearsal

Friday 10/9

- 9:30 am ELC Lesson Video

Sunday 10/11

- 9:45 am Adult & Children's Sunday School
- Noon Table Talk
- 2 pm New Member Class

Monday 10/12

- 9:30 am Women's Bible Study
- 6:30 pm Trail Life USA Mtg
- 7 pm Card Making
- 7:30 pm LCMS-U Bible Study & Fellowship

Tuesday 10/13

- 7 am Men's Bible Study
- 9 am Mission of Love Quilting Circle
- 1:30 pm Cancer Companions
- 7 pm LWML Mary/Martha Circle

Wednesday 10/14

- 9:30 am ELC Chapel
- 5:15 pm Praise & Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6 pm BASIC Fun Night & Confirmation Class

Thursday 10/15

- 6 pm JuBELLation Handbell Rehearsal
- 7 pm Vocal Choir Rehearsal

Friday 10/16

- 9:30 am ELC Lesson Video

Sunday 10/18

- 9:45 am Adult & Children's Sunday School

Noon Table Talk

2 pm New Member Class

MONTHLY CALENDAR

Monday 10/19

- 6 pm AHG
- 6:30 pm Trail Life USA
- 7 pm Card Making
- 7:30 pm LCMS-U Bible Study & Fellowship

Tuesday 10/20

- 7 am Men's Bible Study
- 1:30 pm Cancer Companion
- 7 pm Theology on Tap

Wednesday 10/21

- 9:30 am ELC Chapel
- 5:15 pm Praise & Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6 pm BASIC Store & Confirmation Class
- 6 pm MomCo Meeting

Thursday 10/22

- 6 pm JuBELLstion Handbell Rehearsal
- 7 pm Vocal Choir Rehearsal

Friday 10/23

- 9:30 am ELC Lesson Video

Saturday 10/24

- 9 am AHG Cook-Off Fundraiser

Sunday 10/25

- 9:45 am Adult & Children's Sunday School

Noon Table Talk

- 2 pm New Member Class

Monday 10/26

- 9:30 am Women's Bible Study
- 6:30 pm Trail Life USA Mtg
- 7 pm Card Making
- 7:30 pm LCMS-U Bible Study & Fellowship

Tuesday 10/27

- 7 am Men's Bible Study
- 1:30 pm Cancer Companion
- 7 pm Church Council Meeting

Wednesday 10/28

- 9:30 am ELC Chapel
- 5:15 pm Praise & Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6 pm Trunk-or-Treat

Thursday 10/29

- 6 pm JuBELLstion Handbell Rehearsal
- 7 pm Vocal Choir Rehearsal

Friday 10/30

- 9:30 am ELC Lesson Video

BIRTHDAYS

OCTOBER 2	Pat Roland Barb Hackbart Jerry Feeley
OCTOBER 7	Shanda Wilson
OCTOBER 9	David Beach
OCTOBER 10	Nancy Williams
OCTOBER 11	Jacinda Tucker Jeanette Campbell
OCTOBER 12	Dan Murphy
OCTOBER 13	Kayla Dieball
OCTOBER 15	Bill Robb
OCTOBER 16	Ben Gordon
OCTOBER 17	Kim Zier Gary Kasten
OCTOBER 23	Hannah Schmidt
OCTOBER 24	John Miesner
OCTOBER 25	Rod Robison
OCTOBER 26	Kyle Campbell
OCTOBER 29	Steve Havenstein Terry Wehmueeller Deanne Burris
OCTOBER 30	Chari Miller

ANNIVERSARIES

OCTOBER 2	Vince & Sandi Redding
OCTOBER 8	Tom & Pat Orazem
OCTOBER 9	Brian & Sylvia Carter
OCTOBER 13	Lowell & Stacy Kohlmeier
OCTOBER 14	Jared & Shanda Wilson
OCTOBER 19	Scott Stone & Susan Spain Evan & Mara Rosenow
OCTOBER 23	Jason & Rachael Stadel
OCTOBER 29	Jacob & Grace Hagenmaier



LCMS STEWARDSHIP

It's in the Way that You Use It *Originally Published October 2023*

Consider the humble baseball bat. It is a simple tool designed for a complex task. The batter needs a tool that can consistently deliver force to a small ball which may be thrown at over 100 miles per hour, but which might also come slanting across the plate as a slow curve. For a game like this, the founders of baseball had to redesign the old cricket bat, which is more of a flat paddle. The tool had to fit the job.

But even a specially-designed tool can be used for a different purpose. It turns out that some years ago in England, the home of cricket, baseball bats suddenly started selling like hotcakes. What were folks across the pond doing with all those baseball bats? Using them as clubs in riots!

A tool can be used, and it can be misused. It's all in the way that you use it.

The same is true with the things of God. The Second Commandment states that we should "not misuse the name of the Lord." In the Small Catechism, Luther goes on to tell us exactly what this misuse is, as well as the proper use:

"We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks." (SC I)

The Lord has given us His name: He has placed it upon us in Holy Baptism and He has invited us to pray to Him as our Father. In this sense, the Lord's name is something for us to use. We should not misuse it ... and we should not fail to use it. The Pharisees of old were so afraid of misusing the name of God that they decided to simply never say the name of God (YHWH, Jehovah) at all! This non-use is just as bad as misuse. The Lord gives His gifts for our use.

A Christian steward is one who is called to use all of God's gifts for His purposes. This includes things like the Name of God, the Sacraments and the Word, and it also includes things like our family and friends, our talents and skills, our money and resources. Everything that God has given to you, He has given to you so that you may be blessed to use it for His kingdom.

It's all in the way that you use it!

ACOLYTES



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Sat 6:00 pm

Sun 8:30 am

Sun 11:00 am

OCTOBER 3/4

Anna Larson

OCTOBER 10/11

Brynlee Rengstorf

Samuel Lyons

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OCTOBER 17/18

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Stella Hammons

OCTOBER 24/25

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