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

November Worship Themes

November brings us to three important themes of the Christian faith: the saints who have died in Christ, our Lord's return on the Last Day, and thanksgiving for God's gifts. These observances share one great truth: **our life, our death, and our future rest securely in Jesus Christ.**

Remembering the Saints—and the Savior

The Reformation began in a setting closely connected to All Saints' Day. On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther circulated his Ninety-Five Theses concerning indulgences. The next day, worshipers would gather at Wittenberg's Castle Church, where a remarkable collection of relics was displayed. The controversy raised a fundamental question: Where can troubled consciences find certainty before God?

The Gospel gives a clear answer: Jesus Christ alone.

We thank God for Christians who have gone before us. We remember their faith and the examples they leave us. But we do not place our confidence in their merits or seek their intercession. As the Augsburg Confession teaches, Christ alone is our Mediator and Redeemer. The saints are saints because of God's grace, not because they earned salvation. The same is true of us. We are justified by grace, for Christ's sake, through faith.

Those who die in Christ are not lost. They await the fulfillment of God's promise: the resurrection of the body and life everlasting.

Watching for the Last Day

The Sundays following All Saints' Day turn our attention to Christ's return. Scripture teaches that He will come again, raise the dead, judge the world, and bring His people into eternal life.

Some Christians become fascinated with prophetic timetables, current events, and teachings about a secret rapture followed by an earthly reign of Christ. The Lutheran Confessions reject the expectation of an earthly millennial kingdom before the resurrection. We confess one final, visible return of Christ.

Jesus does not reveal the Last Day so that we can calculate its date. He calls us to watchfulness and faithfulness.

If our confidence rested on our good works, we would have reason to fear. God's Law exposes our sin, and we cannot make ourselves worthy to stand before Him. But the Judge who will come in glory is the same Jesus who bore our sins on the cross and rose again for our justification.

Our confidence rests in Christ's promises. In Baptism, He joins us to His death and resurrection. Through the preached Gospel and Holy Absolution, He gives us forgiveness. In the Lord's Supper, He gives us His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. As we await His return, our risen Lord sustains us through these gifts.

Giving Thanks for What Cannot Be Taken Away

At Thanksgiving, we rightly thank God for family, friends, homes, work, health, and daily bread. Yet earthly blessings can change. Health fails, loved ones die, and this fallen world brings sorrow.

Still, death will not have the final word.

God has promised to raise the dead, abolish death, wipe away every tear, and make all things new. Our future is the resurrection of the body and the life of the world to come.

This is the hope uniting November's observances. We remember the saints because Christ has redeemed them. We await the Last Day because Christ has conquered death. We give thanks because our salvation rests on His finished work, not our own.

Until He comes, we gather around His Word and Sacraments, receiving His gifts and encouraging one another in faith. With confidence, the Church prays, "Come, Lord Jesus!" (Revelation 22:20).

The saints are safe in Christ. The future belongs to Christ. And in Christ, our future is secure.
Thanks be to God!

Pastor Schmidt

From the Director of Christian Education

WOW! The year seems to have flown by so quickly! As many of you know, I have a special focus in the month of November: THANKFULNESS!The end of the calendar year & Church year is a time to reflect and see how God has worked in, around, and through us the last 12 months.

I am thankful for the opportunity to work around our Children and Youth ministry teams.Seeing God work through the volunteer leaders to teach and encourage our kids in their faith is such a blessing!Seeing God work in the lives of the kids as they become more aware of the world around them and how much God loves them is such a joy!

On the other end of the spectrum, I am also thankful for our adult family at St Luke's as we work together to care and encourage each other in our continued journey of faith.We have had dear friends and member depart for heaven and we have rally around the families and spouses to be the hands and feet of God's love to them. This is so special and makes St. Luke's what it is: A Family together in Christ!Let us all be thankful for that great gift!

I encourage you to join me in praying this collect from the Old Blue "Lutheran Worship":

Lord God, heavenly Father, through whose kindness we have again received the fruits of the earth in their season, grant us ever to rejoice in your mercy that neither prosperity nor adversity may drive us from your presence; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. AMEN!

Grace & Peace,

- William Prann

Please continue your partnership with me as I pray for our Pastor, our leaders, our volunteers, and for all the families at St Luke's. We are so thankful that God is working in, around, and though us for His glory and for the benefit of the community around us. In churches, 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 but instead be thankful for the blessings we receive from God through Christ!

"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another and all the more as you see the day of Christ approaching!"Hebrews 10:23-25

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.

Jessica Jones, William Prann, Max Peterson, Rylan Uffman, Simon Schmidt, Abigail Reid, Reagan O'Farrell, Sam Poppe, Nathan Peters, Immanuel Cooper, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Austin, TX

David, Julie, & Mark Hatesohl, Trinity Lutheran Church, Salina, KS

FLINT HILLS LUTHERANS FOR LIFE - LET'S GO VISITING!

The sun sets earlier and earlier as the days are getting shorter! That can lead to greater loneliness and depression. We would like to encourage you to reach out to those who live alone or in some type of nursing home or assisted living facility. People ages 80 and older had the highest rates of suicide in 2024. Males age 75 and older had the highest rate among males. Age adjusted -rural residents died by suicide at 1 ½ times the urban rate NCHS: National Center for Health Statistics AFAP: American Foundation for Suicide Prevention It is important to let this age group know that they are not forgotten. They are important to God and loved by God. So, go visit them! Read the Portals of Prayer, drink a cup of coffee with them, just visit and discover what they are interested in. Be careful on taking food. You should find out from the staff if they have restrictions. On a nice day ask the staff if they can go outside and sit with you. Let them know they are not forgotten!

NEWS FROM THE CAMPUS MINISTRY

It has been a busy couple months for our LCMS U group! Our Welcome Back BBQ was well-attended with thirty-five students and seven supporters, despite the 100° heat that moved us indoors. Our students also engaged in fellowship during a bowling night in September and successfully solved escape rooms at Locked Manhattan in October.

We continue to meet for our weekly Bible study on Monday nights at 7:30 p.m. in the K-State Student Union. Peer minister Max Peterson recently wrapped up his study on the Meaning of Life, and Rev. Jim Bender from Our Savior (Kansas City, KS) joined us as a guest leader on Oct 19 for a study on Spiritual Warfare. Our next study series will focus on appearances of Jesus in the Old Testament and will be led by peer minister Immanuel Cooper.

At the beginning of October, we quadrupled the number of students we took to the Young Adult Conference hosted by St. Paul Lutheran Church in Austin, TX, from two last year to eight this year. Our group joined 135+ attendees from 17 states, as well as Iran and South Africa, for a weekend of worship, fellowship, and theological learning related to the theme "Apologetics in an Apathetic Age." This was a valuable bonding experience for these students, who were attentive in each of the sessions, eagerly participated in worship, and engaged in theological conversations throughout the weekend, including at the hotel after the conference each day and during the long ride home afterward. Thank you to our DCE William for driving us all the way to Austin and back!

Also, it's time to get ready for finals weeks again. Our campus ministry board will be collecting finals snacks for the college students throughout the month of November, so please consider donating a box or two of your favorite individually packaged snack. A donation bin will be available in the narthex Nov 7th – Dec 2nd.

Thank you for all you do to help our college students embrace St. Luke's as their church home away from home!

Recent ELC Project

Volunteers put of a more permanent shade structure for the ELC smaller children playground. The shade sails do not last in the Kansas wind very long. Another one is planned for the second playground also.
A big thank you to the volunteers.



MONTHLY CALENDAR

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

Sunday 11/1
- 9:45 am Adult & Children's Sunday School

Monday 11/2
- 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 11/3 - ELECTION DAY
- 7 am Men's Bible Study
- 10 am LWML Society Meeting
- 1:30 pm Cancer Companions
- 7 pm Elders' Meeting

Wednesday 11/4
- 9:30 am ELC Chapel
- 5:15 pm Praise & Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6 pm BASIC & Confirmation Class

Thursday 11/5
- 6 pm JuBELLation Handbell Rehearsal
- 7 pm Vocal Choir Rehearsal

Friday 11/6
- 9:30 am ELC Lesson Video

Saturday 11/7
- 10 am LHM District Convention/Zoom

Sunday 11/8
- 9:45 am Adult & Children's Sunday School
- Noon Table Talk
- 2 pm New Member Class

Monday 11/9
- 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 & Fellowhip

Tuesday 11/10
- 7 am Men's Bible Study
- 9 am Mission of Love Quilting Circle
- 1:30 pm Cancer Companions

Wednesday 11/11
- 9:30 am ELC Chapel
- 5:15 pm Praise & Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6 pm BASIC Fun Night & Confirmation Class
- 6 pm MomCo Meeting

Thursday 11/12
- 6 pm JuBELLation Handbell Rehearsal
- 7 pm Vocal Choir Rehearsal

Friday 11/13
- 9:30 am ELC Lesson Video

Saturday 11/14
- 10 am AHG Committee Meeting

Sunday 11/15
- 9:45 am Adult & Children's Sunday School
- 2 pm New Member Class
- 5 pm Thanksgiving Meal & Fellowship

Monday 11/16
- 6 pm AHG
- 6:30 pm Trail Life USA
- 7 pm Card Making
- 7:30 pm LCMS-U Bible Study & Fellowship

MONTHLY CALENDAR

Tuesday 11/17
- 7 am Men's Bible Study
- 1:30 pm Cancer Companion
- 7:30 pm Theology on Tap

Wednesday 11/18
- 9:30 am ELC Chapel
- 5:15 pm Praise & Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6 pm BASIC Store & Confirmation Class

Thursday 11/19
- 6 pm JuBELLation Handbell Rehearsal
- 7 pm Vocal Choir Rehearsal

Friday 11/20
- 9:30 am ELC Lesson Video

Sunday 11/22
- 9:45 am Adult & Children's Sunday School
- 2 pm New Member Class

Monday 11/23
- 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 11/24
- 7 am Men's Bible Study
- 1:30 pm Cancer Companion
- 7 pm Church Council Meeting

Wednesday 11/25
- 5:15 pm Praise & Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6:30 pm Thanksgiving Eve Service

Thursday 11/26
HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Friday 11/27
- 3 pm Tree & Christmas Decorating

Sunday 11/29
- 9:45 am Adult & Children's Sunday School
- 2 pm New Member Class

Monday 11/30
- 7 pm Card Making
- 7:30 pm LCMS-U Bible Study & Fellowship



BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER 1	Lillian Robinett
NOVEMBER 2	Jack Schotte
NOVEMBER 3	Harvey Lyons
NOVEMBER 4	Arlene Garcia Ryan Lynch Natalie Thomas
NOVEMBER 5	Kevin Jones
NOVEMBER 6	Melanie Jones
NOVEMBER 7	Brynlee Rengstorf
NOVEMBER 11	Ed Park Steve Heitman
NOVEMBER 12	Brad Brunkow Angela Reid
NOVEMBER 14	Stacy Kohlmeier
NOVEMBER 15	Mark Hatesohl Ashley Stuckwisch Jill Newland
NOVEMBER 17	Rebekah Lyons
NOVEMBER 18	Paul Stuckwisch
NOVEMBER 20	Lindsey Wilson
NOVEMBER 22	Wayne Goff
NOVEMBER 23	Abigail Lister
NOVEMBER 24	Doug Frihart Sandi Redding
NOVEMBER 25	Nancy Zier Jared Thomas
NOVEMBER 26	Jim Jorns
NOVEMBER 27	Marlene Moormann
NOVEMBER 28	Sawyer Manning Natalie Winter Jim House
NOVEMBER 29	Amy Juracek Colin Abitz

ANNIVERSARIES

NOVEMBER 3	Doug & Jill Newland David & Arlene Garcia
NOVEMBER 12	Ethan & Amelia Hemmert David & Sarah Garcia
NOVEMBER 18	Wayne & Jane Goff
NOVEMBER 24	Chris & Carol Deetjen



Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart!
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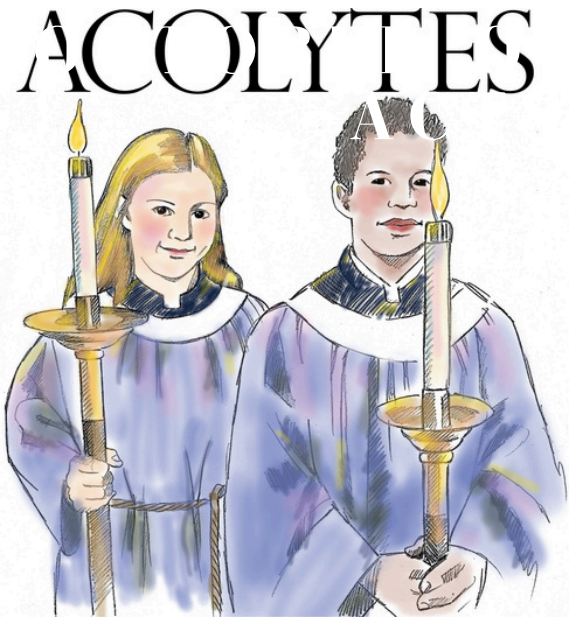
Our Father in heaven has claimed us as His own. By the shedding of His Son's blood, by His death for our sins and His resurrection for our justification, God the Father has received us back into His family. By water combined with His Word, promise and name, the Holy Spirit has taken up residence in us. We belong to Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is in us, and we are in Him. And being in Him, all things are ours. In Him, we are richly and abundantly blessed.

Our true treasure and wealth is that we belong to the most Holy Trinity and everything that is His belongs also to us: righteousness, peace, eternal life. Even our temporal treasures are gifts from His fatherly, divine goodness and mercy.

We receive our treasures from Him, and thus, as good stewards of His varied grace, we manage them in such a way that they may be returned to Him. We bring them to Him, hallowed through prayers of thanksgiving and God's Holy Word, as a sacrifice. Thus all our possessions, as gifts from God, are also sacrifices to Him, from which we eat to nourish our bodies and share with our family, neighbors and fellow Christians, with the poor and even our enemies, as holy things given by our holy God. His temporal gifts are blessings to and for us, and bring blessing upon us even as they are pressed into His service for His kingdom and the souls that receive them.

Thus we place all that we have into God's hands. He never fails to remember us and pours out the fullness of His promises upon us. We give thanks for all that He has done, is doing and will continue to do. We give thanks by not taking for ourselves, but giving to all even as our heavenly Father has given to us.

As we prepare for Thanksgiving celebrations, may we all give thanks continually for all that we are and all that we have because of God's providential care. And may we be all the more diligent in bringing everything that we have received from God to Him, so that He may bless it and employ it for the good of all — even for us. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance.



ACOLYTES

	Sat 6:00 pm	Sun 8:30 am	Sun 11:00 am
OCT 31/NOV 1		Lillian Robinett	Isabelle Eslit
NOVEMBER 7/8	Brynlee Rengstorf	Taryn Thiele	
NOVEMBER 14/15		Teagen Thiele	Claire Deetjen
NOVEMBER 21/22		Izzy Hickman	Stella Hammons
NOVEMBER 25	**6:30 PM**	**Thanksgiving Eve Service**	Anna Larson
NOVEMBER 28/29		**Nolan Michael**	Jovie Winter

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