

# 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

Epiphany was January 6. It is the day set aside to remember the Magi visiting Jesus. But just like Christmas and Easter, **Epiphany** is not just a day but a *season*. The First Sunday after the Epiphany is designated as the Baptism of our Lord. On that day, we heard the words of our heavenly Father: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17). Throughout the Epiphany season, Jesus is revealing who He is through incredible miracles. Then, as the Epiphany season comes to an end, the last Sunday after the Epiphany is designated as the Transfiguration of our Lord. On this day, we again hear our heavenly Father speak. He says the same thing He did at Jesus' baptism, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;" but then he adds the phrase: "**listen to him**" (Matthew 17:5). Our Lord's words are *powerful, forgiving, eternal, and life-giving*. We embrace and hold fast to His Words.

Our **themes** for the worship services in **February** are as follows:

**February 1/2** – *The Purification of Mary and the Presentation of Our Lord* – Luke 2:22–32 (33–40)  
– **Rev. Gerald T. Radtke** will be our **guest pastor**.

**February 8/9** – *Epiphany 5* – Matthew 5:13-20 – "Light Living"

**February 15/16** – *Epiphany 6* – Matthew 5:21-37 – "Leave Your Gift and Be Reconciled"

**February 22/23** – *The Transfiguration of our Lord* – Exodus 24:8-18 – "The Lord Make His Face Shine upon You"

**Lent** is a season of penitence, reflection, prayer, and catechesis. Lent is 40 days long, but does not include Sundays. It begins with **Ash Wednesday** on **February 26, 2020**. **Every Wednesday** during the Lenten season we have a midweek worship service at **7:30 PM**. For our Ash Wednesday service, we also have the **Imposition of Ashes** and **Holy Communion**. The sermon theme for the 2020 Lenten Midweek Services will be "Living among the Bible's Trees." On Ash Wednesday, we will be looking at "Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil." (Our texts will be Psalm 1; Gen 2:8-9, 15-17; 3:1-24; and Deuteronomy 30:15-20).

We will have a **New Member Celebration** on **Sunday, February 23, 6:00 PM**, at **Blue Moose** (100 Manhattan Town Center, Manhattan, KS 66502). **Thrivent** is sponsoring this event to celebrate church membership. If you have joined the church in the last 3 years and would like to attend, please RSVP with the church office. (The first 16 people who RSVP will be able to attend). Baby sitting will be provided at the church. Please RSVP with the church office by February 17.

**March Gladness** will be on **Sunday, March 15**, at the **Bluemont Hotel** (1212 Bluemont Avenue, Manhattan, KS, 66502). **Thrivent** is also sponsoring this event. The evening will include a catered meal from **Coco Bolos**. It is an evening 1) to celebrate the generosity of those who have contributed to our new facility and 2) to invite others to partner with us. (The first 50 people who RSVP will be able to attend). Baby sitting will be provided at the church. Please RSVP with the church office by March 2.

Things are coming along nicely with the construction of our new facilities. We are planning to relocate this summer.

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Please join us on **Sunday mornings** at 9:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall. After **refreshments**, we gather for **Bible Study**.  
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It is a joy to serve St. Luke's.

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



#### DECEMBER OFFICIAL ACTS

Profession of Faith  
**Terry, Mary Lynn, & Jodie Barta**

Transfers  
**Rebekah Pauls**

Baptisms  
**Courtney Huss**

Burials  
**Janice Hill** (December 18, 2019)  
Funeral - December 23, 2019



Date	Saturday 6:00 PM	Sunday 8:30 AM	Sunday 11:00 AM
<b>February 1/2</b>	Kennedy Danker	William Miesner	Payton Sturdy
<b>February 8/9</b>	Zoe Riggs	Kaden Lemaster	Sophie Wright
<b>February</b>	Ethan Olesky	Hannah Schmidt	Luke Wilson
<b>February</b>	Joseph Feldhausen	Olivia Stuckwisch	Ava Wright
<b>February 26</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> - Simon Schmidt		



**February 1:** Tyler Johnson, Lola Hanson, Harper Lohse  
**February 2:** Linda Graham  
**February 3:** Crystal Danker  
**February 4:** William Wehmueller  
**February 5:** Sandy Wyatt, Jacob Johnson  
**February 6:** Zachary Peters  
**February 7:** Maxine Ganske  
**February 9:** Dean Genschorck, Jennifer Martin  
**February 10:** Nicholas Thede  
**February 12:** Autum Mathies  
**February 13:** Kathy Dieball, Thomas O'Briant  
**February 14:** Makayla Tegtmeier, Gail Schwanke, Jamie Sunnenberg  
**February 15:** Alexandria Raymond, Jonathan Spikes  
**February 16:** Carroll Hackbart, Derek Schmidt, Arlyn Stiebe  
**February 17:** Lynn Thomas, Adam Fick  
**February 20:** Hannah Feeley, Austin Eubanks  
**February 21:** Tessa Thiele  
**February 22:** Adeline Saunders  
**February 23:** Kaitlyn Holub, Nelli Anders, Lynn Richter, Morgyn Roeser, Carter Reinhardt  
**February 25:** Annette Helms, Paul Bosch  
**February 27:** Lillian Thede, Jon Brott, Chloe Robison



**February 5:** Ralph & Sharon Wright  
**February 14:** David & Lori Meier  
**February 15:** David & Janet Beach  
**February 18:** John & Brenda Miesner

### EARLY LEARNING CENTER (ELC)

At the end of February, the teachers, students and families in the Early Learning Center will be celebrating National Lutheran Schools Week. This week provides nearly 2,000 preschools, elementary schools and high schools the opportunity to proclaim and celebrate God's work among us in schools of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. It brings us great joy to hear the babes in our center share prayers, songs and stories they have learned with their loved ones. We are thankful for the opportunity to share Jesus' amazing love with children and their families. Praise God! We will kick off the week by singing at the early service on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Throughout the week we will have dress up days, fulfill a service project and invite their parents in for Muffins with Moms and Donuts with Dads. It is bound to be a wonderful week!



Chapel in the ELC due to the rainy/snowy weather.



Indoor snowball fights can be fun too!



**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

- February 9th - No Sunday School
- Emergency Shelter - February/Bars of Soap  
14 Bottles of Laundry Soap were collected in January
- 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:**

- February 1st - FREE Ice Skating at City Park, 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Invite family and friends!
- February 2, 5:00 PM - Super Bowl Party; Furniture Warehouse; Boys bring Snacks, Girls bring Drinks, Everyone bring \$5
- February 9th - Regular Registration for Lutheran Valley Retreat due (\$175)
- February 23rd - Late Registration for LVR due (\$200)
- We are in need of a Gathering Sub-Chair.

### **FAMILY NIGHT**

St. Luke's is inviting all families who have preschoolers to 12th graders to gather in the basement on **February 26th at 6:00 PM**. There will be a guest facilitator, Jenny, from [Visual Faith Ministries](#) based in the LCMS's Southeastern District. There will be a meal and Pre-K to 8th grade families will be doing BASIC store. After the meal, Pastor will talk about the symbols of Lent and then Jenny will be demonstrating how to pray and color. Families will be assisted in creating a family devotion to do throughout the 40 day season of Lent. To help prepare for this evening there are 4 different faith growing experiences for the adults. Each week leading up to Family Night, parents will receive an email with information about these opportunities. These activities will be a time commitment of about 1 hour A WEEK. Be sure and watch your email for these activities and more information.

- Week 1 - **LISTEN**-Go to [1517.org](#) and pick at least 2 new podcasts to listen to each week.
- Week 2 - **Scripture**-Read the prescribed Scripture emailed to you at least once a day.
- Week 3-**Pray**-Read either Luther's [Morning](#) or [Evening](#) Prayer everyday. Click on the links to view the prayers.
- Week 4-**Looking Forward**-Say a prayer each day for yourself.

### **CONNECT GROUPS**

**Sunday Adult Bible Class**, following fellowship time, Pastor Schmidt  
**Lutheran Layman's League**, 1st Sunday of the month, 7:00 PM. For more information, contact David & Julie Hatesohl, 785-845-8124 or 785-236-0493 or phoebehat@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

**Table Talk**, Sundays at 6:00 PM. Meal for college students, meet at the Blue House.

**Women's Bible Study**, 2nd and 4th Monday, 9:30 AM, "Hope", Your Heart's Deepest Longings  
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, Good News study, "Abraham Your Faith Foundation, 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. 4th 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.

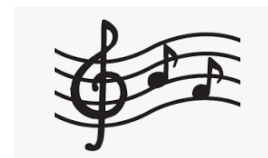
**Campus Ministry Bible Study**, Tuesdays at the Blue House. Fellowship at 8:00 PM; bible Study at 9:00 PM.

**Mission of Love** (working on quilts), 2nd Wednesday of the month, 9:00 AM, basement fellowship hall, Dorothy Burtness, 785-539-8018

**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



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

- 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

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## THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD LCMS STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY NEWSLETTER ARTICLE FEBRUARY 2020

Of the three things a person is not to talk about in polite company – religion, politics, and money – the church is called, in one way or another, to talk about all three. Perhaps this is the reason why teaching about stewardship often seems to be an afterthought. It's something that happens only out of necessity when financial constraints are already nipping at the heels.

There is a more excellent way. Stewardship shouldn't be the kind of teaching that comes up only when there is a financial crunch. It should be part and parcel of the ongoing instruction of Christians as they live out their faith in their vocations – members of their family, their society, and their church. This teaching touches upon every facet of our lives; it stakes a claim upon our time, our presence, our prayers, and our possessions.

Stewardship begins with the acknowledgment that we are stewards. A steward is a manager of someone else's possessions. In Christian stewardship, we recognize, according to the Apostles'



Creed, that God is the owner of all things as the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. And in His fatherly divine goodness and mercy, He gives us what is His to manage here below.

The principal virtue for stewards is faithfulness. As St. Paul wrote to the Christians in Corinth:

“Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful.” (1 Cor. 4:2)

Stewards must manage that which belongs to the owner according to the owner’s wishes. That is what it means to be faithful in stewardship.

That raises a question: How are Christian stewards to be faithful in their managing of what God has entrusted to them to manage? In other words, what are the specific duties of a Christian steward?

This depends upon what God has revealed in His Word for each of our vocations in life as those in a family (fathers, mothers, husbands, wives, children), society (governors or citizens), and the church (pastors or laity). The Table of Duties from *Luther’s Small Catechism* lays this out in helpful and orderly way.

Let’s look just at what the laity (hearers as it is labeled in the catechism) owe their pastors:

“In the same way, the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel.” (1 Cor. 9:14)

“Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.” (Gal. 6:6–7)

“Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, ‘You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain,’ and, ‘The laborer deserves his wages.’ ” (1 Tim. 5:17–18)

“We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.” (1 Thess. 5:12–13)

“Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.” (Heb. 13:17)

We can see that the Lord commands hearers to support the work of the ministry with the gifts God endowed them – their time, their presence, their prayers, and their possessions. This is the means by which God blesses His people with His gifts: the ministry with the support of those whom they serve, and the hearers with the work of the ministry.

St. Paul expounds upon this further in his letters to the church at Corinth. He instructs them to give regularly (1 Cor. 16:1–2), proportionally (1 Cor. 16:1–2; 2 Cor. 8:12), and generously (2 Cor. 8:20) of our first-fruits (1 Cor. 16:2) with a spirit of eagerness (2 Cor. 9:2), earnestness (2 Cor. 8:7), cheerfulness (2 Cor. 9:7), and love (2 Cor. 8:23).

All of this teaching is set forth squarely within the context of stations to which God calls us. This is always appropriate for the church to speak because it instructs God’s people in how they are to live out their faith as His stewards under those who are created, redeemed, and sanctified by Him.

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## **Cancer Companions 30 Days of Cancer Prayer January 26th – February 24th, 2020**

This is year two for 30 Days of Cancer Prayer!!

To join simply text 'CANCER' to 57838. You will receive a message asking if you want to sign up. Reply with the word 'YES'.

On January 26th you will start receiving on your phone the video prayer for the day!

You will only receive messages for this prayer campaign and no one else will receive your phone number.

Example of topics:

February 6th: Financial / Job Concerns

February 7th: Grandparents with Cancer

February 8th: Children with Cancer

Some of the participants: Kurt Warner, Kirk Cameron, Francesca Battistelli

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

On February 10th, the LWML Group will meet for our annual prayer service. The theme for this year's prayer service is Living in Love, Bearing Fruit. All women are invited to these events. Meeting begins at 7:00 PM at the Church.

Can't make a meeting? We now have an email membership program, where you can sign up to receive emails about events and activities. There is no commitment; just sign-up. Sign-up sheets are available in the Church Narthex on the table next to the two remaining LWML cookbooks (that are still for sale—by the way—for \$5). Forms can be turned into Julie Hatesohl's folder. If you want to be "paperless" feel free to email Julie Hatesohl at [phoebebat@gmail.com](mailto:phoebebat@gmail.com) and let her know to add you to the LWML Mailbox Members.

Looking for more ways to have Christ in your life? Visit the LWML.org website. There you can find Bible studies, sign-up for 2-minute Tuesday and/or Mustard Seed emails.

Did you know LWML now has podcasts? You can sign up at: <http://www.lwml.org/posts/podcast/lwml-podcast-now-available?month=5&year=2019>

We will have some opportunities in 2020 for a short Bible Study – Where Love Abides; by Donna Pyle. Be watching for information on this upcoming event in weekly bulletins.

If you have suggestions for activities or mission events, we are always looking for ideas. You are welcome to reach out to Julie Hatesohl at Church or send an email to: [phoebebat@gmail.com](mailto:phoebebat@gmail.com).

Happy 2020!



## Flint Hills Lutherans for Life

**We will be hosting Rev. Michael Salemink, Executive Director of Lutherans For Life at our March 1, 2020 chapter meeting.**

Rev. Salemink will be speaking at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, 17535 Say Rd, Wamego, KS. March 1, 2020 at **2:00 p.m.** Rev. Salemink's topic is *Speaking the Truth in Love: Engaging Abortion Advocates' Arguments and Objections*. "The Bible doesn't say anything about abortion." "It's not a person." "My body, my right." "If it's illegal, women will die." "Don't legislate morality." "You can't force rape victims to bear their attackers' children." "We shouldn't judge those poor women." Let's look at how we can share God's grace sensitively, eloquently, and winsomely in response to these and other arguments/objections.

Rev. Salemink's presentation has also been very well received by junior high through college age youth. This age group is especially encouraged to attend. Rev. Salemink began serving as executive director of Lutherans For Life in January 2016.

If child care is needed during presentation: e-mail how many to-- [flinthillsfl@gmail.com](mailto:flinthillsfl@gmail.com)



Let's Hope he doesn't see his

### TRAVELING BULLETIN

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Bel Air, Maryland, Gary & Connie Kasten  
Salem Lutheran Church, Axtell, Kansas, David & Julie Hatesohl  
Christ Lutheran Church, Fort Worth, Texas, Brad & Susan Brunkow  
Trinity Lutheran Church, Roswell, Georgia, Bill & Gerda Robb

(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...

St. Luke's Lutheran Church ~ LCMS

## February is American Heart Month!



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Cardiovascular disease, including stroke, are our nation's No. 1 killer. The American Heart Association is dedicated to building awareness and educating all of us on the risks and prevention of heart disease and stroke.

### Heart Attack Warning Signs

- Chest discomfort, pressure, burning or squeezing
- Discomfort in your jaw, arm or neck
- Shortness of breath
- Nausea, dizziness or breaking out in a cold sweat

### Stroke Warning Signs

Sudden Onset of:

- Numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg. Especially on one side
- Confusion or trouble speaking or understanding
- Trouble seeing out of one or both eyes
- Trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination
- Severe headache with

Whether you're facing a crisis or simply trying to manage the many chal-

lenges of a fast-paced life, you can learn to take good care of your heart.



**For more information and to LEARN HANDS ONLY CPR!**

Visit:  
[www.aha.org](http://www.aha.org) or  
[www.goredforwomen.org](http://www.goredforwomen.org)

Overweight children and adolescents have a 62-98% chance of being overweight by age 35, which increases their risk of heart disease.



## Falls and Older Adults

Six out of every 10 falls happen at home, where we spend much of our time and tend to move around without thinking about our safety. Many falls could be prevented by making simple changes in your living areas, as well as personal and life-

style changes.

Take steps to "fall proof" your home, both inside and outdoors. To make your home safer, you can: Remove anything that could make you fall or trip. Throw rugs are a big hazard to older adults!

Improve lighting in hallways, stairs and entrances. install handrails and grab bars in bathrooms, tubs and showers

Move items you often use to make them easier to reach. Visit:  
[www.nihseniorhealth.gov/falls](http://www.nihseniorhealth.gov/falls)



**February is Children's Dental Health Month!**  
**Make sure to brush 2-minutes for a healthier smile!**

**Your Parish Nurses!**  
**Jamie & Kate**

