

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

We've all experienced a lot of change this last month. School buildings are shut down and learning experiences are online. So are worship services, Sunday School, and BASIC Training (our Wednesday night midweek school), and meetings. Businesses deemed on-essential have been temporarily closed. People in these fields are out of work. Restaurant dining rooms have closed. So have movie theaters. Professional Hockey, Basketball, and Baseball are on hold. In Manhattan, pools will not open this summer. We've all experienced change.

The social isolation directives put in place by our governing authorities because of COVID-19 have been put in place for our physically well-being, but it also means that we are experiencing a new normal for the time being.

Change can be stressful and hard. It sometimes causes anxiety. Isolation can be hard too. We are social creatures and meant to be in relationships.

So in the midst of this change, this temporary new normal, I want to share with you this verse.

*¹⁰fear not, for I am with you;
be not dismayed, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. (Isaiah 41:10)*

This verse is filled with comfort and words of promise. We have a God who loves us. He has shown it by sending Jesus, who suffered in our place on the cross, and then conquered death. He is for us. He is with us. He will strengthen us.

Change can be hard, but sometimes change is good too. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a **new** creation. The old has passed away; behold, the **new** has come" (2 Cor 5:17). Because of the new normal, we think about things in different ways. We come up with creative solutions. One positive outcome in this current change is that we will continue to produce the worship services online, even after we are able again to meet face to face.

I want to encourage you to focus on the positive things you've experienced in the last month. Maybe you've spent more time with your family. Maybe you've read a book. Maybe this period has been like a sabbatical for you... an opportunity to relax.

In Christ, you are a new creature.

Please take advantage of our **online Worship Services**. They are sent to those on our email list. (If you have not been receiving them and would like to be put on the church's email list, please contact the church office. Email your request to office@stlukesmanhattan.org or call (785) 539-2604. The worship services can also be found on our church's website (<https://stlukesmanhattan.org/on-line-worship/>) and on youtube.com. (Go to youtube.com and search for St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Manhattan, KS).

Charity has been very busy and creative planning (socially isolated) events. Movie night was on April 25. So is a Scavenger Hunt on May 9. I want to encourage you to take advantage of these activities – and continue to stay connected through technology.

Please don't forget to support the church with your financial offerings during this time. Please mail them in, or you can give through our website (<https://stlukesmanhattan.org/about-us/financial-support/>). Be aware that 3% from your gifts given through our website goes to PayPal.

If you are in need, or you are able to help someone else, please contact Charity who is coordinating efforts.

It is an honor to serve as your pastor.

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



MARCH OFFICIAL ACTS

Transfer Out
Loren, Sarah, Jaxon Ascher

Baptism
Hunter Lang-Adams
(Adam & Sarah)
March 1, 2020



Schedule
Provided
In the
event
services
are
re-instated

Date	Saturday 6:00 PM	Sunday 8:30 AM	Sunday 11:00 AM
May 2/3	Olivia Stuckwisch	Lilly Davis	Joseph Feldhausen
May 9/10	Ava Wright	Ian Carter	Bailey Wright
May 16/17	Colin Olesky	Ethan Olesky	Hannah Schmidt
May 23/24	Jonathan Feldhausen	Jocie Brott	Sophie Wright
May 30/31	William Miesner	Simon Schmidt	Payton Sturdy



- May 1:** Maddi Lohse
- May 2:** Donna Kroenlein
- May 3:** Barry Fickbohm, David Cederberg, Dorothy Burtness, Magdalene Smith
- May 4:** Derek Winter
- May 5:** Shirley Williams
- May 7:** Kaden Lemaster
- May 8:** Patricia Oberhelman, Sue Jenkins, Jeff Sturdy
- May 9:** Bill Moore
- May 11:** Robert Resser, Kelly Burris
- May 15:** Joshua Abitz, Tracie Hudson
- May 16:** Gerald Ukena
- May 17:** Patricia Havenstein, Bryce Burris
- May 18:** Caitlyn Fleming, Christine Hanson
- May 20:** Teagen Thiele
- May 22:** Charity Smith, Gavin Hudson, Colin Olesky
- May 23:** Howard Beikmann
- May 24:** Lona Mae Ukena, Jason Huss
- May 26:** Gretchen Hartsook
- May 29:** Nancy Kopp
- May 31:** Nancy Woodford, Bowen Winter

- May 3:** Doug & LaRae Kraemer
- May 10:** Jared & Megan Hanson
- May 19:** Scott & Beverly Winter, Michael & Patricia Havenstein
- May 20:** Laroy & Chari Manry
- May 22:** Paul & Nancy Zidek
- May 23:** Jim & Sue Jenkins
- May 24:** Angela & Tony Reid
- May 25:** Steve & Ann Williams
- May 27:** Byron & Melanie Jones, Duane & Jeanette Campbell, Walter & Marilyn Fick, Lynn & Constance Thomas
- May 28:** Del & Maxine Ganske
- May 30:** Jon & Heidi Brott



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

- Sunday School classes will **continue to be online until the end of May**; Go to the church's [YouTube channel](#) to find them. Contact Charity Smith, dce@stlukesmanhattan.org, for more information.
- 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:

- Sr High Youth Night continues as an online event using Zoom; For more information, contact Charity Smith, dce@stlukesmanhattan.org,
- **Youth Night for 5th-8th graders will begin May 6th**; TBD if it will be a Zoom or in-person meeting.
- Sr High & Jr High **Zoom Chats** with DCE Charity Smith at 8:30 pm; **alternating Thursday nights**; go to [church calendar](#) and click on the event name for Zoom link.
- We are in need of a Gathering Sub-Chair.



Please join us May 9th for a photo scavenger hunt!

There are 3 ways to play!

1) A leisurely **WALKING HUNT** around your neighborhood. A list will be emailed out at 9am and you have until 9pm to get as many items as you can. Post the pictures that you took for others to see with #stlukesmhk.

2) A **DRIVING HUNT** around Manhattan. Participants will start in their cars at St. Luke's at 1pm. For safe driving a minimum 2 person team is required. The clues will be texted to each team. The scavenger hunt will last 90 minutes and the team with the most points wins.

3) An in **HOME HUNT** with a twist. Join DCE Smith on Zoom from 7-8pm as she calls out items around the house. You will race to show her the items on Zoom first to win each round.

This is also a spectator sport for anyone who wants a laugh.

**To play please RSVP to DCE Smith at
DCE@stlukesmanhattan.org by May 6th.**



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 phoebemat@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 - **Meeting online using Zoom**

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 - **Suspended until further notice**

Sunday Morning LIVE! Join DCE Charity Smith Sunday mornings for a live Zoom Chat. There will be a time of **fellowship at 9:45 am** and then a **Bible Study on 1 & 2 Peter beginning at 10:30 am and ending at 11:30 am**. The Zoom link will be the same for each live chat. The link can be found by visiting the calendar at the church home page under the "Events" tab. ([Church Calendar](#)). Once the calendar is open, click on the event "Fellowship and Bible Study" to access the information for the Zoom meeting.

Daily Devotions - Devotions based on the scripture readings from Sunday's worship will be available each day on the church's [YouTube channel](#). These devotions can also be found on the [church webpage](#) under the services tab, then online resources, then [daily devotions](#).

ELC - Greetings from St. Luke's Early Learning Center! As you likely know, the ELC board and directors made the tough decision to close its doors during these stay-at-home orders put out by Governor Kelly in March. This decision was made with the health and safety of all staff, students and families in mind. While much of a young child's learning comes through play and socialization with other children, we have been able to supply our students with some learning during this time. Our lead teachers have had the opportunity to create story time videos with an activity each week. It has also become a wonderful ministry opportunity for us to bring Bible Time directly into the homes of our families.

As stay-at-home orders begin to lift, the ELC is looking to reopen on May 4th. In order to comply with KDHD guidelines for childcare facilities we will be reopening for essential workers and those who are required to work away from their home. We would like to say a big "THANK YOU" to those who have graciously donated money to sponsor children in our care who needed tuition assistance during our closure. If sponsoring a child is something you would like to do, please contact Sue for questions regarding our needs. Our families are very grateful!

On a final note, each year we hold our annual Family Fun Night and Preschool Graduation in May. This is a treasured event for our families, especially those with kiddos leaving our center for Kindergarten. While we will not be able to have our event in May, we do hope to schedule a similar celebration in August. It may look slightly different but we hope it will be a nice way to welcome families to our new building. Blessings!

**THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD
LCMS STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY
NEWSLETTER ARTICLE MAY 2020**

Our Savior calls us to follow Him in generosity. “For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.” (John 13:15) We cannot give our lives for the salvation of the world, of course. Praise God – that job’s already done!

But with hearts full of thanksgiving for what Jesus has given us, we can follow Jesus’ example of generous giving. And this is not merely an example alone. It’s also our Lord’s command. “The one who contributes, (let him give) in generosity.” (Rom. 12:8)

So, when we give to help others who are in need, and when we bring offerings to the Lord, we should strive to heed His command and follow the pattern He has established for us. Jesus did not give us leftovers. He gave His best. So, we should not give leftovers, either, but the first and best of what He has given us. Jesus did not give as an afterthought, but according to the plan of salvation God established from the foundation of the world.

So, when it comes to our offerings to the Lord, we should make a thoughtful plan to give generously, in proportion to the way He has blessed us. Like the Macedonian Christians, who gave according to their ability – and even beyond their ability (2 Cor. 8:3) – we can and should give a generous portion of the income that God provides us to honor the Lord.

So also, we should give freely, just as Jesus gave freely for us. There is no compulsion involved in our works of love and our offerings to the Lord. Nor do we give grudgingly. We should give freely and cheerfully because we want to out of thanksgiving. “Each as he purposes in his heart,” as the Lord says. (2 Cor. 9:7) There is no New Testament ceremonial law involved here. Rather, we are free to give as generously as our Savior has given for us.

In the same way, our Lord teaches us to give generously out of love – love for Him and for our neighbor. Genuine love is always love in deed (1 John 3:18), love such as Jesus showed us all. It is love that sees our neighbor in need and gives generously to help him. It is love that hears the Word of the Lord and does what it says. If we truly love, we give generously. If we give without love, our giving is not truly following Jesus.

Finally, we follow Jesus in generosity when we give for a good purpose to thank the Lord and support His gospel ministry and other works of mercy. The people of Israel gave generously for the service of God’s gospel purposes, to construct and support the operation of the tabernacle. For that was the place where the Lord received the Old Testament sacrifices, through which He bestowed the forgiveness of sins on His people. So, they gave abundantly – so abundantly that they had to be told to stop giving. (Ex. 36:5-6)

In the same way, we should bring generous offerings to support the Lord’s work of bestowing His gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation in our congregations through the preaching and teaching of His Word, Baptism, and the Lord’s Supper. We should support the Lord’s work of caring for those who are poor and needy.

Our Savior calls us to follow His example in generous giving. Let us then, with thankful hearts, rededicate ourselves to following Him in generosity.

CANCER COMPANIONS IS STILL HERE TO LISTEN AND TO SUPPORT



those who are in treatment for cancer, post treatment and caregivers. Just because Covid-19 has arrived, new cancer diagnosis has not stopped. As Cancer Companions, we turn to God's word to help still the worry, the fear and the questions. "Be near to God, and He will be near to you." *James 4:8.*

ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION MINUTE



Don't forget the many resources available through LWML.org and/or <http://www.kansaslwml.org/>

- [LWML Podcasts:](http://www.lwml.org/posts/podcast/lwml-podcast-now-available?month=5&year=2019)
<http://www.lwml.org/posts/podcast/lwml-podcast-now-available?month=5&year=2019>
- Spring Resources (devotions, Bible studies, crafts, mission projects): <https://www.lwml.org/spring>
- Information on events here in Kansas: <http://www.kansaslwml.org/>

You don't have to attend LWML meetings to take advantage of these resources; just go and click

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. Feel free to email Julie Hatesohl at phoebehat@gmail.com and let her know to add you to the LWML Mailbox Members.

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: phoebehat@gmail.com.





Flint Hills Lutherans for Life

Flint Hills Lutherans For Life would like to thank you for your support this past year. We spent a lot of time this past year organizing.

One of our goals is to involve more people. If you think you might like to be involved, please contact Judy Boye or Jessica Jones. We would like to tap into your great ideas!

April 28, 2019 First meeting to see if there was interest in forming a Chapter

August 11, 2019 Adopted a constitution and by-laws & became an official chapter.

October 11, 2019 Chapter meeting

Hosted Rachel Geraci, Mission and Ministry, Director Lutherans For Life spoke on the National perspective; they are available to support us. Representative Ron Highland spoke on the history of abortion in Kansas.

Developed Halloween bookmarks to distribute – celebrating Life/Being Born

End of November into early December

Distributed “Giving Trees” to each congregation. Each tree had leaves with items written on them to purchase. The items were for Life Choice Ministries. The response was amazing and much appreciated by Life Choice Ministries!

January 12, 2020 Chapter meeting – tied fleece baby blankets and stuffed animals. Blankets were given to Life Choice Ministries and Katie’s Way. Katie’s Way also received stuffed animals.

March 1, 2020 Executive Director of Lutherans For Life, Rev. Michael Salemink spoke. His presentation on “Speaking the Truth in Love” was extraordinary! We are to be Gospel motivated voices for Christ. Our goal is not to be right, but to show others how much God loves and cherishes each person: unborn, young and old.

April’s 19 Chapter meeting

Speaker was going to be: Susanne Renberg, Executive Director of Relate 360, speaking on helping children to develop healthy relationships, especially in our technological world.

Elections

TRAVELING BULLETIN

None Reported

(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)



"My son, keep your father's command, And do not forsake the law of your mother." Prov. 6:20 NKJV

Special Days in May

- Mother's Day, Sunday May 10
- Memorial Day, May 25 (observed)

"Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in Peace". Amen



National Arthritis Awareness Month

May is National Arthritis Awareness Month!

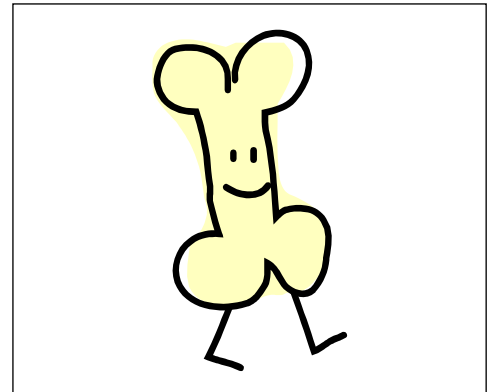
Our bones remain strong throughout young adulthood. As we hit middle-age, they slowly begin to thin out. In women this process accelerates after menopause, but there are ways to help keep our bones healthy. One of the best lines of defense is your diet-eating the right foods can give you the maximum peak bone mass and boost your bone density at any age. The following foods are high in calcium and other important nutrients that support bone health.

Milk, yogurt, cheese, nuts/seeds, sardines, salmon, green leafy vegetables, soy beans, and fortified foods such as whole grain cereals and bread.

Calcium supplements are an easy way to boost your calcium intake. **Our bodies need about 2000 milligrams of calcium each day.** Calcium carbonate is best absorbed when taken with food. Calcium citrate can be taken at any time. To get the best absorption, take no more than 500 milligrams at one time.

Salt robs our bones of calcium. The more salt (sodium) you eat, the more calcium is lost in your urine. Reduce your daily intake of salt for healthier bones.

Our bones also need a daily dose of sunshine! Exposure to the sun helps our bodies produce Vitamin D which is essential for absorbing calcium. **For more information: www.arthritis.org**



Eat healthy and exercise to keep your bones

2020 Year of the Nurse & Midwife

The World Health Organization (WHO) has designated 2020 the Year of the Nurse and Midwife, commemorating both the 200th anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth and the work of nurses and midwives globally. **Nurses make up the largest segment of the U.S. health care workforce**, and nurses and midwives together account for nearly 50% of the world's health workforce. National Nurses Week (traditionally celebrated from May 6 to May 12) will be changed in 2020 to a month-long celebration to recognize nurses' invaluable contributions to healthcare.

