

# 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>15</sup>For this is the will of God, that by **doing good** you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. <sup>16</sup>Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. <sup>17</sup>**Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.**  
1 Peter 2:15-17

In Christ, we are free (Galatians 5:1). We don't have to earn our salvation. In fact, we can't. It's a gift (Ephesians 2:8-9).

Because we are free, we honor God by "doing good". "Doing good" can be as simple as following simple table manners ... like chewing with our mouth closed. Why are manners important? Because it shows other people that we respect them, that we value them, that we don't wish to offend them.

We do good by helping those around us. It might include helping a family member make a bed or picking up a few groceries for a neighbor. "Doing good" might mean encouraging someone, sending an affirming note, or smiling and waving to someone across a parking lot. It might also include serving on a committee or team at church and/or in our community. Because we are free in Christ, we "**do good to everyone**", and especially to those who are of the **household of faith**" (Galatians 6:10).

Christians are good citizens. To "honor the emperor" (1 Peter 2:17) means we follow the laws of the land (as long as they are not in direct violation of God's commands). If we don't agree with a policy or law, we use lawful means to enact change. We "render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's" (Matthew 22:21) by paying taxes (Romans 13:6-7). Although voting is not a common Biblical theme (it just wasn't done when the Bible was written), I believe voting falls under the category of being a good citizen and "honor[s] the emperor."

As good citizens, we strive to follow the guidelines put in place by our civic leaders with the COVID-19 pandemic. As required, we closed our face-to-face worship services. With the loosening of the restrictions, we have now reopened them with an abbreviated schedule – Saturday night at 6:00 p.m., Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. The elders will revisit this schedule on June 2. The elders have put Social Distancing Guidelines into place in an effort to keep us safe. You can find these on our website - <https://stlukesmanhattan.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Church-Re-Opening-Plan.pdf>. Among other things, we have blocked off every other pew. We have also shifted over to an electronic worship folder (which can be accessed on smart phones and iPads by scanning a QR code). We have removed the hymnals and Bibles from the pews and we are projecting the entire worship service on a screen in the sanctuary. We have also made the services available online on a YouTube channel (thanks to Scott Stone and Ian Carter).

As you do good and "love the brotherhood," please consider serving on our church council and/or elders. When things open back up, we will need Sunday School teachers, BASIC teachers, and people being willing to serve in all sorts of capacities. But right now, we need people who are willing to step forward and be leaders. On **Sunday, June 14, at 9:45 a.m.**, we will be having a **Voters' Meeting** where we will be electing half of our church council and half of our elders. Those elected will serve a two-year term. Please prayerfully consider where the Lord would desire you to serve, because you are a servant "of God" (1 Peter 2:16) and "love the brotherhood (1 Peter 2:17)."

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All of our **Worship Services** are **online**. They can be seen live through the St. Luke's YouTube channel on Sundays at 8:30 a.m. That worship services is also taped and can be found on our church's website (<https://stlukesmanhattan.org/on-line-worship/>).  
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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.  
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To support Life Choice Ministries in Manhattan and sponsor me (pastor) in the Walk-for-Life, go to the following link:

[https://secure.ministrysync.com/ministrysync/event/website/Donate/Donate.php?m=4876892&fbclid=IwAR0L45sj-ihee5Z7m0ThQqJjkQemP-wE2JiwN5hPNe9HkwRaxNbqWr\\_Soq4&tab=0](https://secure.ministrysync.com/ministrysync/event/website/Donate/Donate.php?m=4876892&fbclid=IwAR0L45sj-ihee5Z7m0ThQqJjkQemP-wE2JiwN5hPNe9HkwRaxNbqWr_Soq4&tab=0)  
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It is an honor to serve as your pastor.  
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*“Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.”*



#### APRIL OFFICIAL ACTS

##### Release Member

**Sharon, Keith, David, & Amanda Cooper**  
**Jamie Sunnenberg**  
**Joshua, Amber, Bentley & Juliana Davies**  
**L. Ann Domsch**  
**Jocelynn, Chris, & Addi Fitch**

##### Baptism

**Peter Roland Lyons** (Grant & Rebekah)  
April 5, 2020

##### Burials

**Phyllis Weyerts** (April 19, 2020)  
June 27, 2020 - Pleasant Valley Cemetery, Zeandale, KS  
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**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 June**; Go to the church's [YouTube channel](#) to find them. Contact Charity

Smith, dce@stlukesmanhattan.org, for more information.

- **DATE FOR VBS TO BE DETERMINED**
- **No nursery or children's church until social distancing requirements are lifted**
- 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.



**Join us June 26th!**

Rising Preschool to 8th grade with their parents Trivia Night 6-7pm.

Rising 9th graders to Adults Trivia Night 7:30-9pm.

Trivia Night will be offered on Zoom and in person  
(*IF* Phase 2 of the Governor's plan is in effect).

Teams will be a 5 person max OR 1 family unit with kids.

Topics for both trivia's will be varied.

**How to Play:**

- Find your team, decide on a team name and designate a team leaders.
- Team leaders will RSVP to DCE Smith at [DCE@stlukesmanhattan.org](mailto:DCE@stlukesmanhattan.org) by June 24th with the names of your team members and team name. Tell DCE Smith if you will be playing on Zoom or in person (if available).
- You will have 5 minutes to talk with your team to answer each question. Team leaders will write answers and give them to DCE Smith during the game.
- Outside sources such as cell phones or google to look up answers is not permitted. If someone on your team is found to be using either of these then your team forfeits the question.
- The team with the highest score wins.





## BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

June 1: Zachary

Beach, Aarik Loverude

June 2: Anita Eagan, Joyce Todd

June 4: Jaden Campbell

June 5: Kristina Schmidt

June 7: Jamison Prockish, Shelby Mathies, Byron Jones, Shawn Mathies

June 8: Terry Wyatt, Drew Kohlmeier

June 9: Allie Winter, Steve Mosier, Carter Manning, Mark Burris

June 10: Julie Hatesohl, Payton Sturdy, Ryan Juracek

June 11: Katlyn Wyatt, James Spain, Joyce Mott

June 12: Ava Wright, Patricia Orazem, Jim Mooneyham

June 13: Walt Fick

June 14: Michelle Olesky

June 15: Kennedy Danker, Kiernan Huss, Doris Park

June 17: La Barbara Wigfall

June 18: Bruce Arnold, Michael Schmidt II

June 19: Dan Gudenkauf, Jessica Campbell

June 23: Jovie Winter, Hamlin Burtness, Hannah Gudenkauf

June 24: Kendal Proctor

June 25: Beverly Winter, Ruth Morgan

June 26: Sarah Oelke

June 27: Brian Sanborn

June 30: Lylah McCosh, Jeff Tucker, Benjamin Wehmuehler, Henry Lister



## ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH

June 1: Brian & Jamie Prockish

June 3: Gary & Joyce Mott, James & Donna Kroenlein

June 6: Bill & Glenda Moore, Terry & Jana Wyatt

June 7: Doug & Patricia vonSoosten

June 10: Albert & Kathy Dieball, Eric & Heather Fong

June 12: Gerald & Carla Robker

June 14: Shawn & Julie Thiele

June 16: Dennis & Linda Graham, Tyler & Ashley Hieber

June 19: Richard & Ruth Morgan

June 20: Kennard & Nancy Kipp

June 22: Robert & Kayla Dieball, Barry & Marcey Fickbohm

June 24: Kip & Jessica Campbell

June 25: Andrew & Tracie Hudson

June 26: Bill & Gerda Robb

June 27: Morris & Jean Olson, Bruce & Nancy Arnold, Howard & Liz Beikmann, Greg & Kris Burnett



**Youth Ministry Chair:** Lori Uffman

**Servant Events Sub-chair:** Jerry Feeley

**Youth Events Sub-chair:** Shanda Wilson

**Gathering Sub-chair:**

- Jr & Sr High Youth Night continues as an online event using Zoom; For more information, contact Charity Smith, [dce@stlukesmanhattan.org](mailto:dce@stlukesmanhattan.org)
- 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.

- **No in-person Youth Events or Youth Nights until social distancing requirements are lifted.**
- We are in need of a Gathering Sub-Chair.

### 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](mailto: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 - **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**

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**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.



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**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](#).



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**ELC** - Greetings from St. Luke's ELC! Our reopening of two classrooms with small numbers has been successful. As families feel comfortable, they are returning and we are grateful for the option to do this slowly. We are following protocols put out by KDHE to keep the health and safety of both students and staff a top priority. Both the ELC board and directors have been working hard to finalize details for the new playground, classroom needs and hiring of new staff. It is a busy time but God continues to provide! We have a variety of open positions (leads, assistants, floaters, kitchen, etc.) that will need to be filled by August. If you have any interest in being a part of our ministry, please prayerfully consider how God could use you! You can contact Laurie Powell at the ELC or via e-mail at [centerdirector@stlukesmanhattan.org](mailto:centerdirector@stlukesmanhattan.org) or reach out to Tracie Hudson at [teacher.tracie@stlukesmanhattan.org](mailto:teacher.tracie@stlukesmanhattan.org). We are proud of what has been built at St. Luke's ELC and want to grow our staff with great people!

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

The sin of the world is paid for. God's Law has been kept perfectly on our behalf. The prophecies have all been fulfilled. Jesus Christ has finished it all! And that, dear Christians, should fill us with complete confidence in our salvation. Since Jesus has finished all these things in His self-sacrifice, we can be fully certain our sins are forgiven, and we have everlasting life!

St. Paul wrote: "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." (Rom. 12:1)

We hear the same teaching in 1 Peter. “As you come to him, a living stone, rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves, like living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.” (1 Peter 2:4-5)

It’s the very thing Malachi foretold of the Lord, that He would come and purify His priestly people, that they may offer to Him an offering in righteousness. (Mal. 3:3)

So, what does this mean? In view of God’s mercies – that is, because Jesus sacrificed Himself to make us pure, giving His entire self into death – Paul said that we are to sacrifice ourselves entirely to God, offering Him our whole lives. For our Savior did not give Himself for us in part. So, we do not give back to Him in part.

We don’t offer ourselves to God just on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings, for example. Rather, we give Him our whole selves, all the time. We understand that offering ourselves to God as living sacrifices involves the giving of our time. It requires us to be faithful stewards of the time He has given us. Yes, it means we devote to our Savior all our time. Otherwise we are not sacrificing our whole lives.

You see, God both teaches us, and has graciously qualified us, to present ourselves to Him as living sacrifices – to live as His holy priests, who offer Him acceptable sacrifices through Jesus Christ, all day, every day, in our various callings.

In the passages from Romans and 1 Peter, we hear several examples of Christian self-sacrifice: serving, teaching, encouraging, giving, leading, showing mercy, living peaceably with others, submitting to governing authorities and those over us in the workplace, wives submitting to husbands, husbands honoring wives, showing compassion, and suffering patiently in doing good.

In all these things, and in all our other everyday activities, we sacrifice ourselves by using our time, not just for our own benefit, but also and especially for the well-being of others. Work time, school time, exercise time, study time, mealtime, chore time, recreation and relaxation time, even sleep time – it’s all God’s gift to us to use for purposes that please and honor Him.

This challenges us to think about the way we spend our time, how we utilize our talents, and the way we spend our treasures. Whatever it is I’m doing, am I doing it “for the Lord”? (Col. 3:23) Am I presenting God a living sacrifice? Am I conducting myself as a holy priest, whose sacrifice is acceptable to God?

Because our Lord sacrificed Himself wholly for us, we offer ourselves wholly to Him as living sacrifices. This is following Jesus in self-sacrifice. By His saving mercy, yes, our sacrifice is acceptable to God. For the sake of Jesus’ finished work, God is pleased with us.

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**STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE –JUNE 2020**

In the midst of the Corona Virus pandemic, please visit a message from LCMS, regarding our stewardship voice: <https://blogs.lcms.org/2020/finding-our-stewardship-voice/>

During the past weeks we have been unable to physically meet on Sundays and worship as one; we have used other resources and tools that God has provided to enable us to stay in His Word. Our Church and its ministry has been alive and working throughout our community.

As this pandemic continues, remember God is here with us during this time and He needs us to use the resources he has provided to continue to serve the Lord and do His work.

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## 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

With dealing with the pandemic and being quarantined, it is important to stay in God's Word during this time. The Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) has a variety of programs and solutions that take anywhere from a 3-5 minute podcast to a weekly Bible Study. If you have not tapped into these free resources, I encourage anyone (male/female; young/old) to check out the LWML website. Here are a few links to get you started:

- LWML Podcasts: <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>

You don't have to attend meetings or be a member of LWML to take advantage of these resources; just go and click.

Several of St. Luke's LWML have participated in a six-week Bible Study: Overflowing Abundance; which is a Bible Study on Jesus and the Feeding of the Five Thousand (Matthew 14: 13-21). Even if you did not attend the live version, there is a link on the LWML website where you can participate in the program: <https://www.lwml.org/bible-studies>

June 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM we will be having a Bible Study from the LWML Quarterly-Spring. If you don't have a Quarterly; that's OK, you can find an electronic version at: <https://www.lwml.org/lwq-spring-2020>. If you are interested, please email Julie Hatesohl at [phoebehat@gmail.com](mailto:phoebehat@gmail.com) and she will send you the Zoom link; or watch upcoming bulletins/e-news for how to connect to the link. The study will be: Burning Hearts and Opened Eyes

St. Luke's now has an email membership program, where you can sign up to receive emails about events and activities. There is no commitment; just sign-up. You will get periodic emails (no more than weekly) of events and updates. If you would like to be added to this list, please email Julie Hatesohl at [phoebehat@gmail.com](mailto:phoebehat@gmail.com) and let her know to add you to the LWML Mailbox Members.

God's blessings. Stay healthy & be safe!





## Flint Hills Lutherans for Life

### FATHER'S DAY

Fatherhood is not just a moment or special day!

We celebrate them for the everyday things that make a difference in our lives!

For being there for our Mom ...

For not abandoning women by urging them to get an abortion ...

For picking us up when we fall ...

For helping us with homework ...

For teaching us to ride a bike ...

For acting brave when you really aren't ...

For making the tough decisions ...

For loving and disciplining us ...

For doing the right thing ...

For taking us to church ...

For being faithful to God and to our family ...

For knowing each child is a wonderful gift from God - entrusted to you!





# From The Parish Nurse



Men's Health Month

National Cancer Survivor's  
Day, June 7th

Father's Day, June 21st



## Your Parish Nurses:

Jamie and Kate



## Men's Health Month

The purpose of Men's Health Month is to heighten the awareness of preventable health problems and encourage early detection and treatment of disease among men and boys. Did you know that, on average, men are less healthy and have a shorter life expectancy than women? Part of the reason for this health gap is that we don't take care of ourselves as well as women do.

Men are more likely to engage in unhealthy behavior, and less likely than women to adopt preventive health measures. Men also are less likely to have health insurance, more likely to work in dangerous occupations, and often put off going to the doctor even when we really should go. As a result, men die younger—and in greater numbers—of heart disease, stroke, cancer, diabetes, and many other diseases. More than half of premature deaths among men are preventable. But you can't prevent a problem if you don't know it exists.

**To get a free copy of Blueprint For Men's Health: A Guide to Healthy Living go to:**  
[menshealthnetwork.org](http://menshealthnetwork.org)

## National Cancer Survivor Day!

**National Cancer Survivors Day® is on Sunday June 7th.** It is a CELEBRATION for those who have survived, an INSPIRATION for those recently diagnosed, a gathering of SUPPORT for families, and an OUTREACH to the community. America has more than 16 million cancer survivors. This day provides an opportunity for all people living with a history of cancer to connect with each other, celebrate milestones, and recognize those who have supported them along the way. It is also a day to draw attention to the ongoing challenges of cancer survivorship in order to promote more resources, research, and survivor-friendly legislation to improve cancer survivors' quality of life. For more information on cancer, visit the American Cancer Society at [cancer.org](http://cancer.org)

## Loneliness and Social Isolation Linked to Serious Health Conditions

Loneliness and social isolation in older adults are serious public health risks affecting a significant number of people in the United States and putting them at risk for dementia and other serious medical conditions. Older adults are at increased risk for loneliness and social isolation because they are more likely to face factors such as living alone, the loss of family or friends, chronic illness, and hearing loss. Social isolation was associated with about a 50% increased risk of dementia and other serious medical conditions. Now, more than ever it is important for us to reach out to those in our congregation and neighborhoods who are living alone and may be lonely. [cdc.gov](http://cdc.gov)