

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

The **first worship service** in our new facility (4801 Anderson Ave, Manhattan, KS 66503) will be on **Sunday, July 19, at 9:00 AM!** At the time of this printing, face masks are not being required, but neither are they being discouraged.

As the Lord has touched people through His Word and Sacrament in our facility on Sunset, so the Lord will continue to work through the Means of Grace in our new facility on Anderson Avenue.

We hope that you can join us for this historic event!

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/>).

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.

"he died for all" – 2 Corinthians 15:15

³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. ... ⁴for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. – Romans 13:3-4

Since George Floyd's death on May 25, 2020, we have seen protests (some peaceful and others not), initiatives, and statements to stop racism and police brutality.

Our hearts go out to those who have experienced racism and to those who have suffered violence and injustices at the hands of the police.

Our dignity as human beings is not earned or achieved but is given to us by God (Genesis 1:26-27; Acts 17:25-26). (This statement falls under the 1st Article of the Apostles' Creed). And because Christ has "died for all" (2 Cor 15:15), we view all people as those for whom Christ has died. (This statement falls under the 2nd Article of the Apostles' Creed).

The ones who "bear ... the sword" has been placed there by God to stop bad conduct. Any abuse of that power should be brought to justice. With this being said, we also honor and respect those who carry out their duties, knowing that they do "not bear the sword in vain" (Romans 13:4).

I commend to you the following writings:

The **LCMS Black Clergy Caucus Statement on George Floyd**

<https://www.theunbrokencord.com/writings/black-clergy-caucus-statement-on-george-floyd>

Affirming our Common Humanity — Pastoral letter by Rev. Justin A. Panzer, Kansas District President

<https://kslcms.bmeurl.co/A75EB3B?fbclid=IwAR0by1KS10j4G8CXTpDN1K5z3J4BfxQlytUFcau4jLS9kXZkCOH-jR7JEyY>

2019 Synod Convention Resolution 11-04A — To Affirm the Common Humanity of All People and Ethnicities (See *Convention Proceedings* page 216 - 218)

<https://files.lcms.org/wl/?id=W0oPZk7su2FGjxVN61mAD33k7bEPZqhm>

Racism and the Church — Report of the LCMS Commission on Theology and Church Relations

<https://files.lcms.org/wl/?id=2ZSjBpgjY39Eo1IH1vqCgl79YUGmfrve>

Racism: A Christian Response — The Christian response to racism is centered in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and is shaped by clear Biblical principles.

<https://files.lcms.org/wl/?id=DSuTTNT99y6xlfDdtQuLE1cuqsY3ffsk>

It is an honor to serve as your pastor.

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



MAY OFFICIAL ACTS

Release Members

**Michael & Patricia Kring
Donna Rae O’Connell
Suellen Hooper
Noni Johnson
Rachel Koch**

Marriages

**Logan Redding & Tristen turner
May 23, 2020**



July 1: Megan Saunders, Ethan Bean
July 2: Brandon Fleming
July 4: Duane Campbell, Lorene McAtee, Nyla Mathies
July 5: Ryan Kruse, Bethany Zidek
July 8: Melissa Bean, Evan Williams, Angela Kohls, Ryan Williams
July 9: Aaron Morgan, Jared Morgan
July 10: Logan Redding
July 11: Teresa Lynch
July 12: Darrin Frey, Scott Stone
July 13: Del Ganske, Jocelyn Brott, Owen Stuckwisch
July 14: Zachary Davis
July 15: Aidan Proctor, Diane Murphy, Joshua Morgan
July 17: Kristi Hageman, Keller Sorell, Heather Fong, Levi Tucker, Garrett Lister
July 18: Whitlee Glessner
July 19: August Hartsook
July 20: Jakob Hutter, William Miesner
July 22: Diane Ukena
July 23: Ken Culbertson
July 24: Haley Ukena, Susan Brunkow
July 25: Joyce Nelson
July 26: Mary Lou Morgan
July 28: Donna Burton
July 29: Joshua Kohls, Ashley Hieber
July 31: Chloe Fleming, Jennifer Ukena



July 1: Ryan & Teresa Lynch
July 2: James & Diane Ukena
July 3: Tyrone & Justine Grant
July 5: Derek & Jana Winter
July 13: Robert & Karen Resser
July 14: John & Karen Armbrust
July 15: Dan & Diane Murphy, Ken & Carolyn Culbertson
July 18: Garrett & Alyson Lister
July 19: David & Donna Cederberg
July 20: Gerald & Catherine Ukena
July 24: William & Terry Wehmuller, Shane & Traci Lohse
July 25: Mac & Alice McLain Sr., Ian & Gretchen Hartsook
July 26: Mark & Deanne Burris, Scott & Tiffany Manning
July 31: Ralph & Linda Simon



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

• **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.



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 - Wednesdays at 6:00 PM; For more information, contact Charity Smith, 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.

- 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. Hope to see you there!

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, 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, 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, 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, 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**

NEW CHURCH OPEN HOUSE

Come visit our new building and location, 4801 Anderson Ave., between 2:00 PM and 3:30 PM Sunday, July 5th or 12th. You can check out the space yourself and members of the building committee will be present to answer questions. Please be considerate of others and maintain social distance between yourself and other family groups. Keep in mind that the ELC is currently working to organize classrooms and assemble furniture for a soft opening on July 20th.



NEW CHURCH DEDICATION

July 19th, 2020 at 9:00 AM will be the first worship service in our new building. It will also be a time of dedication for the building, altar, and Early Learning Center.



ELC

Greetings! June was a busy, busy month for the ELC but we are excited to be entering July in the new building! On June 23rd, with the help of some amazing volunteers, the ELC board moved two classrooms, the ELC office and the toy storage room. Thank you to those who were able to help. We could not have done it alone! We are planning to have a “soft opening” with our current students on July 20th to gradually get used to the new space and work out any kinks. On August 3rd we will welcome all new full-time families and August 12th will be the first day for the part-day students. We praise God for providing all we have needed to get to this point!



New Laundry Helpers



Happy Helpers



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

“Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” asked the rich young ruler. Jesus said, “You know the commandments.” And the ruler replied, “All these I have kept from my youth.” And Jesus said to him, “One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” (Luke 18:18–22)

As we listen to this, one question is raised in our minds: Is Jesus speaking to us also or only to the rich young ruler? In other words, is Jesus telling us to sell all that we have and give it to the poor? As good Lutherans, we answer: No! But why? Why should we not sell all that we have and distribute it to the poor?

The simplest explanation is this: If we sold everything we have, our wife and our children would be neglected. In other words, to sell everything we have and give it to the poor would ignore, even abandon, those whom God has placed in our care. Our money, everything we have, is not to be used solely for the church. But that doesn’t mean it isn’t to be used for the purpose God intends.

Everyone has three stations in life, three spheres in which we live and are to be of service to our neighbors. These stations are the church, the family, and society. We are members of all three of these by birth.

- We are born into the church by water and the Word of God, and our duties to others in the church arise from either our birth into the church or the birth of others by Baptism into it.
 - We are born into a family, and our duties to others stem from either our birth into that family or the birth of others into our family.
- Finally, we are born into society, which is simply a further extension of our birth into our family. The duties we have toward other members of society come from either our birth or the birth of others into the same society.

All that we have and all that we are is to be pressed into service for the church, the family, and society. If we were to sell all we have and give only to one, the other two would be neglected, and our duties toward them would falter.

So consider your life and all that you have in light of these three stations. You pay taxes to support and help those in society. You provide food, clothing, and shelter for the members of your family. You save for college for your children.

But the one station that is usually thought of last is the church. Since the needs of the family and society are more immediate, the church is often given what is left over. This is not how it should be. Rather, we are to give of our first fruits – the best from off the top – even as Abel gave the best of his flock.

This requires forethought and intent. It means that you sit down and make a plan for what you will give from the beginning. It means sticking to it even when it seems there are other more immediate and pressing things.

This is all the more necessary now as we enter into periods of time while giving is low due to high unemployment or restrictions on meeting in church to give. If we love God, his gifts of forgiveness given through the means of grace we receive at church and only at church, then we will support the church just as we love our country and our family.

For all that we have and all that we are is given to us by our gracious and giving God. He spared no expense for us and our salvation. He gave up His Son into death so that our sins are forgiven, and

we will live. What is more, He provides for all that we need for this body and life. And our lives in this world, among these three spheres of the church, the family, and society, are to mirror the generosity of the one who gave us life in all three by birth.

Don't let the church, your divine family, be ignored or even an afterthought. The church is nurturing you, bringing you up in salvation by Word and Sacrament for eternal life.

CANCER COMPANIONS

Cancer can be such a scary diagnosis. Cancer Companions is here to listen, to encourage, and study God's word with you to strengthen you. For now, we are not meeting in person. However, if you or someone you know might be interested in our group, we can also begin by mailing or dropping off a book and going through lessons over the phone. Call: Judy Boye 785-320-6355 or Jamie Spikes 78537-3929.



Flint Hills Lutherans for Life

We are still here! Due to the Covid-19, we have felt that we should not have face-to-face meeting. The executive board is currently meeting and making plans.



WORD OF HOPE is a ministry of Lutherans For Life. They recognize many women carry the guilt of having an abortion with them. Men also carry the guilt of being a part of the decision to have an abortion. Word of Hope wants to help lift that burden by helping them see that through Christ they are loved and forgiven.

They provide referrals to support groups and individual spiritual care by phone and video.

"If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9





From The Parish Nurse...

St. Luke's Lutheran Church



Independence Day

July 4th!

Independence Day honors the birthday of the United States of America and the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. It's a day of picnics and patriotic parades, a night of concerts and fireworks, and a reason to fly the American flag.



"...Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his inheritance."

Ps. 33:12

Your Parish Nurses:

Jamie and Kate



Its July....and the Heat is ON!

July is Ultraviolet (UV) Safety Awareness Month.

With summer heat upon us its time to think safety as well as fun in the sun!. Many people love the warm sun. The sun's rays make us feel good, and in the short term, make us look good. But our love affair isn't a two way street. Exposure to the sun, and in particular, the ultraviolet rays (UV) causes many of the wrinkles and age spots on our faces and hands and is the number one cause of skin cancer.

In fact, sun exposure causes many of the skin changes that we think of as a normal part of aging. Over time, the sun's UV light damages the fibers in the skin called elastin. When these fibers break down, the skin begins to sag, stretch, and lose its ability to go back into place. The skin also bruises and tears more easily—taking longer to heal. So while sun damage to the skin may not be apparent when you're young, it will definitely show later in life.

Besides skin cancer and age

spots, exposure to the sun also causes pre-cancerous (actinic keratosis) skin lesions, fine and coarse wrinkles, freckles, mottled discolored areas on the skin and dilation of small blood vessels under the skin.

It is never too late to take steps to prevent damage from sun exposure! Follow these simple steps:

- **Apply sunscreen** of SPF 30 or greater 30 minutes before going outside and every few hours thereafter
- **Wear sunglasses** with total UV protection. Your eyes are very sensitive to the affects of UV exposure
- Wear a wide-brimmed hat and long-sleeve shirt and pants
- **Avoid peak hours** of sun exposure-10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Perform skin self-exams regularly.** Note any skin changes particularly any changes to moles.
- Avoid tanning beds.

- 80% of a person's lifetime sun exposure is acquired before age 18. As a parent, be a good role model and foster skin cancer prevention habits in your children and teens.

For more information go to: **www.webmd.com** and search for sun safety tips.



Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Month

That's right, kids get arthritis. It is a common misconception that only "old" people are afflicted with arthritis. Nearly 300,000 children in America have been diagnosed with juvenile arthritis. The form of arthritis that these kids experience is not the same as grandma's aches and pains. These children suffer from various autoimmune forms of arthritis. Their bodies' immune system is attacking their joints, causing swelling, stiffness and permanent damage. This condition is extremely serious; if left untreated it can result in loss of mobility, blindness and even death. For more information visit: **arthritis.org**