

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

*I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD!"
Psalm 122:1*

It is such a joy to worship in our new facility.

If you are staying away because of concerns about COVID-19, we understand. Know that you can view the worship service on YouTube.com. Go to the St. Luke's Lutheran Church Manhattan, KS YouTube Channel, and you can worship with us through your computer. Our worship services can also be found on our church website – <https://stlukesmanhattan.org/on-line-worship/>

If you have simply gotten out of the habit, we encourage you to come back to church and join us in worship. Our new address is 4801 Anderson Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66503. We are following our regular worship schedule – Traditional Service on Saturday at 6:00 PM and Sunday at 8:30 AM and Praise & Worship Service on Sunday at 11:00 AM. We have not yet resumed our Adult Bible Study, but our Director of Christian Education (DCE) Charity Smith is leading an online Bible Study on 1 Peter at 9:45 AM. Be sure to wear a mask as directed by our civic leaders.

Because St. Luke's is close to Kansas State University and Fort Riley, we do see people come and go. But we also see people who have been at St. Luke's a long time. There's even a few that have been connected to St. Luke's in three locations – Osage & 6th, Sunset Ave., and now Anderson Ave. The list that I've come up with includes Paul Bosch, Jeanette Campbell, Maurice ("Buck") Gehrt, Bob Hetzler, Jim Jorns, Ruth Morgan, Lona Mae Ukena, Jerry Ukena, and Edna Williams. (Jerry Ukena doesn't remember the Osage and 6th location, but he was baptized there as an infant). If I've missed someone, please forgive me and let me know so that I can add you to the list.

As I think about time passing, it is an encouragement to view the present as just that – a present, a gift – that is to be enjoyed and savored. Take time to enjoy each moment.

At the back of the Dedication Worship Folder included a history of St. Luke's. It also appears on our website. If you are willing to serve on committee that would be able to add to that history, please let me know.

Please don't forget to support the church with your financial offerings during this time. Please mail them in (4801 Anderson Ave., Manhattan, KS 66503), 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. You can also give by signing up for **Electronic Fund Transfer** through our church office. Funds will be transferred from your account on a regular basis as you direct.

School starts on August 26 in Manhattan. Confirmation for our eighth graders will be sometime after that. I (pastor) would like to meet with the parents to decide on a date. Stay tuned for more info.

The speed limit on Anderson Avenue where we are located is 55 m.p.h. When exiting the property, please be aware of oncoming traffic.

Our Director of Christian Education (DCE) Charity Smith received a call on July 19, 2020 from St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Lee's Summit, MO. Please pray for her and her family as she and Jesse prayerfully deliberate on where the Lord wants her to serve.

Julie Hatesohl, our Stewardship Chair, will be heading up a Strategic Ministry plan in the near future. Stay tuned.

We have several leadership positions that need to be filled: Treasurer, Parish Communications, Christian Outreach and Mission, Christian Care, and an Elder position. Please prayerfully consider where the Lord is calling you to serve.

I would like us to consider canvassing the area(s) close to the church – leaving invitations on doorknobs and inviting people to church. If you are willing to be involved in this effort, please let me know.

If you would like to contribute to the projection system in the church, please do so. Your generosity will be warmly received.

It is an honor to serve as your pastor.

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



JUNE OFFICIAL ACTS

Transfer In

Darci Paull, St. Paul's Lutheran, Ellsworth, KS

Transfer Out

Lorene McAtee, Christ Evangelical Lutheran, Manhattan, KS

Release Members

Douglas, Becky, Whitney, & Eric Madsen
Jennifer Martin



August 1: Breanne Jones
August 2: Nathan Ukena, LeAnn Sturdy
August 3: Stephanie Sanborn, Don Morgan
August 6: Ann Zier
August 7: Laroy Manry, Amber Kruse, Morris Olson, Grant Kohlmeier
August 8: Glenda Moore, Jamie Prockish, Sheila Frihart, Jordan Frihart
August 9: Mac McLain Sr., Jesse Smith
August 10: Linda Williams
August 12: Justine Grant, Anna Murphy, Fran Irelan
August 14: Larry O'Neill
August 15: Carol Ukena, Kieghlyn Huss
August 16: Lowell Kohlmeier, Michael Havenstein
August 19: Carla Robker
August 20: Aaron Proctor, Joan Spiker, Perry Reid
August 21: James Kroenlein
August 22: Isa Garcia
August 23: Monet Sielaff, Jase Rengstorf, Diane Mosier
August 24: Larry Wesche, Terry Barta
August 27: Martha Mooneyham
August 28: Douglas Newland, William Hosier
August 29: Janet Beach
August 30: Riley Lynch, Keith Schwanke
August 31: Dale Grunewald



August 4: Ryan & Amber Kruse
August 7: David & Connie Wetzel
August 9: Don & Mary Lou Morgan
August 11: Chuck & Fran Veatch, Larry & Liana Eagan
August 15: Steve & Gayle Heitman
August 16: Randall & Amy Juracek
August 18: Keith & Gail Schwanke
August 20: Dennis & Bonita Tegtmeier
August 22: Samuel & Crystal Danker
August 23: Mike & Kristina Schmidt
August 25: Cory & Megan Saunders
August 26: C. Lee & Nancy Woodford
August 31: Daniel & Kay Mathies



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

- **BASIC will begin September 9th; Sunday School will begin September 13th.**
 - Nursery & Children's Church will not be offered for the Fall due to cleaning and social distancing restrictions. This will be reevaluated in the Spring.
 - Family Events for the Fall such as Back 2 School Bash, Trunk or Treat and Parent's Day Out will be evaluated as the proposed date gets closer.
 - 3rd Grade Bibles will be presented the weekend of August 30th at all services.
 - Teachers and Sub-Chairs will be installed the weekend of August 30th at all services.
 - 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.
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YOUTH & FAMILY REGISTRATION AND UPDATE FORM

Parents PLEASE fill out the Registration and Update Form for your family. It is **due by August 14th**. You can find the form at: <https://forms.gle/2E5YCCQ3VMtdwnSXc9>



Youth Ministry Chair: Lori Uffman
Servant Events Sub-chair: Jerry Feeley
Youth Events Sub-chair: Lynn Feldhausen
Gathering Sub-chair:

- Jr & Sr High Youth Night - Wednesdays at 6:00 PM at the new church building; Contact Charity Smith, dce@stlukesmanhattan.org, for more information.
 - Jr High ONLY, Zoom Chats with DCE Charity Smith at 8:30 pm; alternating Thursday nights. August 20th will be the last Zoom Chat.
 - **6th - 12th Graders and Parents, Bi-Yearly Youth & Parent meeting—August 16th @ 12:30 PM;** will be held at the new church building; will be both in person and via Zoom; lunch will be served. All 6th - 10th graders are eligible to attend.
 - Fall Gathering for Jr High Youth has been cancelled; Fall Gathering for Sr High Youth TBD
 - We are in need of a Gathering Sub-Chair.
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CALLING ALL YOUTH

It is time to design and pick the **2020/2021 church shirts**. Designs must be **submitted by August 15th**. Please use <https://www.customink.com/> to design shirts.

1. Only use 1 color ink
2. Designs must have “St. Luke’s Lutheran Church” & “2020/2021
3. Please keep price of the shirt moderate
4. Send designs to rootedyouth@stlukesmanhattan.org
5. Can submit more than one design

Designs will be voted on at the Bi-Yearly Youth/Parent meeting, Aug 16th

CONNECT GROUPS

Sunday Adult Bible Class, Pastor Schmidt

Lutheran Layman’s League, David & Julie Hatesohl, 785-845-8124 or 785-236-0493 or phoebehat@gmail.com.

Women’s Bible Study, 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; **re-starting in August**

Card Making, Janet Beach and Ann Williams

Men’s Bible Breakfast, Walt Fick, 785-776-0879 or fick.walter@att.net

Young Adult Group, Wednesdays at 7:30 PM, Kaitlin Krause, 918-899-6927 or kaitlinjoy.krause@gmail.com; **Meeting at the New Church Building**

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, basement fellowship hall, Sunset Campus, 9:00 AM, Dorothy Burtness, 785-539-8018. **Re-starting in August**

Cancer Companions, Jamie Spikes, 785-537-3929; Judy Boye, 785-320-6355 - **Suspended until further notice**

Check with the individual(s) for each group for information on the meeting plans for the group.



ELC

Greetings from St. Luke's Early Learning Center on 4801 Anderson Avenue! We are officially completely moved over to the new location and all is going well with our "soft open." Our current students are enjoying their new classrooms and playground. Another change is the transition from students bringing their own lunches to all meals (breakfast, two snacks and lunch) being served by our very own nutrition coordinator. The next big upcoming date, August 3rd, is when we will welcome all new students to the center. This is a day we have been working toward for a very long time. God continues to bless us by providing nearly full enrollment, quality staff and this amazing facility. We truly could not have gotten to this point without the support from our amazing ELC board, their husbands, children and several other church members. We are beyond excited to continue sharing Jesus to those who walk through these new doors!



Check Out the New Class Room!



Snack Time!



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

Winston Churchill reportedly said, “we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” According to Churchill then, our lives are defined less by what we have gotten and more by what we give away.

Our Lord’s life is defined in this way. He gave completely of Himself for us. He became man for us. He taught the truth of God’s Word. He healed those with many and various diseases. He died the death that we deserve because of sin. He gave of Himself in order to save us from sin, death, and hell. So it is that by giving completely of Himself, He got us for Himself, making us citizens of His eternal kingdom by grace.

As it was for Jesus, so it is also for us. We get more from giving than we do from simply getting. Giving softens our hearts and frees us from the worries of this world and making a living. For when we are singularly focused on making a living, we are singularly focused on what we get.

That mindset begins to bleed into all areas of our lives – our relationships with friends and family, with neighbors and coworkers, and with the Lord. It shifts our focus from asking “How can I be a friend, family member, neighbor, and servant to others?” to “What have they done for me lately?” We become more selfish instead of selfless.

But, when we give, we do not have less, and we do not become less. We have more and become more. Because when we give, we join in the bond of friendship and family, the bond of service to those around us out of love for them. And love is the fulfillment of the Law. It is the nature of God Himself, for God is Love. Thus, we are participating in the divine nature. As Jesus said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35).

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.



TRAVELING BULLETIN

Ascension Lutheran Church, Wichita, KS, Larry & Alice Wesche
(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.



The Parish Nurse Page

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Immunization Time!



It is important to know that immunizations for children are just as important whether or not they are attending school in person or at home. It is also important that you check for any required immunizations your child needs before starting school or preschool to remain up-to-date.

Immunizations (or vaccinations) aren't just for babies and young children. We ALL need to stay current on our immunizations to help protect us from serious diseases and illness.

Young children under the age of 6 get a series of shots to protect against measles, polio, chicken pox, and hepatitis. Preteens ages 11 and 12 need immunizations to help protect against tetanus, diphtheria, whooping cough and meningitis. Everyone needs to stay current on immunizations.

Talk to your doctor today or visit www.cdc.gov for more information.

How Are You Feeling?

Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth. Psalm 46:10 (NIV)

This has been my Bible verse these days. It has been difficult to know where to stand on things during all the COVID-19 information and misinformation. Most days I feel like a fence sitter, bogged down with concern for what is going on in our country and community. Do I just bury my head in the sand and pretend all will go well or do I keep alert to all that is happening in the news and elsewhere and continue to be anxious? Maybe you have been feeling some of these same things. Doubts, fears and complacency can set in if we let it.

We need to be reminded that God has put us here, right now, today, in this place to bloom where we are planted—trusting Him that He can do ALL things. He reminds me and ALL OF US, ***So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*** Isaiah 41:10 (NIV).

Yes, He will sustain all of us as we continue day by day to be His servants in our families, church and community. Kate McNeal, Parish Nurse



Stay Cool!

Wear your shades!

Drink water!

Use sunscreen!

Play safe!

Wear masks when appropriate

Maintain the 6 foot social distancing

Wash your hands!



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