### St. Luke's Visitor

# But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations. Fsalm 33:11

#### From The Pastor's Pen

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. – 2 Corinthians 4:6

The God of the universe, the Creator of all things, has shone His light on us by blessing us with His Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus reveals God. Jesus is "the image of God" (2 Corinthians 4:4). In Jesus, and especially in the cross, we see how much God hates sin, and how much He loves us. The Almighty God is willing to sacrifice His own Son that we might live with Him eternally. He has shone His light on us, and we are now blessed shine that light on others. We have a "message of reconciliation" (2 Corinthians 5:19) to share with the people around us. Although the way is not always smooth, "we do not lose heart" (2 Corinthians 4:16). Any turbulence that we encounter in advancing the kingdom of God is consider to be "light momentary affliction" in comparison to the "eternal weight of glory" (2 Corinthians 4:17) that has been prepared for us.

So press forward. Come to church. Be blessed with the Spirit through the Word. Do your devotions daily. Be generous with your financial offerings. (The mortgage is decreasing rapidly, and there is more to build). Get involved. Be connected to other Christians. Serve with a joyful and glad heart. You are blessed in Christ to be a blessing!

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The **DCE Call Committee** has been working diligently.

The committee members are Chari Manry (Committee Chair, former Church Council Secretary), Julie Thiele (former Preschool Chair), Tiffany Manning (Children's Ministry Chair), Natalie Winter (Youth Chair), Jessica Jones (Campus Ministry Chair), Shane Rengstorf (Elder), Jim Jenkins (Member), and myself.

The committee first created a job description that was embraced by the council. That job description identifies the 4 major areas where our future DCE will be focusing: **Preschool** (Chapel, Bible Time), **Children's Ministry** (Sunday School, BASIC, and VBS), **Youth** (regular meetings, servant events, fund raisers, and gatherings/retreats), and **Campus Ministry** (Bible Studies, Table Talk, retreats). The DCE could be involved in other areas of the church as time permits. Throughout all the areas of ministry, we are looking for Lutheran teaching, visionary leadership, and engaged relationships.

The committee then interviewed three DCEs. Although all would be a blessing to us, one stood out above the rest – **William Prann**. We have invited him and his wife to come meet us, and we want you to get to know him as well. He will be with us the weekend of September 29-October 1. There will be an **Open House** to meet the DCE on **Saturday, September 30, 2:00-4:00 p.m.** 

Trail Life USA (TLUSA) & American Heritage Girls (AHG), Troops KS0057, are both ministries that are owned and operated by St. Luke's.

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Adventure Character Leadership AHG meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the Month, 6:00-7:45 p.m.

TLUSA meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the Month, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Pastor's Bible Study is on Sundays at 9:45 a.m. The next topic we will be covering is **Christians in a Woke World**. It is a Bible Study book written by Rev. Paul Dare and has 16 lessons. This series will start on September 10.



St. Luke's is studying the feasibility of a Classical Lutheran School. St. Luke's has enlisted the Genesis Project (a ministry of the LCMS) to assist us in this analysis. **Consortium** for **Classical** What is a Classical Lutheran School? **Lutheran Education** 

- The goal of a classical education is to train students to be lifelong learners.
- Kids who receive a classical education score in the top 10-15% on SATs and ACTs.
- Classical Education is for the whole person teaching children virtue through the pursuit of truth, goodness, and beauty.
- The Bible is the Word of God and is taught in all of its truth and purity.
- Using the Small Catechism children are taught to love God and serve their neighbor.

Please help us by answering 6 questions using the QR code.

Our Campus Ministry is aimed at all college age students.

Our LCMS U is made up of a leadership team:

- Our Campus Ministry Chair who has a vote on the council. Jessica Jones is currently holding this position (and is doing a fabulous job).
- 2 Officers: A President Megan Jones; and Treasurer/Secretary Carson Lund
- 2 Peer Ministers: Selah Hageman and Aiden Ricker

On Sundays at noon (after the late service), there is Table Talk - a free meal! Table Talk will be at St. Luke's the 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month. It will be held at Christ Lutheran Church the 1st Sunday of the month. The one exception to this schedule will occur on October 1. We want to host Table Talk because we want William Prann to meet our Campus Ministry students. Please consider hosting Table Talk. The sign-up sheet is in the kitchen.

The Campus Ministry also meets on Monday evenings at the Blue House. They gather for Fellowship at 8:00 p.m. and a Bible Study at 9:00 p.m. (The exception to this schedule is that they will not be meeting on Labor Day.)

Do you have a college student? Please encourage them to be part of our ministry.

BASIC Training is on Wednesdays, 6:00-7:15 p.m., beginning September 6. Sunday School is on Sundays, 9:45-10:45 a.m., beginning September 10.

Please don't miss these opportunities to teach your children and grandchildren about Christ.

Jr. Confirmation is aimed at 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. (Students are also called catechumens, because they study the catechism). We do a deep dive into Luther's Small Catechism, studying its 6 chief parts over a 2-year period. We also ask our confirmands to play the chimes, participate in worship, serve as an acolyte, and get connected to the other confirmands in the class. Parents are invited to join their child in class. At the end of the 2-year period, the confirmands *confirm* that the faith into which they were baptized is their personal faith. The Rite of Confirmation is on Palm Sunday. Is your child starting the 7<sup>th</sup> grade? Please strive to have them be part of our class.

-----lt is truly a joy and honor to serve as your pastor.



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## "Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us."



## Profession of Faith Preston & Sarah Schotte

#### Baptisms Emma June Schurle

## Transferred to the Kingdom of God Carolyn Valerius

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Children's Ministry Chair: Tiffany Manning

**BASIC Sub-chair:** 

Sunday School Sub-chair: Marilyn Fick Children's Care Sub-chair: Darci Paull Family Events Sub-chair: Courtney Huss

VBS Sub-chair:

- Sunday School Sundays @ 9:45 a.m.; Resumes September 10
- BASIC Wednesdays @ 6:00 p.m.; Resumes September 6
- Emergency Shelter Donations September is Toothpaste

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Youth Night Leader: Natalie Winter Servant Events Sub-chair: Scott Stone

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Gathering Sub-chair: Becky McQuillian

- September 6th Sr High Youth Night @ Locked from 6:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
- September 13th Sr High Youth Night @ 6:00 p.m. at the Blue House
- September 20th Sr High Youth Night @ 6:00 p.m. at the Blue House
- September 27th Sr High Youth Night @ 6:00 p.m. at the Blue House

#### **Spiritual Sponsors for our Youth**

As the LCMS Gathering approaches, we are preparing to support our students' participation through financial sponsorship and spiritual maturation. We need to recruit "Spiritual Sponsors" for our LCMS Gathering participants. As a Spiritual Sponsor, your responsibilities would include: connecting to your assigned Sr High student, praying for your student as they prepare for the LCMS Gathering, and participating in an interview with the student about your faith. If you are interested in supporting the spiritual maturation of our senior high students, please contact Natalie Winter (785-409-9141).

#### LCMS Gathering '25

If your student will be in high school during July 2025, they are eligible to attend the LCMS Gathering in New Orleans! Please reach out to Natalie Winter (785-409-9141) for more information regarding financial support and requirements for participation.

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#### **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.

**Table Talk,** Sundays at Noon during the school year. Meal for college students here at the church **Women's Bible Study,** 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month, Diane Mosier, sdmosier 2000@yahoo.com

Card Making, Janet Beach and Ann Williams

Campus Ministry Bible Study, Mondays @ 9:00 PM, during the school year; meets at the Blue House

**Men's Bible Breakfast,** 7:00 AM Tuesdays, Vista Drive In, Walt Fick, 785-776-0879 or fick.walter@att.net

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

**Cancer Companions,** Jamie Spikes, 785-313-1587; Judy Boye, 785-320-6355

**Theology on Tap,** 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7:30 PM, Rockin K's, 1880 Kimball Avenue, Manhattan

Campus Ministry Vespers, Thursdays @ 8:00 PM, during the school year; Meets at the Blue House

#### TRAIL LIFE USA AND AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS

St. Luke's owns and operates **KS0057 Troop**, Trail Life and American Heritage Girls. **These groups meet during the school year.** For TLUSA, boys Kindergarten through 5th grade meet on the 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month from 6:00 PM - 7:15 PM. Boys 6th grade through 12th grade meet every Monday of the month from 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM.

AHG meet the 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM.

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September 1: Allison Frihart

September 2: Evan Brott, Mike Schmidt

September 3: Marsha Grunewald, Greg Burnett

September 4: Simon Schmidt September 5: Tucker Lynch

September 7: Luke Schmidt, Emma Schurle, Ethan

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September 8: Logan Olesky

September 9: Dale Meyer, Tyson Kruse

September 11: Kennard Kopp, Jamie Spikes, Josh

Schwanke

September 12: Gary Mott, Cathie Wilkinson, Madilyn

Burris

September 13: Alice McLain, Scott Manning

September 14: Larry Eagan, Mary Lynn Barta

September 15: Marilyn Fick September 16: Andrew Klimek September 18: Glavin Lohse

September 20: Paul Abitz, Miranda Tegtmeier

September 21: David Lohse, Dan Caponera, Kate

McNeal, Seth Tucker, Rachael Stadel

September 22: C. Lee Woodford, Steve Williams,

Mason Sturdy

September 23: Chuck Veatch, Torie Winter, Cora

McDonald, Karissa Rengstorf

September 25: Chris Deetjen, Myra Campbell

September 26: Olivia Stuckwisch September 27: Thelma Liebe September 28: David Garcia



September 1: Ed & Denise Klimek

September 7: Hamlin & Dorothy Burtness

September 9: Paul & Amy Abitz

September 13: Dan & Pearl Caponera September 14: Gary & Connie Kasten September 17: Larry & Linda Williams





#### LWML

The September LWML (Lutheran Women in Mission) Society Meeting will be held on Tuesday, **September 5**, at 10:00 a.m., at the church. The program topic will be the LWML National Convention that was held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in June. All women of St. Luke's are invited to attend.



Lutheran The LWML Annual Fall "NO BAKE~BAKE SALE" Fundraiser starts Sunday, September 10th through Sunday, October 1st. All donations go towards supporting in Mission the ministries of Shepherd's Crossing. Shepherd's Crossing of Manhattan is a volunteer organization consisting of multiple faith-based and civil agencies providing

compassionate and caring assistance to members of our community needing budget counseling, referral services and financial support. Look for the "NO BAKE~BAKE SALE" milk jug to place your donations located in the narthex. For more information contact Kate McNeal at katemcneal51@gmail.com.

#### SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS!!

#### MISSION OF LOVE

Mission of Love presented 24 more Quilts and 2 Baby blankets for dedication at our worship Services Aug 12-13. They were delivered to Orphan Grain Train in Wichita Aug 19.

Our Thanks go out to everyone who has donated fabric, Sheets, used blankets and especially the hours spent cutting blocks, making tops coming to tie the quilts and take them home to bind them. We also have used the Thrivent Action Team cards to buy batting for the guilt fillers and would welcome anyone to apply for another one for us.

These quilts are just one small way we can show our love and concern for the less fortunate of God's people. Even though we can not mark them with a cross or anything religious we Pray they will feel that someone cared enough to help them in this small way.

Dorothy Burtness dorburt57@gmail.com 785-341-5530

#### FLINT HILLS LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

Most of the time when you hear Lutherans for Life, people tend to think that means we only focus on abortion. In their mission statement, Lutherans For Life encourages Lutherans "to uphold the God-given value of human life and to influence society to do the same."

When you think about it, the value God gives each human life, affects not only abortion, but also assisted suicide, euthanasia, adoption, how we treat the disabled, human trafficking, etc. Some students in school identify as dogs or cats! Our children and grandchildren are being bombarded with false ideas. There seems to be no acknowledgement that God is the one who gives us value.

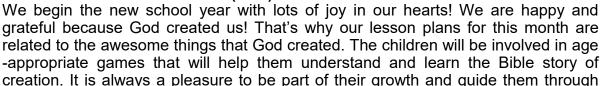
Flint Hills Lutherans For Life is hosting Heather Ruesch, founder of "The You Matter Tour" to speak about this topic. She speaks about how to deal with issues of identity and teaches practical life skills to cope. She affirms that our identity and value comes from Christ.

Encourage your children and young people to attend. YOU ARE INVITED!! This is also for parents, grandparents and anyone who would like to learn how to address these issues with those we love.

Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Wamego.

Pizza will be served! See you there!





this journey. Our number one priority is to make the children feel safe and comfortable at the center. That is why the teachers are preparing their classrooms to make them look nice to receive the students. The children are excited for the new school year as well as the staff. We thank the congregation for their continued support of the ELC!









#### **CANCER COMPANIONS**

Like you, we believe your Christian faith can be powerful in pushing back cancer - so you can breathe.

Of the cancer patients who engage in the Cancer Companion program, <u>91%</u> reported a decrease in anxiety AND a <u>79</u>% decrease in depression. AMEN!

Studies show lowering a cancer patient's anxiety and depression will improve their...

- Cancer treatment tolerance
- Quality of life

Overall survivorship

---- Taken from Cancer Companions website

Did you see those numbers????

91% reported a decrease in anxiety and

79% reported a decrease in depression!

That's something to celebrate!!

And we do celebrate!! We celebrate clean scans and good numbers from blood work. It also means NOT taking BIRTHDAYS for granted!

We *celebrate birthdays* by going as a group to eat out. (Usually someplace we haven't tried before!) We want to acknowledge the *GIFT* of another year from God!

Cancer Companions is here to uplift, support, encourage and share God's love.

Cancer Companions – a Christian support group for cancer patients in treatment, post treatment and caregivers. Tuesdays @1:30 p.m. here at St. Luke's Lutheran Church.

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#### ST. LUKE'S INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MINISTRY

St. Luke's ISM partners with HIS (Helping International Students) a local Christian organization that partners with 30 some local churches. St. Luke's helps HIS with things like a welcome dinner for new internationals, furniture give away and signing up Americans to be a friend to the internationals.

St. Luke's has developed unique connection with universities in Prague, Czech Republic. Exchange students returning have told others about our host family program and they contact us wanting to participate. As coordinator, I find St. Luke families who want to work with this ministry and assign them a student. Once the connection is made they make arrangements to meet the student at the airport, put them up in their homes for a few days, help them check into campus housing and then just keep in touch through-out the semester.

Our mission is show these students a Christian way of life since most all say they are atheist. One former student says his time in Manhattan was the best of his life and has changed his life forever.

St. Luke's ISM has eight students from the Czech Republic, one from the Ukraine, and one from Taiwan. It is a blessing to have 10 families helping with this ministry. If you are interested in learning more please contact Liz Beikmann, Coordinator . (dogwood.angus@gmail.com)

#### **LUTHERAN LAYMEN'S LEAGUE**

Lutheran Laymen's League (LLL) Ice Cream Social: Please join us **Sunday, September 10th at 7:00 PM at St Luke's** for ice cream and social time. There will be a short presentation on Sharing Your Faith Journey, which include highlights from the recent LCMS Kansas District's Saints Alive at 55 event held earlier this year in Salina, Kansas. For questions, please reach out to David and Julie Hatesohl; email: <a href="mailto:djhat427@gmail.com">djhat427@gmail.com</a> or 785.845.8124.

## THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD LCMS STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY NEWSLETTER ARTICLE SEPTEMBER 2023 Stewardship in the First Commandment

The greatest gift that Martin Luther gave to us was his Small Catechism. The word "enchiridion" is part of the original title of this work. This is the Greek word for "handbook." The Small Catechism is a handbook of the Bible. All the basic knowledge that a Christian needs to understand the faith and live a godly life has been taken from the Bible and distilled into this beautiful little book of Christian piety.

Luther starts with the Ten Commandments.

The First Commandment:
You shall have no other gods.
What does this mean? We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things. (SC I)

We have a God above us. He is the Lord God and we are not. He is Almighty and in control. He is righteous and good. And therefore, we should fear Him.

This God is also our heavenly Father. He wants us to be saved. He does not want us to suffer His just wrath. He has provided salvation for us in His Son, Jesus Christ. And therefore, we should love Him.

Our heavenly Father will never leave us nor forsake us. He has promised as much — and the Bible shows us that He always keeps His promises. So, we should trust Him.

In the Large Catechism, Luther explains how money and possessions form one of the greatest temptations against the First Commandment:

This I must unfold somewhat more plainly, that it may be understood and perceived by ordinary examples of the contrary. Many a one thinks that he has God and everything in abundance when he has money and possessions; he trusts in them and boasts of them with such firmness and assurance as to care for no one. Lo, such a man also has a god, Mammon by name, i.e., money and possessions, on which he sets all his heart, and which is also the most common idol on earth. He who has money and possessions feels secure, and is joyful and undismayed as though he were sitting in the midst of Paradise. On the other hand, he who has none doubts and is despondent, as though he knew of no God. For very few are to be found who are of good cheer, and who neither mourn nor complain if they have not Mammon. This [care and desire for money] sticks and clings to our nature, even to the grave. (LC I 5–9)

These words of Dr. Luther should call us to repentance; sometimes, we live and act like we don't have a Father in heaven. We seek our comfort and peace outside of His gracious promises. But we do have a Father in heaven. He does love us. All His promises are true. And the Lord will surely provide. If that is our belief, then our outward lives will reflect our belief in our acts of generosity and mercy. We will see money and possessions not as gods but rather as tools for doing God's work.

<ul><li>LCMS Stewardship Ministry: <u>lcms.org/stewardship</u></li></ul>

## My Impressions of the Conference Of the Consortium of Classical Lutheran Education

I've been to literally hundreds of conferences in my lifetime, all pretty much the same: plenary sessions (only share what works, please), breakout sessions, meals with people you don't know around a clothed-covered table with cloth napkins. Then there are the vendor-sponsored wine and hors d'oeuvres in the early evening and the stand-up breakfast if you get there early enough. And don't forget the up-scale dress code and your best manners.

Boy, was I in for a culture shock when I attended the 2023 Conference of the Consortium of Classical Education (CCLE)! A very wonderful culture shock. Here's a typical day. We leave our dorm room in time to get to Matins in the chapel. The children (yup, LOTS of children) are dismissed to go to Jesus day camp. The plenary is delivered by someone who has been working in or with a classical Lutheran school for quite some time. Lots of wisdom there. The breakout sessions run the gamut from teaching methods to philosophical underpinnings. At lunch parents pick up their children and we all head to the dining hall: pick up a tray and plastic fork and help yourself. Back to work after another plenary. To find your breakout you pass by the vendors who hand out candy (chocolate is my preference). Afternoon is capped off with Vespers. After dinner-on-your-own you attend Compline. As for the dress code it's primarily jeans or clerical collar.

But I've omitted the most important stuff. I haven't told you about the joy, exuberance, and "brotherly" affection. No one there was someone you didn't know. In fact, they knew you so well they offered to help you out no matter the stage of development of your school. Five hundred people represented churches like ours -in a research phase-, or those switching from established Lutheran to Classical Lutheran, or those that had been classical for many years. Lots of wisdom there, too.

Lots of knowledge and experience as well, from veteran classroom teachers to long-time principals and pastors, to authors of widely-read books on their topics, to those who consult with congregations professionally. They were, to a person, willing to share expertise and experience on a one-to-one basis. Their desire to share their ups **and** downs was astounding! No hiding the pitfalls. Families' knowledge of the Bible, the various Lutheran liturgies, hymnody, doctrine, creeds and confessions was impressive. During services we were one big Lutheran family praising and worshiping our heavenly Father. As it should be!

### A couple of brief thoughts

**Dr. Gene Edward Veith, keynote speaker and author of** *Classical Education: The Movement Sweeping America*, notes that Classical education combines the Liberal Arts with Lutheran catechesis, and says "The liberal arts can equip a child for effective service in the world; catechesis can equip a child for everlasting life." Who doesn't want these for their child?

Kate Deddens and Leah Broman are consultants. They believe, "Classical Lutheran Education cultivates the human spirit. While everything about being human is being dismantled, we are rebuilding. We must rearticulate, reclaim, collaborate, and build classical Lutheran education that energizes us and our families toward Truth, Goodness, and Beauty found in our Savior, Jesus Christ. Our Lutheran faith and traditions offer depth and distinction amid widespread cultural deprivation, ..."

Kathy Wright

#### The History of Our Jesus Statue

Several people have wondered about the significance of the statue of Jesus residing on a ledge on the right side of the sanctuary. Why was it put there? Where did it originate? And more.

The Ladies Bible Study Group held a discussion about the statue one morning. Two of our members had grown up in St. Luke's from childhood, and they filled us in on the history. Once we all learned more about it, we thought it would be worth putting an article in The Visitor, so that others could know the background and perhaps have a better appreciation of the statue.

After looking through papers regarding the history of our congregation, the following was learned. The original church building was on Osage St. and built in 1923. St. Luke's was organized and accepted into the Synod in October of 1925.

The religious figure of Jesus we have now was the centerpiece of the altar at the Osage St. church. When the Sunset Ave. church was built in the early fifties, the new altar did not include the statue. Instead, it was placed in the church Fellowship Hall where the children went to Sunday School. A platform had been made to use as a small altar and placed at the far end of the Fellowship Hall for the opening worship time. The Jesus statue was centered on the platform with candles on either side, and the children took turns lighting the candles. The small altar with the statue in the center must have given a special meaning to these young ones.

The Education Building was dedicated in 1961. The children had the Opening Session each Sunday before dividing into individual classes with the Jesus statue once again as a focal point. Next, the Jesus statue was moved to the landing of the Education Building stairway. Everyone who walked up the stairs had a full view of the spiritual figure.

When we moved to our present location in July of 2020, the Jesus statue came with us. He was not put in a store room, but placed in a visual spot. The statue has been painted more than once over the years. The next time you worship at St. Luke's, you'll know the history and may have a greater appreciation. The statue is a symbol of our faith and what Jesus has taught us.





#### TRAVELING BULLETIN

King of Kings Lutheran Church, Kansas City, MO Trinity Lutheran Church, Broken Arrow, OK Christ Lutheran Church, Shreveport, LA Kaitlin Krause

Holy Cross Lutheran Church & School, Colorado Springs, CO Ken Culbertson

Holy Cross Lutheran Church & School, Colorado Springs, CO John & Karen Armbrust

(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!)