

# 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

On October 31, Lutherans celebrate the Reformation! Here are some of the key points that we celebrate with the Reformation.



- **Scripture / Bible / The Word of God**

Some of our rules for interpreting the Bible are as follows:

- ◊ The Word of God is **authoritative**. We are under the Word of God, not over it. We do not have the authority to overrule it because we don't like what it says.
- ◊ **Scripture interprets Scripture.**
  - ◆ It's not Scripture and Tradition.
  - ◆ It's not Scripture and sound reason.
  - ◆ When Scripture speaks, we speak. When Scripture is silent, so are we.
- ◊ Two main teachings in Scripture are **Law** and **Gospel**.
  - ◆ The Law makes demands of us, and condemns us when those demands are not met.
  - ◆ The Gospel is God's gifts and promises.
- ◊ **Jesus** is the key to interpreting the Bible. It's about HIM, and His work to save us.

- **Justification**

- ◊ We are saved by grace through faith in Christ.
- ◊ We are not saved by faith and works.
- ◊ Works flow from faith.

- **Office of the Holy Ministry (a.k.a. Office of the Public Ministry/Office of the Keys)**

- ◊ The Office of the Holy Ministry was instituted by Christ.
- ◊ The Office is found within the church.
- ◊ The Office delivers the forgiveness of sins through Word and Sacrament.

- **Sacraments**

- ◊ The Sacraments are Baptism and the Lord's Supper.
- ◊ The Sacraments deliver the **forgiveness of sins** wrapped in physical elements.

- **Repentance**

- ◊ Repentance is not a work that we do.
- ◊ Repentance is both contrition and faith.
  - ◆ **Contrition** is worked by the Law. In the Smalcald Articles (1537), Luther referred to contrition as *passive* contrition because it is worked in us by God.
  - ◆ **Faith** is created by the Holy Spirit through the Gospel.
    - \* Faith is not a decision. Because of our sinful nature, we don't have the ability to invite Christ into our hearts.
    - \* Faith is not limited by our cognitive ability.
    - \* Faith is a **gift** from God that trusts in Jesus for salvation.
    - \* Faith believes and speaks what is from God.

- **Single Predestination**

- ◊ God gets the credit, we get the blame.
  - ◆ God gets the credit: People are saved because God has elected them to be saved and blesses them with faith in Jesus.
  - ◆ We get the blame: People are condemned to hell because they have rejected Jesus as the Savior.

- **Vocation**

- ◊ Vocations are those roles in life that God has given us to carry out.
- ◊ One is not more God-pleasing than another.

- **Theocentric, not Anthropocentric**

- ◊ Sound theology has God at the center.
- ◊ Our unity with others flows from being connected to God.

As we celebrate the Reformation, we celebrate these key points that our Lutheran heritage has delivered to us.

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We will be celebrating the Reformation the last weekend of October in church, but our Circuit will also be having a **Reformation Service and Presentation on Sunday, October 29, 2:00-4:30 p.m.**, at **St. John Lutheran Church in Alma**. The preacher and presenter will be **Rev. Dr. Jon Bruss**. He is a former pastor at St. John in Topeka and is now an Associate Professor of Systematic Theology at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne. The topic of his presentation will be: "The Seal of the Confessional: History and Contemporary Challenges."

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**Trunk-or-Treat is Wednesday, October 25, 6:00-7:00 p.m.** In order for this event to be a success, we need your involvement. Please sign up for a "trunk" and pass out candy.

Did you know ... On November 1, Halloween candy goes on sale. It's usually 50% off. If you are financially able and your calendar is open, please buy bags of candy on that date, and then donate them to the church for the Christmas parade. During the parade, we pass out candy that is attached to invitations to our Christmas services. We usually run out of candy at the parade, so your generosity is appreciated.

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**Theology on Tap** – We will next meet on **Tuesday, October 17 at 7:30 p.m.** at **Rockin K's** (1880 Kimball Ave., Unit 100, Manhattan, KS 66502). The presenter will be **Rev. Jim Price**, Pastor at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Wamego, KS. His topic will be "**Psalms of Ascent: Road Trip Playlist**."



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On the weekend of **October 21-22, Dr. Phil Frusti** with **Lead-A-Child** will be with us. This Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS) was started by our own Jim and Eddie† Jorns. Dr. Frusti will be speaking for about 3 minutes at the beginning of each service and during our Adult Bible Study hour.



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



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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.



### What is a Classical Lutheran School?

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



On Sundays at noon (after the late service), there is **Table Talk**. It's a free meal for the students! Please consider hosting Table Talk. The sign-up sheet is in the kitchen.

Please don't miss opportunities to pass *the faith* on to your children and grandchildren.

**BASIC Training** is on **Wednesdays, 6:00-7:15 p.m.**

**Sunday School** is on **Sundays, 9:45-10:45 a.m.**

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

**A Special Voter's Meeting will be held Oct 15 at 1:30pm to vote on the DCE Call Committee's Recommendation.**



Date	Saturday 6:00 PM	Sunday 8:30 AM	Sunday 11:00 AM
September 30		Tessa Thiele	Allie Winter
October 1			
October 7/8		Gavin Hudson	Hunter Fong
October 14/15	Annalise Orona	Carter Manning	Jackson Fong (?)
October 21/22		Logan Olesky	Tucker Lynch
October 28/29		Taryn Thiele	Sarah Oelke

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



## AUGUST 2023 OFFICIAL ACTS

### Transfer Out

Brandon, Jennifer, Caitlyn, Chloe, Coneay, Cole Fleming

### Released Members

Fran Ireland

### Transferred to the Kingdom of God

Betty Gehrt



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: Sarah Larson

VBS Sub-chair:

- October 11 - BASIC Family Night
- October 25 - Trunk or Treat - 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
- Sunday School - Sundays @ 9:45 a.m.
- BASIC - Wednesdays @ 6:00 p.m.
- Emergency Shelter Donations - October is Bar Soap

**Trunk or Treat is coming up on Oct. 25 from 6-7 p.m.** We need your help to make this event a success again this year! Ways you can help: 1.) **Sign up** to host a trunk at the event. Weather permitting, you can choose to have an indoor or outdoor trunk. The sign up sheet is outside of Sue's office. 2.) If you can't be at the event, we would love to have **candy donations** to help pass out at the trunks. There is a candy donation box in the narthex. Thanks in advance, for helping us with another successful Trunk or Treat.



Youth Night Leader: Natalie Winter

Servant Events Sub-chair: Scott Stone

Youth Events Sub-chair:

Gathering Sub-chair: Becky McQuillian

- Sr High Youth continue to meet Wednesday nights @ 6:00 p.m. at the Blue House; Studying the Apostles’ Creed

## OCTOBER Birthdays

**October 2:** Pat Roland, Barb Hackbart, Jerry Feeley  
**October 3:** Matthew Feeley  
**October 7:** Shanda Wilson  
**October 8:** Macsen Wells  
**October 9:** David Beach  
**October 10:** Catherine Ukena, Nancy Williams  
**October 11:** Jeanette Campbell, Jacinda Tucker  
**October 12:** Dan Murphy  
**October 13:** Kayla Dieball, Steve Hanson, Paul Zidek  
**October 15:** Bill Robb  
**October 16:** Ben Gordon  
**October 17:** Kim Zier, Gary Kasten  
**October 20:** Lavon Smith  
**October 21:** Coleton Prockish, Brandon Klimek  
**October 23:** Hannah Schmidt  
**October 24:** John Miesner, Shane Lohse  
**October 26:** Ryan Feeley, Kyle Campbell  
**October 27:** Darleen Moormann  
**October 29:** Terry Wehmuehler, Deanne Burris  
**October 30:** Caylee Asebedo, Chari Manry

## OCTOBER Anniversaries

**October 2:** Vince & Sandi Redding  
**October 8:** Larry & Alice Wesche, Tom & Pat Orazem  
**October 9:** Brian & Sylvia Carter  
**October 13:** Lowell & Stacy Kohlmeier  
**October 14:** Jared & Shanda Wilson  
**October 17:** Kenneth & Kara Titus  
**October 19:** Scott Stone & Susan Spain  
**October 23:** Jason & Rachael Stadel  
**October 29:** Jacob & Grace Hagenmaier



### CONNECT GROUPS

**Sunday Adult Bible Class,** Pastor Schmidt

**Lutheran Layman's League,** David & Julie Hatesohl, 785-845-8124 or 785-236-0493 or phoebehath@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 Burtneiss, 785-341-5530.

**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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### LWML

The **Elizabeth Circle** of St. Luke's LWML will meet on **Tuesday, October 3rd at 10 AM at the church.** All ladies of the church are invited to attend.

The **Mary Martha Circle** of St. Luke's LWML will be meeting **Tuesday October 10th in the church at 7 PM.** Marilyn is the hostess and Jill will lead the Bible study. All women of the church and guests are welcome.

Time for the Annual LWML Nut Sale! First round of orders have already been submitted. Second round of orders are due by October 14th. Contact Linda Simon, Alice Wesche, Marilyn Fick, Joyce Mott, Jeanette Campbell, or Nancy Williams for an order form.



## SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS!!

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## CANCER COMPANIONS



### October Breast Cancer Awareness Month

For nearly four decades now, the United States has recognized October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The goals are to:

- Educate people about breast cancer risk factors
- Stress the importance of regular screenings
- Starting at age 40 or when your health care provider thinks it is appropriate
- Support people diagnosed with breast cancer
- Support research

Breast cancer affects one in eight women in the United States every year. Those pink ribbon symbols you see are for breast cancer.

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**"I'm using Hotmail, but my hands are still cold."**





Are you a college student? Come join fellow college students for Bible study. LCMSU has **Bible study on Monday nights from 8:00 – 10:00 pm at the Blue House (354 N Delaware)**. Every Sunday, **Table Talk** (free lunch) is at noon at St. Luke's. The first Sunday of the month Table Talk is hosted at Christ Lutheran. However, the first Sunday of October, we will be having Table Talk at St. Luke's to meet the DCE candidate. We will also be having a **Halloween party on Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**.



We have made tangible progress toward our **new deck**! We had a work day on Sat. 9/16 to purchase and store the lumber and hardware, and another work day Sun. 9/24 to begin construction.

We applied for a 2024 grant toward the **goals of planning a spring retreat, hosting a fall activity, and traveling to help as Petal Pushers with Lutheran Hour Ministries for the Rose Parade** in December 2024. We will hear back from the grant committee in November.

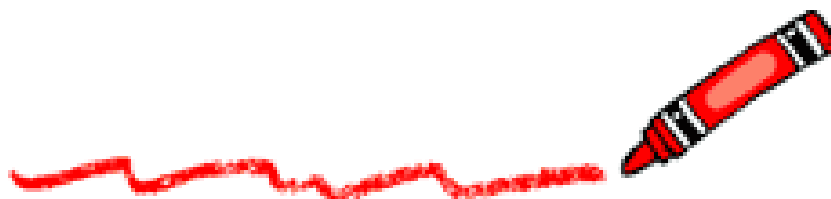
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### **EARLY LEARNING CENTERN (ELC)**

Theres a lot of good things happening at the Early Learning Center this month! The ELC is excited to be working on their Fall Fundraiser! This year they will be selling T-shirts with a variety of design options. If you would like to order, you can find the order forms on the table outside the church office! All order forms and money will be due October 18<sup>th</sup>. The staff are happy about the opportunity to raise funds for the classrooms!

The students at the Center have been happily practicing the bible verse for this month at their circle and bible story time: "God knows everything". 1 John 3:20. It is very nice to see how they learn so fast the bible verse motion too!

Is officially Fall season! The children have been witnessing the changes to our garden. They participated in the first phase of planting and now they saw the fruits that the plants have borne. The teachers are happy to be part of our students' learning journey!



**THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD**  
**LCMS STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY NEWSLETTER ARTICLE OCTOBER 2023**

**It's in the Way that You Use It**

Consider the humble baseball bat. It is a simple tool designed for a complex task. The batter needs a tool that can consistently deliver force to a small ball which may be thrown at over 100 miles per hour, but which might also come slanting across the plate as a slow curve. For a game like this, the founders of baseball had to redesign the old cricket bat, which is more of a flat paddle. The tool had to fit the job.

But even a specially-designed tool can be used for a different purpose. It turns out that some years ago in England, the home of cricket, baseball bats suddenly started selling like hotcakes. What were folks across the pond doing with all those baseball bats? Using them as clubs in riots!

A tool can be used, and it can be misused. It's all in the way that you use it.

The same is true with the things of God. The Second Commandment states that we should "not misuse the name of the Lord." In the Small Catechism, Luther goes on to tell us exactly what this misuse is, as well as the proper use:

"We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks." (SC I)

The Lord has given us His name: He has placed it upon us in Holy Baptism and He has invited us to pray to Him as our Father. In this sense, the Lord's name is something for us to use. We should not misuse it ... and we should not fail to use it. The Pharisees of old were so afraid of misusing the name of God that they decided to simply never say the name of God (YHWH, Jehovah) at all! This non-use is just as bad as misuse. The Lord gives His gifts for our use.

A Christian steward is one who is called to use all of God's gifts for His purposes. This includes things like the Name of God, the Sacraments and the Word, and it also includes things like our family and friends, our talents and skills, our money and resources. Everything that God has given to you, He has given to you so that you may be blessed to use it for His kingdom. It's all in the way that you use it!

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: [lcms.org/stewardship](https://lcms.org/stewardship)

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**Favorite Hymns**

The Dentist's Hymn - "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

The TV Weatherman's Hymn - "There Shall Be Showers of Blessing:

The Contractor's Hymn - "The Church's One Foundation"

The Tailor's Hymn - "Holy, Holy, Holy"

The Golfer's Hymn - "There is a Green Hill Far Away"

The Politician's Hymn - "Standing on the Promises"

The Ophthalmologist's Hymn - "Open Mine Eyes That I Might See"





***Here is a way you can support St. Luke's and qualify for a tax break at the same time."***

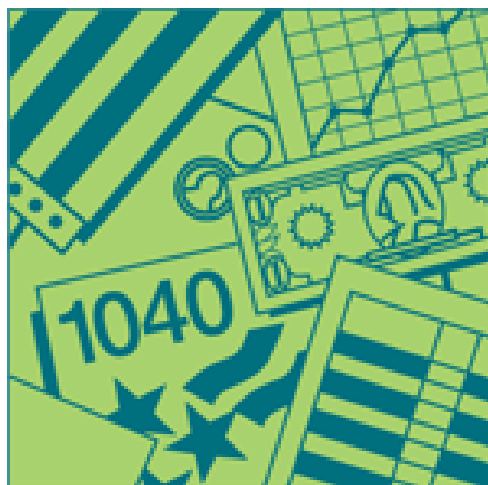
### **What is a Qualified Charitable Contribution (QCD)?**

A QCD is a withdrawal from a traditional IRA which goes directly to a qualified charity. If done correctly this withdrawal and contribution does not add to Federal or State Taxable Income or Adjusted Gross Income. You do not have to itemize on taxes to take advantage of this giving opportunity.

The basic requirements are:

- 1) The withdrawal must be from a Traditional Individual Retirement Account (IRA). (If you have a 401K or 403 B funds can be rolled to a traditional IRA first to make this work.)
- 2) The IRA owner must be at least 70.5 years old.
- 3) The money must go directly to a qualified charity. St. Luke's is qualified. The recommended approach is to have the check made out to St. Luke's Lutheran Church and have it mailed to you and you deliver. Make a copy of the check and deliver to St. Luke's so you know all was done correctly.
- 4) When reporting taxes, the withdrawal is reported and if the QCD options are appropriately load and calculated on your tax forms this withdrawal will not be a taxable event..
- 5) If you are of the age of Required Minimum Distribtuions (RMD) the QCD can count towards your RMD requirements. (The RMD age is changing from 70.5 top 72 years of age depending on your age.)
- 6) The maximum qualified QCD is \$100,000 per year per individual. IRA's are individually owned. So if each spouse has their own IRA, each can do a QCD.

If you have any question visit with Brad Brunkow, Karen Armbrust, and involve your financial firm.



# **TAX HELP**

## **A Well-Cooked Education: The Nourishing Wisdom of Classical Education**

In today's fast-paced world of instant gratification and on-demand everything, there's a contrasting movement gaining momentum – the slow movement. This can be seen in various forms on social media: homesteads or hobby farms, mindfulness practices, gardening, yoga, candles, aromatherapy, and my personal favorite; the revival of homemade meals from scratch. No more canned green beans or instant potatoes – it's all about cooking from the ground up.

I love cooking. Experimenting with food and challenging myself to create meals from primary ingredients (preferably home grown) is a joy. What started as a journey to eat less processed food and more nutrient dense food, turned into a stress relieving practice. Cooking is my place of refuge and rejuvenation. As I was kneading bread dough this week, it struck me that education shares similarities with cooking. Just as home-cooked meals bring comfort, nutrition, and a sense of tradition to our lives, a classical education serves as a foundational feast for the mind and soul.

Home cooking, characterized by its careful selection of ingredients, appropriate use of kitchen tools, and focus on beloved, tried-and-true recipes, mirrors the essence of a classical education. In a classical education, students are not mere recipients of facts and figures; they are participants in a grand narrative that weaves through history, literature, and language. This narrative whispers tales of heroism and folly, of love and loss, resonating with the heartbeat of humanity. These are the primary ingredients that compose a well-crafted dish. The embrace of these carefully selected ingredients is the essence of foundational knowledge, fostering an unshakable foundation upon which to build a life of purpose and meaning.

Additionally, just as a home chef uses time-tested techniques to create their dish, a classical education equips individuals with timeless intellectual tools. The study of classical languages like Latin and ancient Greek, for instance, might seem antiquated today, but it cultivates an unparalleled mastery of grammar and rhetoric. These skills, akin to the masterful use of a chef's knife, empower students to articulate their thoughts with eloquence and precision. The analytical training in classical education resembles a chef's meticulous ingredient preparation, combining various elements to create a harmonious and flavorful outcome. This training sharpens critical thinking and problem-solving skills, fostering intellectual agility that goes beyond the ideological trends of the day.

Rest assured, classical education isn't a dusty museum of ancient wisdom frozen in time. It embraces innovation, much like a kitchen, while respecting tradition, BBQ taco anyone? This integration ensures students are equipped for modern challenges while rooted in the wisdom of the past.

Most importantly, a Classical Education begins with profound questions echoing through time: "What is Man?" and "What is the Purpose of Man?" From this sacred starting point, the journey unfolds, a journey not just of intellectual growth, but of soulful awakening. It's about educating the whole child, instilling knowledge that guides them towards their true purpose – to Love God and to Love their neighbor. No longer do students wander in the wilderness of identity crisis, for they discover their status as cherished children of God, molded in His divine image, sanctified and redeemed through the grace of Christ. A Classical Education nurtures the very essence of one's being. It resonates with the insight of Martin Luther, who saw vocation as more than a paycheck, connecting it to a higher calling – to be children of God. This vision stands as a pillar in classical education, where the pursuit of knowledge is inseparable from the pursuit of virtue. Morality and theology are not abstract concepts relegated to textbooks but are woven into the very fabric of learning, resonating with the religious values nurtured at home. This is the meat of it all, the satisfying fullness that doesn't leave a student wanting.

A Classical Education emerges as a healthy serving of purpose and wisdom. It is the nourishment that feeds not just the mind but the soul, cultivating a deep understanding of oneself, one's neighbor, and to know the one who unites us all – Christ. Just as a meticulously prepared meal carries the essence of the cook's love and dedication, so does a classical education carry the essence of human endeavor, wisdom, and the eternal pursuit of truth, goodness, and beauty.

-----Kara Titus



### **TRAVELING BULLETIN**

St. John Lutheran Church and School, Alma, KS  
Ken & Kara Titus

Trinity Lutheran Church, Salina, KS  
David, Julie, & Mark Hatesohl

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Alta Vista, KS  
Brad & Susan Brunkow

King of Kings Lutheran Church, Kansas City, MO  
Kaitlin Krause

Ruthven United Methodist Church  
Carroll & Barb Hackbart

Christ Lutheran Church, Manhattan, KS  
Larry, Gina, & Piper Hutchison

(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!)