

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

*Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."
"Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors,
for their deeds follow them!" – Revelation 14:13*

November 1 is All Saints' Day. We will be observing this day in worship the first weekend in November. On this day, we remember those who have entered their eternal rest this last year.

In the Gospel, we have a certainty of our salvation. Because our salvation is not based on us, but in our loving God, all doubt about our eternal destiny is removed. Because our Lord has forgiven our sins, and because he has blessed us with faith, we will spend eternity with our Lord. There is no doubt about it!

Did you notice the front of the altar? Our OGRS (Old Guys Repairing Stuff) (their chosen name) were able to put the front panels (from our altar at Sunset) on our current altar. They needed to raise it 3 inches to accomplish the job, but they did it! Thanks for beautifying our worship space.

We also want to say thank you to the committee working hard to bring beauty to our worship space. They have put up banners. They are like stain glass windows. Thank you!

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.

The **Youth Gala** is Saturday, November 4, from noon till 3 p.m.
The Elders' **Thanksgiving Celebration Dinner** is Sunday, November 12, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Please join us for both events.

Several of our youth are planning to attend the **2023 Kansas District Youth Gathering, November 17-19, in Topeka.** The theme is Re:New, Re:Deem, Re:Store. The focus is on Isaiah 43:19, "Behold, I am doing a new thing: now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." We will keep them in our prayers.



Theology on Tap – We will next meet on **Tuesday, November 21 at 7:30 p.m.** at **Rockin K's** (1880 Kimball Ave., Unit 100, Manhattan, KS 66502). The presenter will be **Rev. Dr. Michael Fiebertkorn.** He is the author of the book, "Battle of the Soul: Luther Reforms Vice and Virtue."



The **Door Offering** (usually the third weekend of the month) for **November** will be going to the **Manhattan Bread Basket**. The reason for this is that we are planning to be in the Manhattan Spirit of the Holiday Lighted Parade (the first Friday in December), and the parade entrance “fee” is a donation to the Bread Basket.

Thanksgiving Service – Wednesday, November 22, 7:30 p.m. We are not only thankful people, we know who to thank.



Advent Midweek services begin on **Wednesday, November 29**. These services will also begin at 7:30 p.m. We will be looking at various psalms this Advent Midweek season.

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.



Our Campus Ministry is aimed at all college age students.

On Sundays at noon (after the late service), there is **Table Talk**. It's a free meal for the students! (The first Sunday of the month is at Christ Lutheran Church on the east side of town, but the other Sundays of the month is at St. Luke's.



We also meet on **Mondays at the Blue House (354 N. Delaware St., MHK 66502)**. **Fellowship is at 8:00 p.m. and Bible Study is at 9:00 p.m.** We've been averaging 12 students for the Bible Study.

The pastor at Christ Lutheran, Pastor James Woelmer, has been joining us in Bible Study on Mondays. He also has been going to the Student Union on Thursday from 1 to 3 in the afternoon, making himself available to students.

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.**

If you can't join us in worship in *person*, please join us via YouTube.

It is an honor to serve as your pastor.



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



SEPTEMBER 2023 OFFICIAL ACTS

Transfer Out
Jason, Courtney, Kiernan, & Kieghlyn Huss

Profession of Faith
Delores Briggs

Baptism
Cohen Karl Hagenmeier

Date	Saturday 6:00 PM	Sunday 8:30 AM	Sunday 11:00 AM
November 4/5		Tessa Thiele	Allie Winter
November 11/12	Annalise Orona	Gavin Hudson	Hunter Fong
November 18/19		Carter Manning	Jackson Fong
November 23	Thanksgiving Eve 7:30 p.m. - Logan Olesky		
November 25/26		Taryn Thiele	Tucker Lynch





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:

- November 15 - Family Night
- November 22 - No BASIC
- November 26 - No Sunday School
- Sunday School - Sundays @ 9:45 a.m.
- BASIC - Wednesdays @ 6:00 p.m.
- Emergency Shelter Donations - November is Kleenex





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
 - **November 4 - Silent Auction & Chili Supper**
 - November 15 - No Sr High Youth
 - November 17-19 - KDYG @ Topeka
 - November 29 - Decorate Church for Christmas
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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, 785-341-5530.

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.



LUTHERAN LAYMEN'S LEAGUE (LLL)

LLL will meet at **7 p.m. November 5, at the home of Brad and Susan Brunkow** (2024 Rockhill). Everyone is invited to join for Bible study, games, and snacks.



CHURCH REPAIRS AND PROJECTS

Would you be interested in volunteering to help with church repairs and projects? If yes, **call Brad Brunkow at 580-716-8187.** The helping group is being called the **OGRS (Old Guys Repairing Stuff).** You need not be old to participate. The **next larger project will be painting in the Early Learning Center Classrooms over the week of Thanksgiving while they are closed down.**

NOVEMBER Birthdays

November 1: Tami Robison
November 3: Harvey Lyons, Larry Williams
November 4: Arlene Garcia, Ryan Lynch, Natalie Thomas
November 5: Kevin Jones
November 6: Melanie Jones, Pat Thompson, Alice Wesche
November 7: Brynlee Rengstorf
November 10: Traci Lohse
November 11: Steve Heitman, Ed Park
November 12: Brad Brunkow, Angela Reid
November 13: Mary Lou Little
November 14: Stacy Kohlmeier
November 15: Jill Newland, Mark Hatesohl, Ashley Stuckwisch
November 17: Rebekah Lyons
November 20: Lindsey Wilson, Doris Ahrens
November 22: Wayne Goff
November 23: Abigail Lister
November 24: Sandi Redding, Doug Frihart
November 25: Jared Thomas, Nancy Zier, Megan Hanson
November 26: Jim Jorns
November 27: Marlene Moorman
November 28: Jim House, Erna Hass, Sawyer Manning, Natalie Winter
November 29: Colin Abitz, Amy Juracek
November 30: Grayson Prockish

NOVEMBER Anniversaries

November 3: Doug & Jill Newland, David & Arlene Garcia
November 12: Ethan & Amelia Hemmert
November 18: Wayne & Jane Goff
November 24: Chris & Carol Deetjen
November 26: Darrin & Paula Frey



CHRISTIAN CARE CORNER

Have you ever run into a situation where you or someone you know experience a financial hardship? In 2001, churches and pastors in Manhattan and St George came together and opened the doors of Shepherd's Crossing. Shepherd's Crossing is an ecumenical ministry that offers budget counseling, referrals and financial support to those in need.

Volunteers at Shepherd's crossing addresses financial needs of clients. This could be assistance with financial challenges such as meeting rent, utility bills or other financial issues. In addition, the volunteers can also refer clients to other community resources to help with housing, transportation or other needs.

St. Luke's supports Shepherd's Crossing throughout the year with donations through the Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML)'s annual No-bake Bake Sale as well as a monthly door offering. If you, or someone you know, has need of assistance, Shepherd's Crossing can be reach at: 621 Humboldt Avenue, Manhattan KS 66502
 Phone: 785.776.1470 Email: shepherd@interkan.net

LWML

Lutheran Women in Mission Monthly Meeting - **November Meeting**: Please join the Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) on **Tuesday, November 7th at 10:00 AM** at St Luke's for our November meeting. **Guest speaker will be Tracy Emery, FIT Closet Coordinator**. All women are welcome to join us. For additional information, please contact Marilyn Fick or Julie Hatesohl

Lutheran Women in Mission - The Lutheran Women in Mission is **collecting items for the FIT Closet**: The FIT Closet is in need of warm **winter gloves (adult and children's sizes)** and **warm blankets**. These items do not need to be brand new; just clean and in excellent condition. Items will be collected from October 22nd - November 19th. For questions, please contact Julie Hatesohl; 785.236.0493 or phoebehat@gmail.com

CHRISTIAN LIFE RETREAT - Continuous Joy: The Lutheran Women in Mission will be **hosting a Christian Life Retreat November 10-11, 2023 at the Double Tree by Hilton in Wichita, Kansas**. The retreat will feature author Sharla Fritz. Enjoy a relaxing weekend of music, Bible study, laughter and prizes! For details and brochure/registration form please visit: <https://www.kansaslwml.org/2023-christian-life-retreat/> There are also a few brochures located in the narthex. Registration includes hotel room, meals and activities. Registration price depends on the number of registrants per room.

Lutheran Women in Mission Mailbox Members - It's not too late to sign up to receive a monthly email update of activities of the Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML). There is no cost, no commitment, just an opportunity to learn more about women groups available here at St. Luke's and upcoming events. If you are interested in receiving a monthly email update, please email Julie Hatesohl at phoebehat@gmail.com to get on the list.

NOVEMBER MITE OFFERING CHALLENGE: The Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) is having a **Fall Recipe Mite Offering Challenge throughout November**. The challenge is to collect loose change (bills will work also) and select your favorite from four (4) fall recipes: Sour Cream Coffee Cake, Dreamy Apple Pie, Double Layer Pumpkin Cheesecake or Pecan Pie Bars. Recipes will be available if interested. We will announce the winning dessert in December. For questions, please contact: Julie Hatesohl at 785.236.493 or phoebehat@gmail.com

All ladies of St. Luke's are invited to the **LWML Annual Christmas Tea on Saturday, December 2nd at 2:00 PM at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Manhattan, KS**. This year's tea is hosted by the Elizabeth Circle. Please come and enjoy the Christmas season with fellowship and Christmas goodies with us! And bring a friend!! For more information, contact Kate McNeal at katemcneal51@gmail.com or call 785-313-0648.

SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS!!



Things at the blue house have been in full swing this last month! Our college LCMSU group has been **studying "tough texts" of the bible**. These tough texts range from stories like, "Elisha and the She-bears" to "The Tower of Babel and Pentecost". In these "tough texts" we recognize the punishments of the law that we as sinners daily endure, but how God's saving grace through Christ Jesus redeems us from the law, and the peace we can find in these "tough texts".



Interested in joining our group? Come join fellow college students for Bible Study! **LCMSU has Bible study on Monday nights from 8:00-10:00pm at the Blue House (354 N Delaware)**. We also encourage you to join us for table talk (free lunch)! Table talk is usually hosted at St. Luke's at noon. However, if it is the first Sunday of the month, it will be hosted at Christ Lutheran at noon.

EARLY LEARNING CENTER (ELC)

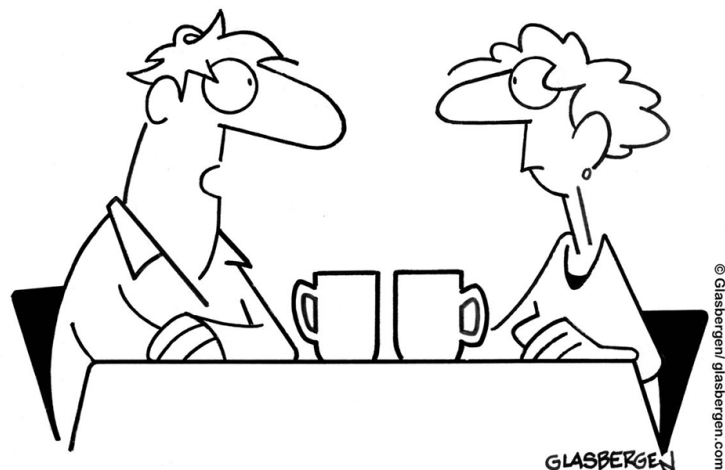
The kids from the Early Learning Center are having so much fun this month! For the Community helper's week, we received a visit from Average Joes Trash service. They came to the Center and explained to the students how important is to keep our community clean. We also had a visit from the Fire department. The students learned about fire safety, the different tools the truck has, clothes and equipment the firefighter's wear. It is always nice to see how our students learn from different areas!

The students from Daffodil, Sunflower and Bluebell room will be signing the Sunday October 29th in the chapel morning service. They have been practicing so hard and they are very excited to sing "Mighty God".

A special thank you to does who supported our T-shirt Fundraiser, we are very happy we raised funds for our classrooms!



Cartoons are available for presentations, newsletters, books, social media posts and more.
Go to glasbergen.com to find out how.



"Why can't we buy a turkey, hang it on a pine tree, stuff it with chocolate hearts and jelly beans, blow it up with a firecracker and get all the holidays over with at once?"

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

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart!

Our Father in heaven has claimed us as His own. By the shedding of His Son's blood, by His death for our sins and His resurrection for our justification, God the Father has received us back into His family. By water combined with His Word, promise and name, the Holy Spirit has taken up residence in us. We belong to Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is in us, and we are in Him. And being in Him, all things are ours. In Him, we are richly and abundantly blessed.

Our true treasure and wealth is that we belong to the most holy Trinity and everything that is His belongs also to us: righteousness, peace, eternal life. Even our temporal treasures are gifts from His fatherly, divine goodness and mercy.

We receive our treasures from Him, and thus, as good stewards of His varied grace, we manage them in such a way that they may be returned to Him. We bring them to Him, hallowed through prayers of thanksgiving and God's Holy Word, as a sacrifice. Thus all our possessions, as gifts from God, are also sacrifices to Him, from which we eat to nourish our bodies and share with our family, neighbors and fellow Christians, with the poor and even our enemies, as holy things given by our holy God. His temporal gifts are blessings to and for us, and bring blessing upon us even as they are pressed into His service for His kingdom and the souls that receive them.

Thus we place all that we have into God's hands. He never fails to remember us and pours out the fullness of His promises upon us. We give thanks for all that He has done, is doing and will continue to do. We give thanks by not taking for ourselves, but giving to all even as our heavenly Father has given to us.

As we prepare for Thanksgiving celebrations, may we all give thanks continually for all that we are and all that we have because of God's providential care. And may we be all the more diligent in bringing everything that we have received from God to Him, so that He may bless it and employ it for the good of all — even for us. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship



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.



THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION MEAL

The Board of Elders are inviting you to come on **November 12th from 5:30 - 7:00 PM**, to give thanks to God for all of our blessings and enjoy each other's fellowship. Please fill out a form located on the table in the church entryway so we may have an idea of how many will be attending the meal. Please place the completed form in the basket. **Bring 12-15 servings of your favorite family salad or dessert, that you love to make during the holiday season.** The salads and desserts can be left in the kitchen refrigerator, if needed, when attending any church service on November 11th and 12th. **For more information, please contact Dennis or Bonita Tegtmeier, 785-313-1879.**



REMEMBER TO CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4TH

TRAVELING BULLETIN

Christ Lutheran Church, Overland Park, KS
Brad & Susan Brunkow

The Lutheran Church of The Good Shepherd, Olympia, WA
John & Karen Armbrust

Christ the King Lutheran Church, Lake Ozark, MO
Jamie Spikes

(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!)