

# 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

*But we ought always to give thanks to God for you,  
brothers beloved by the Lord,  
because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved,  
through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. – 2 Thessalonians 2:13*

This is how I feel about you, the folks of St. Luke's. I have said that St. Luke's is a slice of heaven on earth for me. Your kindness, generosity, and faith are authentic and genuine. I hope you see and experience that too, and want others to also be touched by the Spirit of God that is here.

On February 8-9, our new DCE William Prann and I (pastor) participated in a 24-hour Pastor/DCE teambuilding retreat led by Jim Bradshaw from our LCMS Kansas District Office.

Jim Bradshaw presented us with a "Sample Staff Covenant." I was impressed with it. As you read through it, consider how our relationships will be strengthened as we live it out.

### Sample Staff Covenant

Because we are brothers and sisters in Christ, and in order to serve God, the people of St. Luke's and each other, we commit to:

- ✝ Show respect and appreciation to you as a redeemed child of God.
- ✝ Encourage and support you by engaging with you in:
- ✝ Regular, informal conversation,
- ✝ Fellowship activities, and
- ✝ Devotions and prayer time.
- ✝ Speak well of you and defend you when speaking to others.
- ✝ Listen to you when we differ and hang in there with you when the emotional atmosphere is stormy.
- ✝ Speak with you in a timely manner, one-on-one, when I am upset with you in order to seek reconciliation.

We are in the middle of the Lenten season. Please take advantage of this season.

- 1) During Lent, we gather for **worship** on **Wednesday nights** at **7:30 p.m.** Our theme is St. John's Passion.
- 2) **Lenten Devotional Booklets** are available in the narthex.
- 3) **Spiritual disciplines** like **repentance**, **fasting**, and **prayer** are very much connected in Scripture.



As we invest in these Lenten activities, our celebration of Easter is taken to new heights.

The Rite of Confirmation will be celebrated on Palm Sunday, March 24, at the 11:00 a.m. service. We rejoice that **Jackson Fong** will be confirming their faith.

Ascension Day Hymn Sing – "Rise Up and Sing!" – Thursday, May 9, at 7:00 p.m.

**Pastor's Bible Study** is on Sundays at 9:45 a.m. We will be finishing up **Christians in a Woke World** on March 3. We will begin studying at the **Fruit of the Spirit** on Sunday, March 10. The first one we will look at is **Love**.

**Christianity and Lutheranism: Pastor's New Member Class** meets on most Sundays, **2:00 -3:30 p.m.** We cover the Bible and the 6 Chief Parts of the Catechism. New-comers are always welcome.



**Theology on Tap** – We will meet on **Tuesday, March 19 at 7:30 p.m.** at **Rockin K's** (1880 Kimball Ave., Unit 100, Manhattan, KS 66502). The presenter will be our own DCE **William Prann**. He will be speaking on the *Identity of the Church*.



**American Heritage Girls & Trail Life USA** (Troops KS-0057) are owned and operated by St. Luke's.



**AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS**  
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**Thursday, March 10, 5-8 p.m.**, AHG will be bussing tables at **Pizza Ranch** as a fundraiser. All tips that are placed in the bucket go directly to AHG.

AHG will also be spending the night at the Cosmosphere on April 6.

The girls meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month, and the boys meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month.



Adventure > Character > Leadership

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.**



Baptists And Others In Unity  
**B.A.S.I.C.**  
Training



**Thrivent Members**, your 2023 Choice Dollars will disappear after March 31. Please consider directing them to one of the St. Luke's options listed below:

- St Lukes Lutheran Church
- LCMS Campus Ministry KSU
- St Lukes Lutheran Preschool
- American Heritage Girls Inc Troop KS0057
- Trail Life USA Inc Troop KS0057

We are boldly and unapologetically pro-life.

St. Luke's is a congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). We believe that abortion is contrary to God's Word and "is not a moral option, except as a tragically unavoidable byproduct of medical procedures necessary to prevent the death of another human being, viz., the mother" (1979 Res. 3-02A).



This is a controversial topic in our society. Not many people enjoy controversy, but we are also aware that if we are not permitted to state what we believe, people will not know what we believe. With this in mind, I want to share with you over the next couple of months how you might respond to pro-abortion arguments.

When someone says “Women will die from illegal, unsafe abortions,” we could respond: Dr. Bernard Nathanson, the co-founder of the National Abortion Rights Action League and a key driver of legalized abortions, admitted to fabricating the myth of the back-alley crisis. “When we spoke of the [mass statistics], it was always 5,000 to 10,000 [women dying to self-induced abortion] a year,” Nathanson wrote. He later estimated that the actual number of maternal deaths was around 500. Legal or not, abortions are never safe. According to University of Michigan Clinical Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology Elizabeth Shadigian, one in 10 women experiences immediate complications (20% of which are life threatening) following an abortion. Complications in **infection, hemorrhage, pulmonary or amniotic fluid embolism, injury to the reproductive organs and other internal organs, hospitalization, possible hysterectomy, future premature birth, placenta previa, and even death.** According to research from the *British Journal of Psychiatry*, post-abortive women face an 81% increased risk of mental health problems. Even after factoring in numerous demographic considerations, post-abortive women were found to be significantly more likely to face depression, anxiety, suicidal thoughts, and abuse of drugs and/or alcohol. When the goal of a procedure is to **intentionally** end a person’s life, it is impossible for it to be safe. Since abortions have been legalized, it has taken more than **63 million lives** in the United States alone. Outlawing abortion cannot possibly do more harm than it already has done.

This response is found in a flyer entitled “How to *Defend* Life” published by houstoncoalition.com.

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



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It is an honor to serve as your pastor.  
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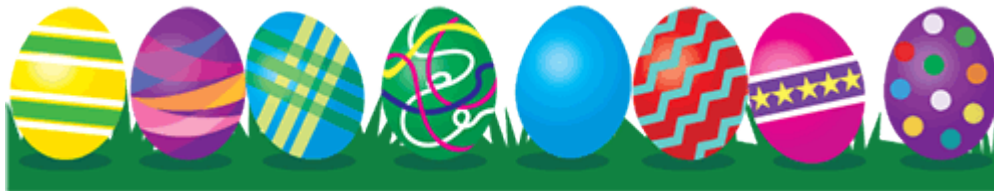
*“Sharing Jesus Christ’s love with those around us.”*

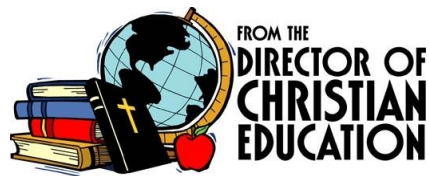


## JANUARY 2024 OFFICIAL ACTS

Transferred Out  
**Scott, Carly, Jensyn, Dottie, Saylor Fritz**  
**Kenneth, Kara, Jonah, Samuel Titus**

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Greetings in the wonderful and powerful name of Jesus! I continue to be blessed working in and around the family at St Luke's!

The month of February was another busy month of connecting, observing, asking questions, and jumping in to help facilitate ministry at St Luke's. Here are few highlights of the month:

Participating in the **Lutheran Laymen's League Pancake Dinner** – I was able to watch our St Luke's team work together to raise funds for our District Church workers tuition support fund. In addition, I had the chance to meet more of our St Luke's family. It was a great event, and I would encourage you to participate in the future!

Leading In-class and Wednesday morning **ELC Chapel with Pastor Schmidt and Mrs. Allie**. The Chapel materials are fun, engaging, and Christ centered. The children and the teachers fully participate every week. If you have not taken the time to join in, you are missing out! We'd love to have you. It is every **Wednesday at 9:30am**.

Assisting with **February's BASIC Family Night** was amazing! We had so many families participate. The families embraced our Child Ministry Team's new ideas and participated fully! There are some great pictures on the St Luke's website! I learned a couple of things in my role and will be adjusting to improve my work for the future.

In February, **Jim Bradshaw, our Kansas District Education Director held a Team Ministry Retreat for the new Pastor/DCE teams**. It was a wonderful time of learning and dreaming about ministry for each of the teams that participated. I am very encouraged in the time spent with Pastor Schmidt. He loves St Luke's and is excited for the doors God is opening with having additional staff on the team at St Luke's.

Working with **Carson, one of our LCMS U College Students, to clean up and reset the Blue House** for better ministry usage has been very rewarding as we are already seeing new opportunities and benefits. The college students meet weekly for fellowship and Bible study. This semester we have had to add more seats to accommodate the growing participation.

There were many more wonderful ministry moments, but these give you a general idea of what God is doing around your new DCE!

Things ahead in the month of March:

Working with the Children's Ministry team to prepare **VBS at St Luke's. DATE: June 2-6, 2024**

Planning to host a **Campfire Fellowship at the Blue House on March 15<sup>th</sup> from 7-10pm**. Everyone is welcome. RSVP opportunities coming soon!

Working with the Youth Ministry team to prepare for the **Jr High Retreat (April 19-20), weekly programing, and the Summer Camp opportunity (June 2-7)**.

Working with the College Ministry team to participate in the **WinterJam concert**, to lead the **Blue House Neighborhood service event (April 7)**, and the spring **LCMS U retreat to Lutheran Valley Retreat (April 19-21)**.

In the meantime, please join me as I pray for our Pastor, our leaders, our volunteers, for all the families at St Luke's. God is working in, around, and through us for His glory and for the benefit of the community around us. In situations like these Satan takes immense pleasure in causing discord and unrest. Please pray that each of us will "Fix our eyes on Christ" and that we would not be distracted by Satan's efforts.

*"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another and all the more as you see the day of Christ approaching!" Hebrews 10:23-25*

**William Prann, Director of Christian Education**



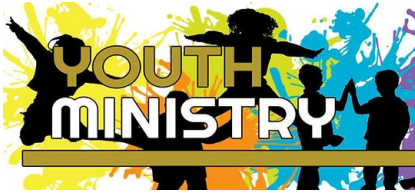
Date	Saturday 6:00 PM	Sunday 8:30 AM	Sunday 11:00 AM
March 2/3		Taryn Thiele	Hunter Fong
March 6 - Lent Midweek #4		Tessa Thiele	
March 9/10	Annalise Orona	Gavin Hudson	Jackson Fong
March 13 - Lent Midweek #5		Tucker Lynch	
March 16/17		Carter Manning	Tucker Lynch
March 20 - Lent Midweek #6		Allie Winter	
March 23/24 Palm Sunday		Taryn Thiele	Sarah Oelke
March 28 - Maudy Thursday		Gavin Hudson	
March 29 - Good Friday		Carter Manning	
March 30/31 Easter Sunday		Tessa Thiele	Hunter Fong



**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:** Tracie Hudson

- March 10 - No Sunday School
- March 13 - No BASIC
- March 27 - No BASIC
- March 31 - No Sunday School
- March 31 - Easter Egg Hunt between services
- Sunday School - Sundays @ 9:45 a.m.
- BASIC - Wednesdays @ 6:00 p.m.
- Emergency Shelter Donations - March is Toothpaste





**Youth Night Leader:** Natalie Winter  
**Servant Events Sub-chair:** Scott Stone  
**Youth Events Sub-chair:**  
**Gathering/Fund Raising Sub-chair:** Jana Winter

- During Lent, Sr High Youth meets at the church from 6:00-7:15 p.m.
  - March 27th - Making Unleavened Bread
  - Sr High Youth - Meets Wednesday nights @ 6:00 p.m. at the Blue House
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**March 1:** John Burnett, Daniel Burtness  
**March 2:** Daniel Wehmüller  
**March 3:** Linda Frey  
**March 5:** Madeline Hosier, Susan Spain  
**March 8:** King Crawford, Joyce Jones  
**March 9:** Jana Winter, Alyson Lister  
**March 10:** Donna Cederberg  
**March 12:** Margaret Hanson  
**March 13:** Lacey Tech, Shawn Thiele  
**March 14:** Nancy Arnold  
**March 16:** Lori Uffman  
**March 17:** Connie Thomas, Kaiser Gordon  
**March 18:** Connie Wetzel  
**March 19:** Henry Gordon  
**March 20:** Robert Dieball  
**March 26:** Janice O'Briant  
**March 28:** Ann Dinwiddie  
**March 29:** Boyd Loverude, Randall Juracek, Brittany Kortan, Barbara Genschorck  
**March 31:** Kip Campbell, Linda Simon



**March 3:** Roger & Kim Davis  
**March 17:** Dave & Kate McNeal  
**March 25:** Bryce & Kelly Burris



**LWML**

**Elizabeth Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 5th at 10 AM at the church.** All ladies of the congregation are welcome. Come and fellowship with us

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**LUTHERAN LAYMAN'S LEAGUE (LLL)**

Come join us **Sunday, March 3rd at 7:00 p.m. at church** for an evening of fellowship. For questions, please contact David Hatesohl (785) 845-8124.

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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 [phoebehath@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

### 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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## CHRISTIAN CARE CORNER

*The LCMS Kansas District has announced a new project for 2024 – Faith at Work. Faith at Work* is an annual District-wide service event where groups of all ages and skill sets find needs within their local communities to serve throughout the month. Each spring, beginning in 2024, we would like to encourage every person, young and old, to serve friends and neighbors in their communities in the name of Jesus.

St Luke's will have **opportunities available throughout the month of April** for the St. Luke's family to participate. We are currently coordinating events through the Flint Hills Volunteer Center. There will be several opportunities to spend an hour or more helping various agencies in the community. Please watch bulletin, E-News and signs in the Narthex at Church in March with projects.

For those who are looking for less physical activities set the date **APRIL 2, 2024**. We will have items to **make cards for shut-ins** available at the Church with scheduled times throughout the day to color pre-printed postcards, decorate cards, write Bible verses that will be shared with local nursing homes to be given to shut ins. The event times on that date will be 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM; 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM and 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM. This will be a come-n-go event, just bring your creative skills and talents.

We are hoping to get as many people involved in this year's Faith at Work to help serve our community.

**SAVE THE DATE:** St. Luke's will be **partnering with the Presbyterian Church to participate in Feed My Starving Children**, to make meal kits in conjunction with this year's PraiseFest September 21-22, 2024. Please mark your calendars and watch the bulletin/E-News for further details later this year.

If you have recommendations or ideas of other ways to serve our congregation or community, please contact the Christian Care Chair, Julie Hatesohl; [phoebehath@gmail.com](mailto:phoebehath@gmail.com) or 785.236.0493



## LCMSU

Are you a college student? Come join fellow college students for Bible study. LCMSU has **Bible study on Monday nights from 8-10 p.m. at the Blue House (354 N Delaware).** This semester we are studying different religions. 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, 4592 Green Valley Road, Manhattan, KS 66502. Looking further into the semester, we will have a **Spring Retreat.** The dates are set for **April 19th-21st.** We will be going to **Lutheran Valley Retreat (LVR) in Colorado.** Contact Megan Jones (meganjonesvc@ksu.edu or 316-253-5808) if you have questions or would like to register. We are also organizing a **Servant Event On April 7th** where we will be cleaning up the yard at the Blue House and reaching out to the neighborhood as well to offer our services for yard work.

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Adventure › Character › Leadership

Saint Luke's Trail Life Troop 0057 wants to thank the staff, boys, church members and the community for their support of last Saturday's Chili Feed.

The Troop moved 107 gallons of chili. WOW!!!

The Trail Life "Mission is to guide generations of courageous young men to honor God, lead with integrity, serve others, and experience outdoor adventure."

Trail Life is the Christian alternative and your support of our Troop makes this happen. Thank you!

Dave McNeal, TLUSA Troop 0057 Representative

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## St. Luke's American Heritage Girls News and Coming Events



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As Troop 0057 Charter Representative, I act as liaison between you, the congregation, the Pastor, our Church Council, and the Troop. I will report news and events as they become available. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at: [katemcneal51@gmail.com](mailto:katemcneal51@gmail.com)

**AHG Troop 0057 Needs You! Without a troop board, this troop cannot recharter in the fall.** There will be several vacancies on the board. The **36 girls in our Troop are depending on you.** Please prayerfully consider filling AHG Troop 0057 Board positions or becoming a volunteer unit leader or assistant leader! For more information, contact Pastor Schmidt.

There is a **Pizza Ranch fundraiser on March 7th, from 5 pm to 8 pm.** Please come and support your AHG Troop raise money for upcoming activities!

The next AHG **camp out is scheduled for March 22 to March 23.** It is a Friday evening to Saturday afternoon. Exact details will come at the **next troop meeting on March 4.**

Kate McNeal, AHG Troop 0057 Charter Representative

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### ***Cherish What God Has Given***

In the Small Catechism, Luther follows a pattern when explaining the Ten Commandments. With each commandment, there is something prohibited, and something commanded. There is something wrong which must be avoided, and there is something right which must be done.

The one time this pattern is not followed is with the Sixth Commandment.

“You shall not commit adultery. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other” (SC I).

Here, the catechism focuses solely on the positive: we should live in a chaste and decent manner in both word and deed, and husbands and wives should cherish and honor one another.

Keeping this commandment, and all of the commandments, is a lot easier if you see your chastity and your spouse as a gift from God that is to be protected and cherished. In the same way, you will find keeping the Fourth Commandment easier if you see your parents and other authorities as a gift from God, given to you for your blessing.

This is the key stewardship insight that runs through all of the Christian life: Everything that we have has been given to us by God. We deserve none of it. All of it comes to us by God’s fatherly kindness and open-handed generosity. If I know that everything I have — every possession, every relationship, every ability — is a gift from God, then my perspective changes. All of these things are both gifts to be cherished, and things that I should direct towards God’s purposes. My possessions should be shared generously according to how God has called me in my family, church and community. My spouse should be cherished, loved and encouraged in faith. My children are on loan from my own Heavenly Father, and I have but a brief time to show them the path of righteousness. My neighbor is a gift from God so that I can imitate His kindness toward me.

No matter the gift, everything has been given to me by God so that I may participate in His own goodness and open-handed generosity.

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

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#### **FLINT HILLS LUTHERANS FOR LIFE**

Flint Hills Lutherans For Life meeting at will be at Life Choice Ministries, 1441 Anderson Ave, Manhattan, KS, March 17 at 2:00pm. Have you seen Life Choice Ministries since they have remodeled?

- Do you know what a “friendship” room is?
- How did Life Choice get started?
- What all do they do there?
- Did you know men --attend classes there?

Come learn about Life Choice Ministries from Executive Director, Amy Wichman. For more information and questions, contact Judy Boye 785-320-6355.

Let’s collect the following items to help Moms:

Pack ‘n Play sheets, board books for toddlers, new boys clothing sizes 3 months – 4T, outlet overs, tummy time mats, baby nail clippers, adult hair ties, wipes, diapers –sizes 3, 4, 5, & 6, “Goodnites” nighttime underwear – size XL, nursing gowns, highchairs, and gently used infant/toddler clothing and maternity clothes.

# CALLING ALL ANGLERS

## St. Luke's Lutheran Church Fishing Contest

Join us ***Saturday March 9th, 2024***

Admission: \$5 donation per person  
(proceeds go to the church building fund)

***Check in Time 7:30-8:00am***

St. Luke's Church  
4801 Anderson Ave  
Manhattan, KS 66503

**\*\*\*\*Fish anywhere of your choice\*\*\*\***

***Return Time 12:00pm Sharp***

St. Luke's Church  
4801 Anderson Ave  
Manhattan, KS 66503

Contest will consist of two classes

**Skin Fish**  
**Scale Fish**

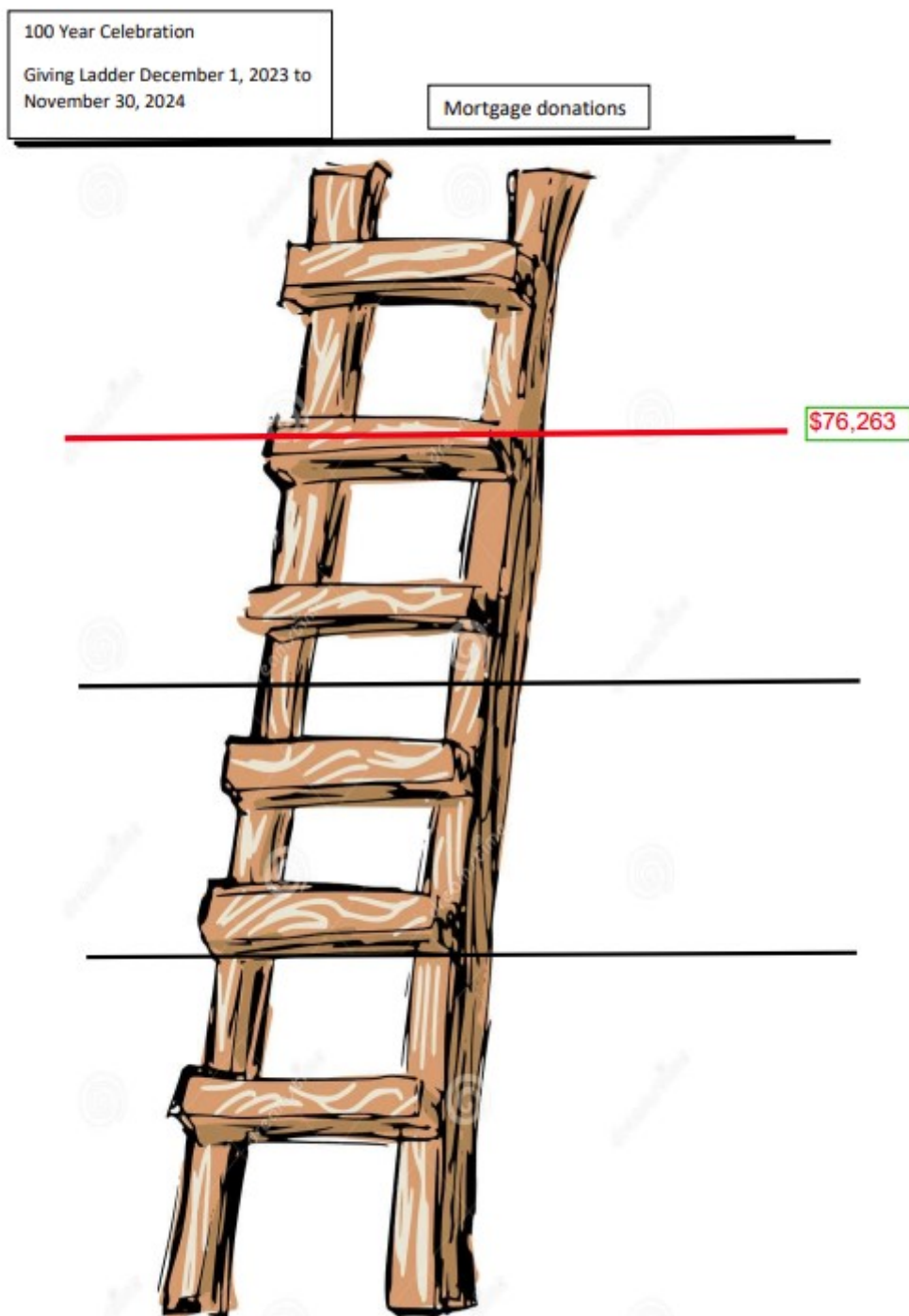
- 1. Keep track of length of each fish*
- 2. Keep track how many fish caught*
- 3. Prizes, Food, and Fellowship to conclude contest*

Question please call 785-564-1964 (Chris Deetjen)

Anglers will be divided into groups according to age

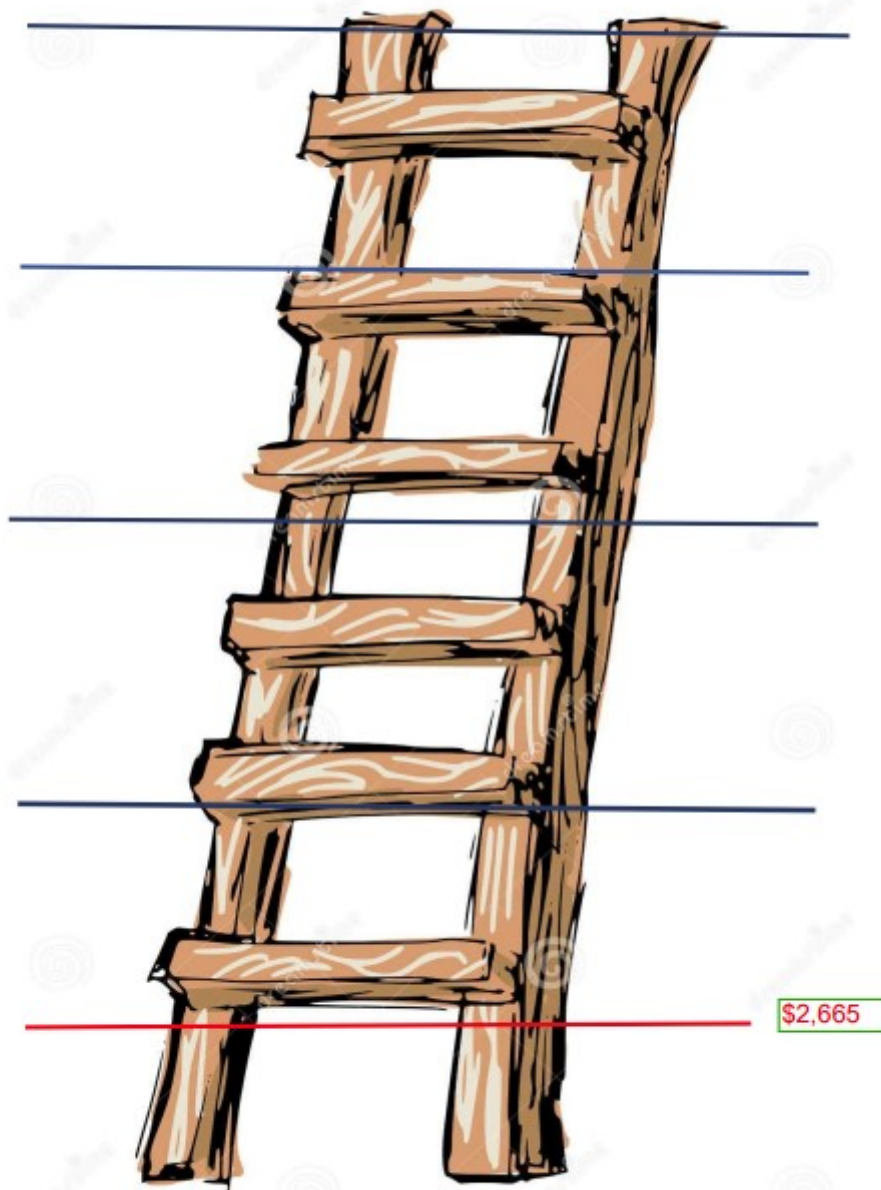


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Next Phase donations





#### **TRAVELING BULLETIN**

Trinity Lutheran Church, Shawnee, KS  
Gary & Donna Myers

Hope Lutheran Church & School, Shawnee, KS

(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!)