


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

*And when he had said these things, as they were looking on,
he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. – Acts 1:9*

The month of May has three big events on the liturgical calendar.

- ✦ **Ascension Day is Thursday, May 9.** Jesus ascended 40 days after His resurrection. He is Lord over all, even gravity. He reigns over all things – in both his divine and human nature. He can truly sympathize with us. We will have a **Hymn Sing**, called **“Rise Up and Sing!”** It starts at **7:00 p.m.** Please join us! 
- ✦ **Pentecost** occurred 10 days after Jesus' Ascension. We will celebrate Pentecost on May 18 and 19. It's considered the church's birthday. Wear **RED!**
- ✦ **Holy Trinity** is observed the week after Pentecost – May 25 and 26. We confess the Holy Trinity ... and we will be reciting the Athanasian Creed.

Have you noticed that the Lord has been bringing us a lot of visitors? Please extend a warm greeting to new people. Share your name, try to remember their name, and invite them back.

Pastor's Bible Study is on Sundays at 9:45 a.m. We are studying the **Fruit of the Spirit.**



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, April 21** at **7:30 p.m.** at **Rockin K's** (1880 Kimball Ave., Unit 100, Manhattan, KS 66502).



Our St. Luke's **Mission Festival** will be held on **Sunday, May 5.** The schedule is as follows:

10:00 a.m. – Worship outside under the tent

Our guest preacher will be **Rev. Mark Moss**
with the **Lutheran Heritage Foundation.**

11:30 a.m. – Please plan to bring a **side dish** or **dessert** to share.

12:45 p.m. – Voters' Meeting



At the **Voters' Meeting**, we will be electing half of our council (2 officers and 7 chairs) and half of our elders (6 elders). These positions are two-year terms.

The offices and chairs that we will be electing are: President, Vice-President, Parish Communications Chair, Campus Ministry Chair, Stewardship Chair, Elder Chairman Chair, Fellowship & Assimilation Chair, Adult Ministry Chair, and Youth Chair. It should also be noted that the council needs to appoint someone to our Christian Outreach & Mission Chair.

Walt Fick, our President; **Mark Hatesohl**, our Vice-President; **Jessica Jones**, our Campus Ministry Chair; and **Kaitlin Kruse**, our Adult Ministry Chair; and elders **Garrett Lister** and **Dennis Tegtmeier** have all reached the end of their term limits (or a total of 2 consecutive full terms). We very much appreciate their years of service.

Please pray that the Lord will work in the hearts of His people to fill these positions. Please tell **Walt Fick** or **Karen Armbrust** (our council Secretary) if you are willing to be considered for a position.

At the Voters' Meeting, we will also bring forward a nomination for our next Circuit Visitor. (Rev. Larry Boye) Those who are nominated by the congregations in the circuit will be

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is Sunday-Thursday, June 2-6, 6-8 p.m. Now is the time to register your children (and grandchildren and nieces and nephews and neighborhood kids) and volunteer to help. It's always an incredible energetic, fun, Gospel-filled week. See the flyers in the narthex to register.



2024 Saints Alive After 55

Retreat – “What’s Love Got to Do with It” (based on Matthew 22:36-39)
(This event is sponsored by the LCMS Kansas District).



July 21-22, 2024, Christ the King Lutheran Church (111 West Magnolia Road, Salina, KS); KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Rev. Cliff Winter; BIBLE STUDY LEADER: Rev. Mark Boxman.

Please use the link below to find the registration link and the schedule for the SAA55.

<https://kslcms.org/>

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



AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS
FAITH | SERVICE | FUN

AHG will have a Pizza Ranch Fundraiser on Thursday, May 2, 5-8 p.m.

The girls meet on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month (6:00-7:45 p.m.), and the boys meet on the 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month (6:30-8:00 p.m.).



Adventure › Character › Leadership

Kate McNeal is our AHG Charter Representative, and **Dave McNeal** is our TLUSA Troop Ministry Liaison (TML). Please pray that the Lord will raise up leaders to fill leadership roles in both AHG and TLUSA.

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 few of months how you might respond to pro-abortion arguments.

When someone says “Abortion is my constitutional right,” we could respond:

The Supreme Court decided *Roe v. Wade* in 1973. The 7 men forming the majority claimed a “constitutional right to privacy” includes a woman's ability to end the life of her child through all 9 months of pregnancy. Justice Harry Blackmun wrote the *Roe v. Wade* opinion but admitted : “If prenatal personhood is established, the case for abortion collapses. For the fetus' right to life would then be guaranteed specifically by the 14th amendment.” **What is the 14th amendment?**

No state may deprive any person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law; nor deny any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

This poses the question: Are preborn children persons within the original public meaning of the 14th amendment?

What is the definition of ‘person’ according to the 14th amendment?

Webster’s dictionary in 1864 said a person was: A living human being, a man, woman, or child, or an individual of the human race. Children in the womb are human; therefore, they’re people.

What is the proper understanding of the amendment?

If preborn children are human (which science tells us they are) then they are also people who demand complete protection under the Constitution. As Justice Hugo later put it, “The history of the amendment proves that the people were told that its purpose was to protect weak and helpless human beings.”

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

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.”



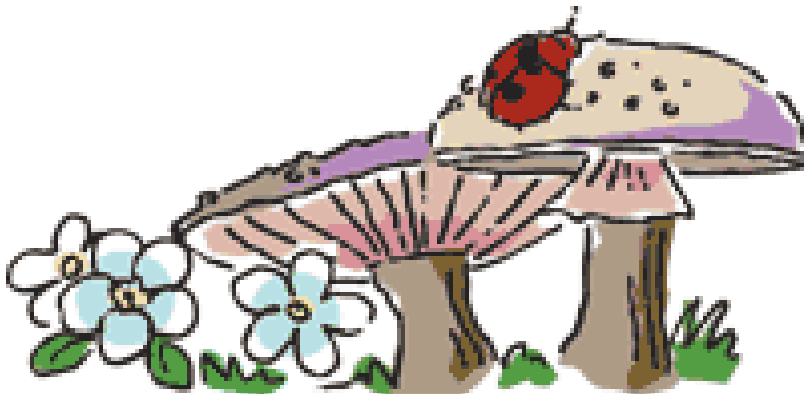
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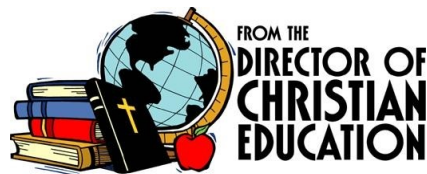
Transferred In
Eric & Karen Gudjohnsen

Released Members
James & Lynn Feldhausen

Baptisms
Brigham Wade Redding

Confirmation
Jackson Fong





What a blessing it is to be apart of a church aspiring to grow and to minister to those God has placed around us!

This last month seeing, hearing, and participating in the Faith at Work projects, watching people connect to learn names after worship (Thank you Pastor Schmidt for your encouragement and leadership!), interacting with our members at Meadowlark, and seeing our LWML Ladies and our Pastor serving at the LWML Conference has been so uplifting!

Don't miss out on the blessing of being connected to St Luke's!! I encourage you to attend the Saturday night or Sunday morning Adult Bible study opportunities, participate in one of the Faith at Work projects, volunteer to serve during services as a reader or an usher, or volunteer with the Childrens or Youth ministries. The blessing of being connected to God's church comes in the active participation in the body of believers!

During the last month I had the opportunity to participate with our KS District DCE group and to attend the District Middle School Student Rally. We are blessed to be a part of the Kansas District! Our students are really impressive and just need us to welcome them, get to know them, invite them to participate in ministry, and cheer them on!

Things ahead in the month of May:

- Speaking at the Wichita Lutheran College Ministry Fair
- Continuing the Saturday night "Lutheran Identity Series: Augsburg Confession"
- Continuing the clean up and renewal work at the Blue House (LCMS U Ministry)
- Working with the Childrens Ministry Board to create weekly take home family Sunday School materials for the summer
- Supporting the Childrens Ministry Board to plan VBS
- Working with the Youth Ministry Board to plan and support the summer in home small group gatherings

Personal Notes:

Thank you for your continued prayers for Tricia and me as we persevere and trust God in our transition. Tricia is doing an amazing job of keeping the house up, taking care of our puppy, and continuing to serve in her vocational role as a Commercial Credit Manager. We are hopeful that our house will sell in June with our new realtor and Tricia will be able to transition to Kansas by the end of the summer.

Please continue your partnership with 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
May 4/5		Gavin Hudson	Tucker Lynch
May 11/12		Carter Manning	Sarah Oelke
May 18/19		Taryn Thiele	Allie Winter
May 25/26		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

- May 19 - Last Children's Sunday School until Fall
- June 2-8 - VBS here at the church from 6-8
- Sunday School - Sundays @ 9:45 a.m.
- BASIC - Wednesdays @ 6:00 p.m. - Resumes in the Fall



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

- May 8th - Sr High Youth - 6:00 p.m. at the Blue House
- May 15th - Sr High Youth - 6:00 p.m. at the Blue House



We **thank the many individuals** who take care of our property by volunteer. Mowing, landscape care, special cleaning, repair, painting, upgrades... The OGRS (Old Guys Repairing Stuff) are one group who helps with some of these opportunities. If you are interested in helping in with property related ministry contact Brad Brunkow 580-716-8187 or email brunkow24@outlook.com



We are **temporarily not collecting cancelled stamps**. We have lost our contact with the dealer that has been buying our canceled stamps. LWML is trying to find a new contact person. I will let you know when this issue is resolved. Thanks to all who have participated in this project. We hope it can be reestablished soon.



- May 1:** Maddi Lohse
- May 2:** Donna Kroenlein
- May 3:** Barry Fickbohm, David Cederberg, Dorothy Burtness
- May 4:** Derek Winter
- May 5:** Shirley Williams
- May 7:** Kaden Lemaster
- May 8:** Pat Oberhelman, Seth Wagner, Jeff Sturdy, Sue Jenkins
- May 9:** Bill Moore
- May 11:** Kelly Burris
- May 15:** Joshua Abitz, Tracie Hudson
- May 17:** James House, Bryce Burris, Patricia Havenstein
- May 18:** Christine Hanson
- May 20:** Teagen Thiele
- May 22:** Colin Olesky, Gavin Hudson
- May 23:** Howard Beikmann
- May 26:** Gretchen Hartsook
- May 27:** Sarah Larson
- May 29:** Nancy Kopp, Alyssa Juracek
- May 31:** Nancy Woodford, Bowen Winter

- May 3:** Doug & LaRae Kraemer
- May 10:** Jared & Megan Hanson
- May 19:** Scott & Beverly Winter, Michael & Patricia Havenstein
- May 20:** Laroy & Chari Manry
- May 22:** Paul & Nancy Zidek
- May 23:** Jim & Sue Jenkins, Logan & Tristen Redding
- May 25:** Steve & Ann Williams
- May 27:** Byron & Melanie Jones, Duane & Jeanette Campbell, Walt & Marilyn Fick, Lynn & Constance Thomas
- May 28:** Del & Maxine Ganske
- May 30:** Jon & Heidi Brott



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 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 12th grade meet on the 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM.

For AHG, girls Kindergarten through 12th grade meet the 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month from 6:00 PM - 7:45 PM.

LWML



Save the date of **July 9 at 7:00 p.m. for our annual LWML Social event.** Ice cream sundaes will be enjoyed along with a program on a Psychology Research study done at KSU on memory and aging.

Please join us as we Serve the Lord with Gladness.



EARLY LEARNING CENTER (ELC)

St. Luke's Early Learning Center's **Annual Family Fun Night is May 23rd from 5:30 - 7:30pm and is being held at Pottorf Hall!** We are still in **need of donations** and will continue accepting donations until May 20th. Your help is greatly appreciated in the form of donations. More information about how you can help can be found on the left side of the doors as you enter the Church. We would be so appreciative for any help you are able to offer!





CHRISTIAN CARE CORNER

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED) MACHINE:

Earlier this year, St. Luke's received a generous donation from Larry and Alice Wesche to purchase a new AED machine. The machine has been placed in the hallway for the bathrooms. The case includes instructions. There is also a card/key device that converts the machine for children. If you are interested in learning how to use the device, please let Julie Hatesohl know and she will work to schedule training.

FAITH AT WORK: Several members have been busy volunteering in the community. At the time of this article, we had 65 volunteer hours reported. While the weather prohibited us from volunteering at Tuttle Creek State Park, we are working to reschedule this event for later. Watch for bulletin/eNews updates for the reschedule date.

SAVE THE DATE: St. Lukes 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/eNews 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; phoebihat@gmail.com or 785.236.0493



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). For the second half of the spring semester, we are studying different parts of Luther's Small Catechism. Every Sunday, table talk (free lunch) is at noon at St. Luke's.

On the first Sunday of the month, table talk is hosted at Christ Lutheran. In April, our group went to Lutheran Valley Retreat in Colorado. Our theme verse was 1 Peter 3:15: "but in your hearts honor Christ as the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect". **Our last Bible study of the spring semester will be on Monday, May 6th.** Our elected officers for the 2024-2025 school year are President- Megan Jones, Peer Minister- Aiden Ricker, Peer Minister- Selah Hageman, and Treasurer- Carson Lund. Have any questions about our group? Contact Megan Jones at meganjonesvc@ksu.edu or (316)-253-5808.



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD
LCMS STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY NEWSLETTER ARTICLE MAY 2024

More Than a Negative

Even if you've never had to testify in court, a thousand TV shows have made you familiar with the question, "Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?" Why not just make people swear to tell the truth? Or make them promise not to lie?

Any parent who has ever had to interrogate a child about a broken cookie jar or a scuffle over a toy knows the answer. There are plenty of ways to try to get out of trouble without *technically* lying. You tell *just enough* of the truth to skate on by.

We often play the game of seeing *how close* we can get to sinning without *technically* going over the line.

But in our heart of hearts we know that this is not what God intended when He gave us the commandments. He's not giving us a merely negative rule and challenging us to just barely stay away from this or that. There is much more to each commandment than a prohibition. We shouldn't just avoid murdering people — we should be of service to our neighbor.

For each negative prohibition in the commandments there is a positive good that we are to cherish and protect. In the Eighth Commandment, that gift is the reputation of our neighbor and our relationship with him:

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

Your relationship with your family members (who are your nearest neighbors), the other members of your congregation, your coworkers and your friends is one of the most precious gifts you have been given. You need to exercise good stewardship with this gift just as much as you need to exercise good stewardship with your life, resources, time and income. This is an especially fragile gift because it's easy to ruin a relationship with slander and talking behind someone's back.

But speaking well of your neighbor in Christian love is absolutely free; it costs you nothing, yet it pays you great dividends. If you find this challenging at times, if you are tempted to speak ill of others, just remember that this other person is also a beloved child of God for whom your Lord Jesus suffered and died. Your Lord Jesus loves you both.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship





St. Luke's American Heritage Girls Troop 0057 News

The last fundraiser for the year will be at **Pizza Ranch on Thursday, May 2nd, from 5 pm to 8 pm**. The girls earn funds from tips and a percentage of the total revenue from the evening. Funds earned will be divided between scholarship points and the troop budget. Please come and enjoy a meal while supporting your AHG Troop!



The girls are busy working on completing their requirements for this year's badges. The end of the year **Court of Awards will be on Monday, May 20th, at 6 pm**. Girls who have completed badge requirements will be awarded their badges. I will be in attendance to assist with the awards. We are proud of all the girls and their accomplishments this year!

AHG Troop 0057 Needs You! Please prayerfully consider becoming a volunteer unit leader or assistant leader! **This would be a great opportunity for our college students!** For more information, contact Kate McNeal

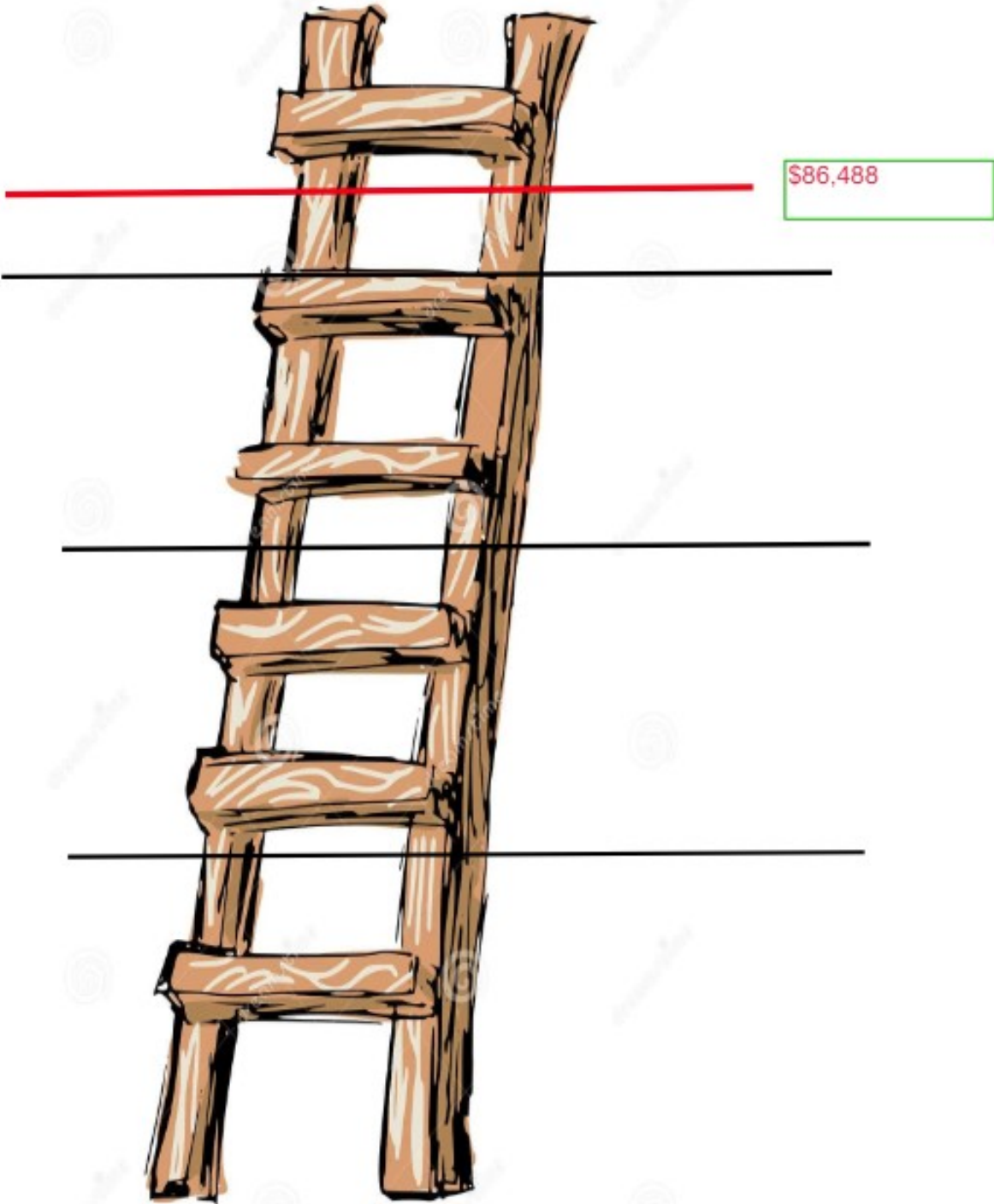
Kate McNeal, AHG Troop 0057 Charter Representative, katemcneal51@gmail.com



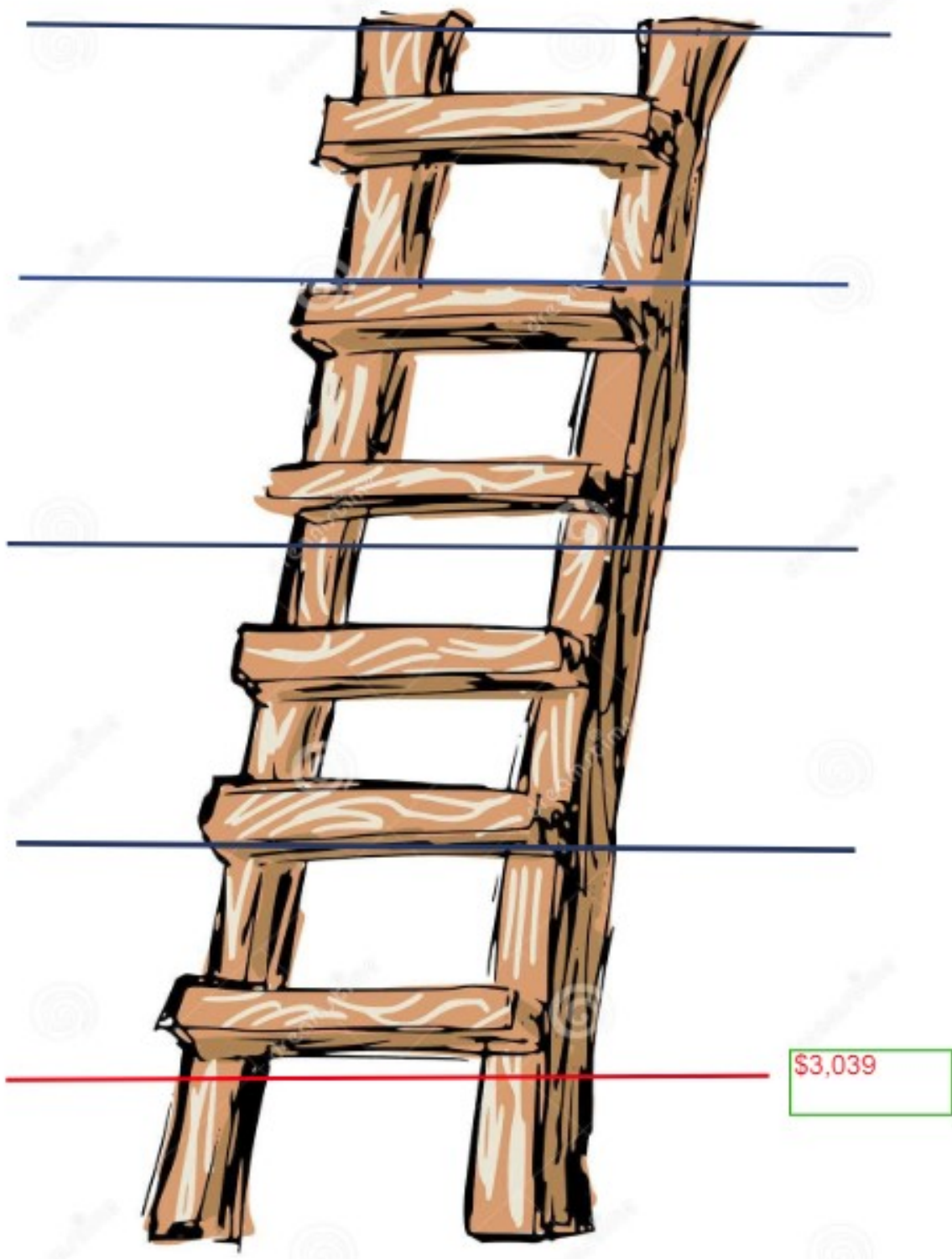
100 Year Celebration

Giving Ladder December 1, 2023 to
November 30, 2024

Mortgage donations



Next Phase donations



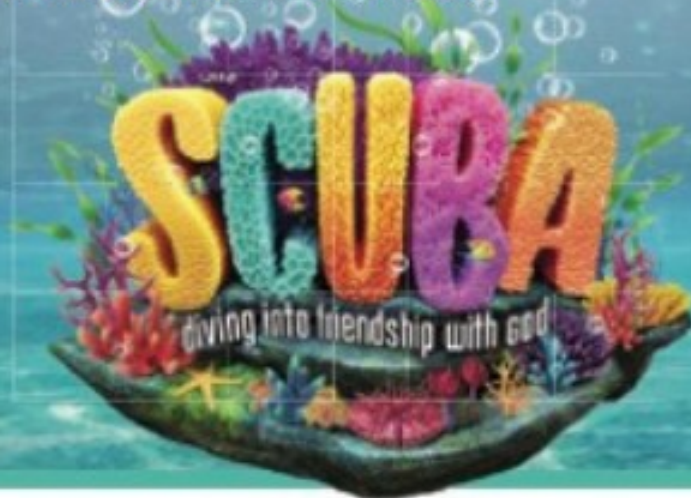
make a splash this summer!

- What:** Vacation Bible School
Where: St. Luke's Lutheran Church & ELC
4801 Anderson Ave, Manhattan
When: June 2-6, 2024
Time: 6:00-8:00pm
Who: Kids PreK - 6th Grade



Register here!

For more information, call 402.741.2305 (Tracie)
or 785.539.2604 (church office)





TRAVELING BULLETIN

Ascension Lutheran Church, Wichita, KS
Hamlin & Dorothy Burtness

Bethany Lutheran Church, Overland Park, KS
David & Julie Hatesohl

Christ Lutheran Church, Wichita, KS
Duane & Jeanette Campbell

Christ the King Lutheran Church, Lake Ozark, MO
Jami 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!)