

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

¹⁷ *Though the fig tree should not blossom,
nor fruit be on the vines,
the produce of the olive fail
and the fields yield no food,
the flock be cut off from the fold
and there be no herd in the stalls,
¹⁸ yet I will rejoice in the Lord;
I will take joy in the God of my salvation.
Habakkuk 3:17-18*

Habakkuk was a prophet. He heard things from God, and shared it with others. Most prophets spent their time getting God's message to the Israelites. But Habakkuk was a little different, because he talked to God instead of the Israelites.

Habakkuk asked a lot of questions of the Lord.

- He wondered why so many bad things were happening to God's people.
- He wondered why people didn't love their neighbors as themselves.
- He wondered why people disobeyed God.
- He wondered what God was going to do about this.

God wants us to ask Him questions. He wants us to know Him better. God answered Habakkuk. He said that He knows everything that happens, no matter how big or small. He saw his people's pain, and He had a plan to fix it.

Habakkuk was a little confused about God's plan, so he asked Him even more questions.

- He wondered how God's people would be able to overcome their enemies.
- He wondered how God could turn bad things into good.

God said that even though it might not happen in a way that Habakkuk expected, He would always keep his promises, and he would make things right in the end. But first, Habakkuk had to trust God ... and be patient.

Habakkuk started to understand what God was saying. He had to trust that God knows what's best for us. And God always does what He'll say He'll do. After that, Habakkuk praised God for His goodness. He hoped that God would continue to bless His people like He had done in the past. Habakkuk proclaimed that he would put his hope in God's promises from now on.

Who could have imagined that God's plan would have included the incarnation, crucifixion, and resurrection? But that's not the whole plan. It includes the new heavens and new earth (2 Peter 3:13).

And this is why St. Paul is able to write: ²⁸ "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28)

Regardless of our situation, we have a trustworthy God, and so we put our trust in Him.

Christianity and Lutheranism: Pastor's New Member Class will be on Sundays, 2:00-3:30 p.m., beginning September 8. The class lasts about 9 (or 10) weeks. The topics are: Why Jesus?; The Bible (which includes Apologetics, Bible Stories, and Hermeneutics (or Rules of Interpretation); The 10 Commandments; The Creed; The Lord's Prayer; The Means of Grace; Baptism; Confession & Absolution and the Office of the Keys; The Lord's Supper; and Eschatology (or End Times). You may have noticed that the six chief parts of the catechism are embedded in this outline. Please talk to me (pastor) if you are interested in this class or have questions.



Theology on Tap – We will meet on the third **Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.** at **Rockin K's** (1880 Kimball Ave., Unit 100, Manhattan, KS 66502).



We had a booth at the fair! We passed out fly swatters and church information. We will have a booth at two more events...

Purple Power Play – August 30.

Praisefest – September 22

Please consider serving our Lord in this way.



Flint Hills Praisefest is joining forces with **Feed My Starving Children**.



Folks will be packing food on Friday, September 20 (4 sessions) and Saturday, September 21 (2 sessions). Each session is for 2 hours. St. Luke's has committed \$500 to this servant event ... and folks who are willing



to fill pack food. If you would like to serve with the St. Luke's group, we will be working on Friday afternoon. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex.



Lutheran Women in Mission

Ladies, please be aware that St. Luke's is hosting the LWML Manhattan Zone Fall Event on Saturday, September 21. After the Zone Event, maybe you can head over to Cico Park to enjoy Praisefest.



American Heritage Girls (AHG) & Trail Life USA (TLUSA)

Troops KS-0057 are owned and operated by St. Luke's.



During the school year, the girls meet on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month (6:00-7:45 p.m.), and the boys will meet every Monday (6:30 -8:00 p.m.).



We will have an **Open House on Monday, August 26, 6:30-8:00 p.m.** If you are curious about either one of these organizations for your children or grandchildren, this would be the meeting to attend.

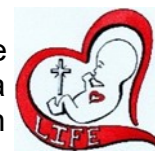
Cancer Companions meet on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.

If you know of someone who is struggling with cancer, please tell them about this support group. Please consider attending with them until they are comfortable going on their own.



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: "It's better to have an abortion if the child will have a disability," we could respond:

There are those who have come to believe that conditions such as Down syndrome are not compatible with life. This comes from a belief that people with disabilities are weak. This fear has no place in a world that stands for basic human rights. Instead of ending the lives of people who are different from us, let's celebrate their lives and their right to live up to their own unique, full potential. 67% of babies with Down syndrome are aborted in the United States – making this the most deadly form of discrimination. Let's embrace moms and dads who are choosing life for their babies who may be born with disabilities, and let's band together, to focus on improving those lives – not preventing them.

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.”



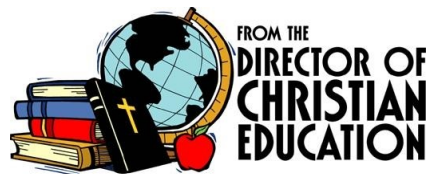
June 2024 OFFICIAL ACTS

Transferred In
Paul & Nora Stuckwisch

Profession of Faith
Shane & Annie Eslit
Max Peterson

Baptisms
Weston Shane Hullman
Isabelle & Jacob Eslit
Kopelynn Grace Lofing

Transferred to the Kingdom of Glory
Nyla Mathies



What an adventurous month July was! We continue to be blessed by God and the family at St Luke's Lutheran Church!

The beginning of the month was box, box, and more boxes and Tricia and I made our final move to Manhattan. We have been so blessed in the words of encouragement and the muscles and sweat that have

been given to us.

This month also brought on new opportunities to partner with different board chairs to create and expand ministry at St Luke's:

I have partnered with our Early Learning Center to assist with financial and operational support. We have a great team working in and around our ELC children and families!

The partnership with the Children's ministry team continues to strengthen and grow. This month the Children's ministry partnered with me to grow and further develop our Children's Church ministry. We are in the process of adding a second person each time and developing a standardized methodology for the children to find comfort and focus in.

In addition, the Children's ministry team did a 4-week experiment with take home Family Faith bags to encourage, equip, and support parents in the home teaching the faith to their children. It seems to have been a great success and has encouraged more thoughtful reflection on how we can support our families in their journeys of faith.

The revitalized Outreach and Evangelism board has been hard at work this month focused on brand recognition for St Luke's in our Manhattan community and the greater Riley County. The team purchased a pop up tent and a beautiful table cover with our church name and Lutheran cross on it for us to attend community events. The first outing was the Riley County fair where we handed out St Luke's fly swatters and candy for the kids! It was a great success and connected us to families interested in our church and our early learning center. Thank you to all of the folks that volunteered and worked to make that an amazing and fun experience for everyone!

Finally, I am excited for the upcoming academic year at KSU. Our Campus ministry team is being reengaged as we dream about what could be in the future for this ministry. I have been visiting district churches, pastors, and future KSU students to rally awareness, enthusiasm, and financial support for this vital ministry of St Luke's on behalf of our greater Lutheran Church.

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.

William Prann, Director of Christian Education



Date	Saturday 6:00 PM	Sunday 8:30 AM	Sunday 11:00 AM
August 3/4		Gavin Hudson	Hunter Fong
August 10/11		Carter Manning	Tucker Lynch
August 17/18		Taryn Thiele	Sarah Oelke
August 24/25		Tessa Thiele	Allie Winter



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

- Sunday School - Sundays @ 9:45 a.m. - Resumes September 8
- BASIC - Wednesdays @ 6:00 p.m. - Resumes September 11



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

- August 25 - National Youth Gathering Meeting; 6:00 p.m. @ the Church



LWML
 The LWML **Elizabeth Circle** will meet at the church on **Tuesday, August 6th at 10 a.m.** All ladies of the congregation are welcome to join us for devotions and a short business meeting as we serve the Lord with gladness! Please **call Marilyn Fick at 785-317-0097 for any questions.**

CANCER COMPANIONS



It's hard to describe the impact our Cancer Companion Support Group has on people!
 And it is **AMAZING** how comfortable new people are right from their first visit! They have a need to share and to hear how God is with them in their journey.

Whether you are a cancer patient in treatment or post treatment, or a caregiver, let us welcome you to our group!!



August

BIRTHDAYS



August

ANNIVERSARIES

- August 1:** Breanne Jones, Cohen Hagenmaier
- August 2:** LeAnn Sturdy
- August 3:** Stephanie Sanborn, Addy Larson
- August 6:** Ann Zier
- August 7:** Morris Olson, Grant Kohlmeier, Amber Kruse
- August 8:** Kaitlyn Barber, Glenda Moore, Sheila Frihart, Jordan Frihart
- August 9:** Mac McLain Sr.
- August 10:** Linda Williams
- August 12:** Anna Murphy
- August 16:** Lowell Kohlmeier, Michael Havenstein
- August 19:** Carla Robker
- August 20:** Aaron Proctor, Joan Spiker, Perry Reid
- August 21:** James Kroenlein
- August 22:** Isaura Garcia
- August 23:** Jase Rengstorf, Diane Mosier
- August 24:** Larry Wesche, Terry Barta
- August 27:** Ali Gordon, Martha Mooneyham
- August 28:** Douglas Newland
- August 29:** Janet Beach
- August 30:** Riley Lynch, Keith Schwanke
- August 31:** Dale Grunewald

- August 4:** Ryan & Amber Kruse
- August 11:** Chuck & Fran Veatch, Larry & Liana Eagan
- August 15:** Steve & Gayle Heitman
- August 16:** Randall & Amy Juracek
- August 18:** Keith & Gail Schwanke
- August 20:** Terry & Mary Lynn Barta, Dennis & Bonita Tegtmeier
- August 23:** Mike & Kristina Schmidt
- August 26:** C. Lee & Nancy Woodford
- August 30:** Kyle & Sarah Larson



EARLY LEARNING CENTER

In July the ELC had several Bible lessons all centered around the message "Jesus gives me joy!" The classrooms also planned fun activities around themes such as The Fourth of July, Camping, Bugs, Zoo Animals, and The Summer Olympics! The students have enjoyed water play on Fridays and playing with new toys that were kindly donated by some of our ELC families! Finally, thank you for the school supplies that have been donated to the ELC. These donations will be put to great use and are greatly appreciated!

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.

ST. LUKE'S AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS/ TRAIL LIFE USA TROOP NEWS



Trail Life

Adventure > Character > Leadership



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OPEN HOUSE: American Heritage Girls and Trail Life USA boys will be having a "kick off"

open house at the church on Monday, August 26th at 6:30 PM. Everyone is invited. Please tell and invite your neighbors and friends with children. There

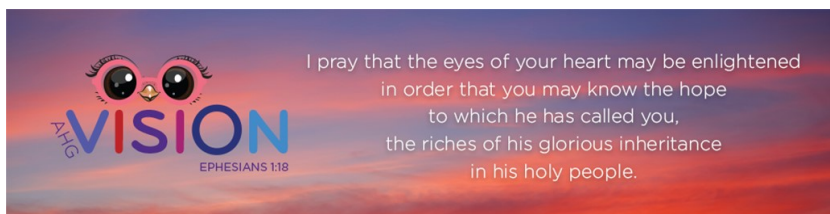
will be opportunities to talk with troop leaders and find out more about the troops and their activities. You can also sign up to join a troop or volunteer to be a unit leader or assistant at this event. Please prayerfully consider becoming a volunteer unit leader or assistant leader for our troops. This would be a great opportunity for our college students getting involved with youth! As a leader to our troop's youth, you will have the awesome opportunity to assist in their faith journey with Jesus Christ. Please continue to pray for our AHG/TLUSA troops.

CPR training! AHG adult leaders and members of the board invite you to join them in **CPR/First Aid training at the church on Saturday, September 7, 9am-12pm \$60/person. If you are interested in attending, please contact Kate McNeal at 785-313-0648.**

American Heritage Girls 2024-2025 Theme is VISION



We are excited about this new year and NEW programs. Some these include the VISION Patch Program, VISION Devotion Guide and Vision Theme Guide.



Kate McNeal, AHG Troop 0057_Charter Representative, katemcneal51@gmail.com
Dave McNeal, TLUSA Troop 0057 Troop Ministry Liaison, cmcneal100@gmail.com

Mercy and Grace Lead to Generosity

“Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift” (2 Cor. 9:15)! This is St. Paul’s exclamation upon hearing the Corinthian church’s response to the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and his request for support for the church in Jerusalem. The Christians in Corinth heard and received God’s mercy in Christ, and they responded to St. Paul’s call to support Christians in Jerusalem with a collection. The Corinthians’ joy filled Jerusalem’s need.

This is the reality of stewardship. Because of God’s generosity in the giving of His Son to die on the cross for us, we are to be generous with all that we receive from Him. What do we receive? Everything. All that we are and all that we have is the Lord’s. He is the creator and the giver. We are His creatures and those who receive what He gives.

It sounds easy. And it is. But then again it isn’t. Stewardship is easy because it is God’s work. Through what God gives, we give to others. Through what God gives, we support the work of the church for the life of the world. He gives; we receive. And like our generous Father in Heaven, we, as His children, use what He gives to us to love and serve others.

But stewardship is also difficult. That is because it goes against our natural inclination to think that what I have is mine to do what I want with. This is our sinful nature. It is our selfishness and our greed. How can we who have been given everything — life, food, clothing, house, home, forgiveness, divine sonship, an eternal inheritance — be so stingy with what we give to the church, the place where we hear about and receive all that God gives us and does for us? We are all guilty of this kind of thinking. And the only godly response is to repent and trust in the Gospel.

For if God has given you His own Son, will He not give you all things? Yes. He will. This is His sure and certain promise. God provides for His people. He provides everything we need for this body and life and for the life that is to come.

The church is a mercy place. It’s a place where God’s mercy in the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ, is given and received. For us who believe it means forgiveness, life and salvation in the face of sin, death and the power of the devil. Here in the church, we inhale God’s mercy in Word and Sacrament, and exhale this same mercy in love and service to our neighbor. And that is an enduring, joyful thing to do. Our joy fills our neighbor’s need because His joy filled ours (Heb. 12:2). Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift!

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship



FLINT HILLS LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

Last year, you helped us collect toiletry items for Foster Teen Camps. This camp is for ages 12- 18. This summer we are helping them by providing them with all of the items needed to make **120 S'Mores** – including the campfire forks to roast them on! Yum!!

We have become aware of Royal Family Kids Camp which is also located at Living Water Ranch. It is for ages 7-11 who are in foster care. They wanted help with getting ready for a birthday party for the kids! We furnished the balloons and streamers. Plus, 5 of us provided the manpower or should I say blowing power to blow up 60 balloons!! We also decorated their dining hall and another room with balloons and streamers for their birthday party. Seemingly a small task but so important to someone *who has never had a birthday party*. It reminds me of a story I heard of a boy when he had his first birthday cake. He called the birthday cake a **Blessing Cake**. He says, because **“people gather just to honor our existence”**.

He says it so well, we honor each other simply because we exist! Each person is important because God loves each of us and calls us His child.

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to purchase all of these items with our current funds.

Recently a series of 11 videos were produced by Pro-Life Partners Foundation. These are supported by many agencies, including Lutherans For Life. Below is a link to all 11 videos. You can click on one at a time to watch them. They are short: 1-2 minutes, yet impactful. I encourage you to watch them, share them and talk about them. Please share them with your friends and family and on social media. The video titles are: What Makes a Hero, She Will Rise Above, Late-Term Abortions Are Real, Equal Protection, The 14th Amendment, Little Pills That Kill, Motherhood, A Father's Choice. Surviving Abortion , The Unthinkable, Abortion Hurts, and The Strategy.

Please watch one – then you're going to want to watch them all!

<https://www.americanprolifemovement.com/>

We are planning an adoption event in the fall. If there are topics you would like to see us address, please tell, Pastor Jim Price, Jessica Jones, Jim MacGregor, Pastor Boye or me.

Life matters . . . *YOU* matter!

Thank you for your support of Life!

Judy Boye
President





Christian Care Corner – August 2024

WHEN: September 20-21, 2024 at Pottorf Hall, Cico Park, Manhattan, Kansas



As part of Praisefest this year, several organizations are coordinating a Feed My Starving Project. Volunteers will assemble meals that will be sent out to children who are suffering from hunger. As you sign-up to serve you will receive updates where the meals you help make go to help children all over the world.

There will be two-hour shifts both Friday, September 20th and Saturday 21st. Anyone can sign-up to volunteer for any of these shifts, however, St. Luke's is offering two shifts (9/20 from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM and 9/21 from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM) if you would like to work alongside others from St. Luke's.

Julie Hatesohl will be available Saturday August 3rd and Sunday August 11th (between services) to help anyone sign up if they are not comfortable signing up on their own. If you do have questions, please feel free to reach out to Julie Hatesohl at 785.236.0493 or phoebehat@gmail.com.

Donations are still be accepted to fund this project. Donations may be made online through the link below.

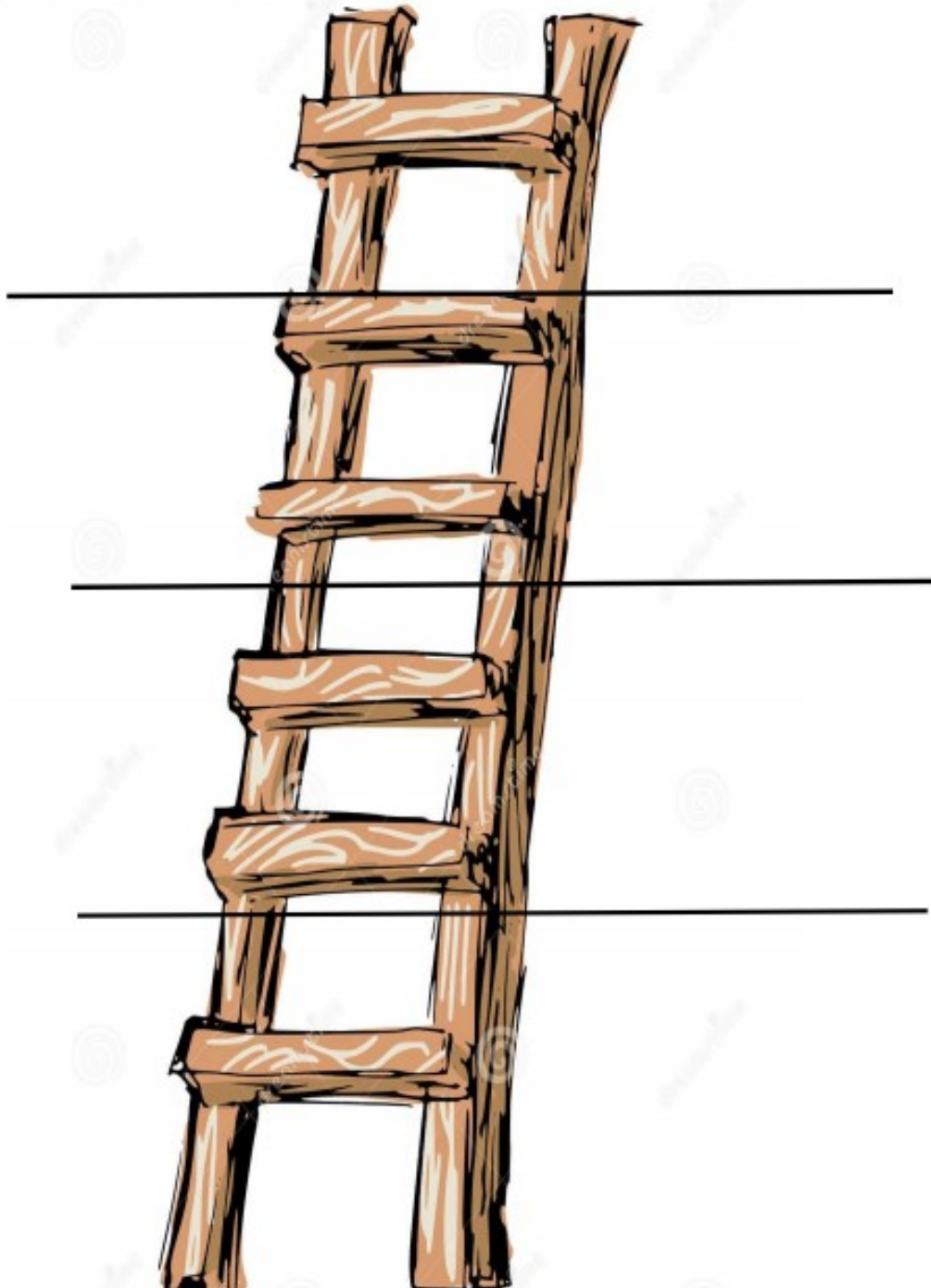
For more information, please visit: <https://give.fmssc.org/campaign/2409-186ea-manhattan-ks-praisefest-global-impact-event/c579615>



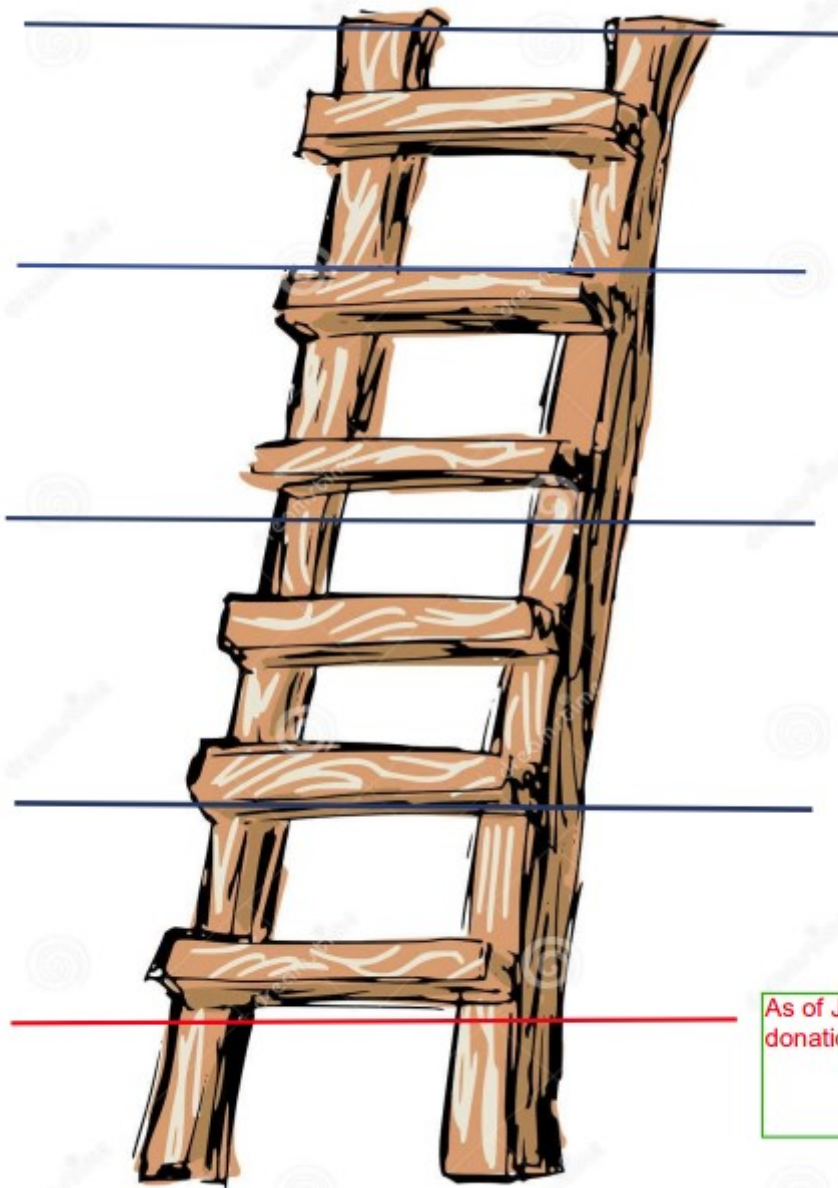
100 Year Celebration
Giving Ladder December 1, 2023 to
November 30, 2024

Mortgage donations

\$113,464 donated
as of June 30,
2024. Loan
balance is
\$146,942.



Next Phase donations



As of June 30, 2024,
donations were \$5,991.



TRAVELING BULLETIN

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Spirit Lake, IA
Faith Lutheran Church, Topeka, KS
Living Savior Lutheran Church, Tualatin, OR
St. John Lutheran Church, McMinnville, OR
Brad & Susan Brunkow

Trinity Lutheran Church, Broken Arrow, OK
Kaitlin Krause

The Bergen Anglican Church, Bergen, Norway
John & Karen Armbrust

Ascension Lutheran Church, Wichita, KS
Hamlin & Dorothy Burtness

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Larry & Alice Wesche

(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!)