

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

Symbol of St. Luke the Evangelist

The symbol of St. Luke is the winged ox from Ezekiel 1:4-11 and Revelation 4:6-8. Both St. Irenaeus (130-202 AD) and later St. Jerome (c. 347-420 AD) assigned the ox to St. Luke. St. Luke emphasizes the sacrifice and atonement of the Savior. The biggest sacrifice was the ox. Here he is given wings to show that this was a heavenly sacrifice. As is usual with the Evangelists, the shield is red and the ox is gold. St. Luke's Day is October 18.



There is an ebb and flow to church life. After VBS the first week of summer, our evening activities quieted down for most of the summer. But things are once again picking up with the beginning of the school year.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

- **Sunday School** (9:45-10:45 a.m.) starts Sunday, September 8.
- **B.A.S.I.C. Training** (6:00-7:15 p.m.) starts Wednesday, September 11. (FYI ... B.A.S.I.C. stands for "Brothers and Sisters in Christ.") We also have our 7th & 8th Grade **Confirmation** class during this time.



Sunday School and BASIC Teachers will be installed at every worship service the weekend of September 7/8.

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS (AHG) & TRAIL LIFE USA (TLUSA) (Troops KS-0057) are owned and operated by St. Luke's.



- AHG meets the 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month, 6:00-7:45 p.m.
- TLUSA meets every Monday, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
 - ◊ The troop will only be at the church the 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month.
 - ◊ The 1st Monday of the month they will be hitting the trail.
 - ◊ The 3rd Monday of the month they will be at the Blue House (354 N. Delaware Ave., MHK 66502)



These troops are focused on raising godly men and women with a Christ-centered faith.

YOUTH MINISTRY

- The LCMS Kansas District **2024 Fall Confirmation Retreat** for 5th-8th grade youth will be held October 4-5 at Rock Springs 4-H Ranch (1169 Highway K157, Junction City, KS 66441). The theme is "The Lord's Prayer." Registration opens August 1.



If you or your child are interested in attending, please let Natalie Winter (785-409-9141) know. All 3 registration forms are due by September 11th. **St. Luke's will cover the entire cost of registration** for adults and students participating. Information regarding the weekend is attached below.

- Our youth are headed to the LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans, July 19-23, 2025. The theme is “Endure” from Hebrews 12:1-3. This will be a year-long endeavor to get them there. Talk with our DCE William Prann if you have questions.



CAMPUS MINISTRY

LCMS-U is an officially recognized organization at Kansas State University and is a ministry of St. Luke's.

- The **KSU Activities Carnival** was on Thursday, August 22, in the Union Ball Room. We passed out over 200 cups, 200 business cards advertising the Welcome Bonfire and 200 business cards advertising the Bible Study, and probably about 50 LCMS-U pens.
- The **Welcome Bonfire** was on Monday, August 26, at the Blue House. More than 30 people were in attendance.
- **Bible Studies** are at the Blue House (354 N. Delaware Avenue, MHK, 66502) on Monday nights at 9:00 p.m., with Fellowship starting at 8:00 p.m., beginning September 8.
- **Table Talk** (a free lunch) is provided by you, the St. Luke's members, the 2nd – 5th Sundays of the month. If you are willing to provide lunch, the QR code will take you to the sign-up page. (Christ Lutheran Church in Manhattan provides lunch to the college students the 1st Sunday of the month.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MINISTRIES

St. Luke's is connected to both

- **Helping International Students** (HIS) – an international student organization at KSU; and
- **International Student Ministry, Inc.** (ISM.inc), a Recognized Service Organization (RSO) with The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS), our church body.



To my knowledge, we have 5 international students that are being hosted by our St. Luke's family. The Beikmann's hosted a dinner at their house on Sunday, August 25.

YOUNG ADULTS

The Lutheran Young Adult Conference (for young adults 18-35), “**Grounded: A Really, Really Old Faith,**” is October 11-13, 2024, Friday evening through Sunday afternoon, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Austin Texas. Event cost: \$10. Main speaker: Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller. Information can be found at <https://www.stpaulaustin.org/events/grounded/>.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE (LWML)

Lutheran Women in Mission is an official auxiliary of the LCMS.



The ladies at a local church meet together in a small group. A small group is called a “**Circle.**” We currently have two Circles. The circles at St. Luke's usually meet in January, March, May, June, August, and October.

- The **Elizabeth Circle** meets on the 1st Tuesday of the designated month at 10:00 a.m. at the church.
- The **Mary-Martha Circle** meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the designated month at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

Ladies, I want to encourage you to get involved in a circle, or start a new one.

When the Circles meet together at a local church, it is called a “**Guild**” or “**Society**” or “**Group.**” The St. Luke's Guild/Society/Group usually meets the 2nd Tuesday in February, April, July, September, & November at 7:00 p.m. at the church. They also meet together for a Christmas party in December.

When the LWML Guilds/Societies/Groups in our circuit churches meet together, it is called a “Rally” or an “Zone Event.” The Rally or Zone Event occurs twice a year – once in the spring and once in the fall.

- On **Saturday, September 21**, the LWML Manhattan Zone (which includes the LWML of our circuit churches) will meet at St. Luke’s. Registration will open at 9:30 a.m. The event will go from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m. There is a \$5 lunch charge.

LUTHERAN LAYMEN’S LEAGUE (LLL)

Our *Lutheran Laymen’s League* usually meets the 1st Sunday of the month at 7:00 p.m. The exception is the month of September, when they will be meeting the on September 8th, 7:00 p.m., here at St. Luke’s.



OUTREACH AND MISSION

- **County Fair** – We passed out about 350 fly swatters with our church name and logo.
- **Purple Power Play in the Plaza** – This will have occurred on Friday, August 30. Thank you to all who were able to attend and help with this event.
- **PraiseFest** – This will be on September 21. As of the printing of this newsletter, we are still discussing if we will have a table at this event. But keep reading ...



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. Please contact Julie Hatesohl (our Christian Care Chair) if you have questions.



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.



PRO-LIFE

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: “Thousands of kids are going to end up in a broken foster care system,” we could respond:

This is false. There are an estimated 2 million couples waiting to adopt – which means there are 36 waiting families for every one child who is placed for adoption. If we outlawed abortion, most children would find a loving family. Very few kids would go into the foster care system. But even if that wasn't the case, we should never kill a person because they might have a difficult life. Life offers no guarantees, but **abortion offers no chances**.

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.



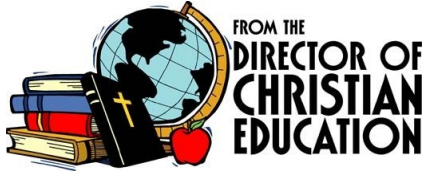
Bible Quiz

King Ahab, assisted by his conniving wife Jezebel, appropriated for himself something belonging to a man named Naboth. What did he take?

- A. Naboth's oxen
- B. Naboth's farm
- C. Naboth's vineyard
- D. Naboth's house



Answer: C (See 1 Kings 21:1-16.)



The adventure continues! The students have returned to campus, Sunday School and Mid-Week are kicking off soon and we are even talking about Advent! What a wonderful season of dreaming and planning!

The Campus Ministry needs prayers, encouragers on Sunday mornings and cooks for our Tables Talk gatherings. Please place the students, leaders, and our St Luke's staff in your prayers as we work together to ministry to and with the students at KSU.

On Saturday nights and Sunday mornings, please take time to greet and get to know the college students worshipping with us! Their enthusiasm and their energy will bless you!

You can also be the true hands and feet of Christ and St Luke's by providing the food for a table talk lunch hosted at St Luke's. [Sign up sheet is on the DCE Office door.](#)

The St Luke's Early Learning Center is an amazing place to watch God work!! Please pray for our children, their parents, our teachers, and the leadership team. We are asking God to give us wisdom in the reorganization and to bring us a new director! Please join us lifting these requests to God!

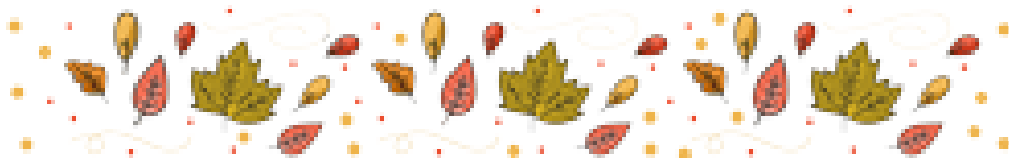
Our Children's ministry team has recovered from their amazing VBS week, and they are working on Sunday School and mid-week BASIC program. They are looking for people to serve as assistants for our leaders in each class. If you have breath in your lungs and a love for Jesus; you are qualified and needed! You can serve one Sunday a month or multiple Sundays a month! Don't miss out on this opportunity to be a kingdom builder!

Our Student ministry team is focused on the LCMS Gathering coming up in New Orleans during the Summer of 2025. The students and parents met on Aug 25 to discuss the trip, grow in relationships with one another, and to begin to study our theme: ENDURE and the theme verses found in Hebrews 12:1-3. This year's student ministry will be focused on sending off our older students and welcoming our new students! Big transition year!

God is growing St Luke's in ministry and in the number of people we call St Luke's family! Make sure you are looking for opportunities to help out with the different ministries AND to warmly welcome everyone that comes through our doors!

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 31/ September 1		Gavin Hudson	Hunter Fong
September 7/8		Carter Manning	Tucker Lynch
September 14/15		Anna Larson	Sarah Oelke
September 21/22		Samuel Lyons	Macsen Wells
September 28/29		Archer Manning	Allie Winter



- September 1:** Allison Frihart
- September 2:** Evan Brott, Mike Schmidt
- September 3:** Marsha Grunewald, Greg Burnett
- September 4:** Simon Schmidt
- September 5:** Tucker Lynch
- September 7:** Luke Schmidt, Emma Schurle, Ethan Olesky
- September 8:** Logan Olesky
- September 9:** Dale Meyer, Tyson Kruse
- September 11:** Kennard Kopp, Jamie Spikes, Josh Schwanke
- September 12:** Gary Mott, Cathie Wilkinson, Madilyn Burris
- September 13:** Alice McLain, Scott Manning
- September 14:** Larry Eagan, Mary Lynn Barta
- September 15:** Marilyn Fick
- September 16:** Andrew Klimek
- September 18:** Glavin Lohse
- September 19:** Kathy Wright, Bruce Oberhelman
- September 20:** Paul Abitz, Miranda Tegtmeier
- September 21:** David Lohse, Dan Caponera, Kate McNeal, Seth Tucker, Rachael Stadel
- September 22:** C. Lee Woodford, Steve Williams, Mason Sturdy
- September 23:** Chuck Veatch, Torie Winter, Cora McDonald, Karissa Rengstorf
- September 25:** Chris Deetjen, Myra Campbell
- September 26:** Olivia Stuckwisch
- September 27:** Thelma Liebe

- September 1:** Ed & Denise Klimek
- September 7:** Hamlin & Dorothy Burtness
- September 9:** Paul & Amy Abitz
- September 13:** Dan & Pearl Caponera
- September 14:** Gary & Connie Kasten
- September 17:** Larry & Linda Williams





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
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LWML



In the last 80 years Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) has funded nearly \$100 Million in mission grants to missions and missionaries world-wide. This month's featured grant is to Ephphatha Lutheran Mission Society

Ephphatha Lutheran Mission Society (ELMS) was founded in 2003 for the purpose of bringing the Good News of Christ crucified for the forgiveness of sins to deaf and hard of hearing people. There are an estimated 500,000 deaf users of American Sign Language (ASL) in the United States, at least 95% of whom are unchurched.

While there are 124 congregational deaf ministries in the LCMS, there is a severe shortage of Lutheran resources and Lutheran interpreters. The Church Interpreter Training Academy sponsored by ELMS strives to increase the number of interpreters available to LCMS congregations. This LWML grant for \$47,000 will enable ELMS to expand its Training Academy and it is hoped that more than 100 additional ASL interpreters will be trained.

LWML Mite offerings will also support the ASL translation of three Divine Service Settings from our hymnal as well as Matins into ASL for the benefit of all deaf LCMS members. You can help support this ministry and many others through your donations to LWML. There is a clear plastic box in the narthex for your use. Please make checks to LWML.

CANCER CARE BAG DONATIONS

LWML Caring Service Committee is asking the congregations help in providing items for the Cancer Care Bags. The **bags are given to the local surgical office for their cancer patients**. Items needed are small boxes of tea bags, purse size hand lotion, packages of pocket size kleenex, small note pads, chapstick and hand sanitizer. The items can be placed in the baskets in the narthex. Questions, contact Liana Eagan .

LUTHERAN LAYMEN'S LEAGUE (LLL) ANNUAL BBQ



The LLL would like to invite everyone to the annual LLL BBQ on **Sunday, September 8th at St. Luke's Lutheran Church starting at 6:30 PM**. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided. Side dishes and/or desserts welcomed. Please RSVP to David Hatesohl so we can plan accordingly. David can be reached at djhat427@gmail.com or 785.845.8124.



EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Thank you for all the donations to the ELC School Supply Drive! All together we collected 32 watercolor paints, 68 boxes of crayons, 18 bottles of liquid glue, 154 glue sticks, 148 dry erase markers, 6 containers of Gerber baby puff snacks, 5 boxes of teething crackers, 6 pacifiers, 2 rolls of painters tape, 3 packages of white cardstock, 8 children's scissors, 30 packs of wipes, 34 boxes of markers, 4 boxes of sandwich ziploc bags, 12 boxes of gallon ziploc bags, and 16 boxes of quart size ziplock bags. Thank you for your support. We are humbled by your generosity!

CONNECT GROUPS

Sunday Adult Bible Class, Pastor Schmidt

Lutheran Layman's League, David & Julie Hatesohl, 785-845-8124 or 785-236-0493 or phoebemat@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.



FLINT HILLS LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

Open Hearts, Open Homes' is a micro-conference for local churches. It will focus on understanding the adoption journey; supporting those in foster care; guiding the church in caring for adoptive and foster families. It will be held **Sunday, October 13 at**

Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, 17535 Say Road in Wamego from 2:00 - 4:15 p.m. Opening session is "The Gospel Call to Care for the Vulnerable".

Attendees can choose from three different breakout sessions, "How to Care for Others Serving: Wrap Around Care in the Local Congregation", "The Adoption Journey: Understanding the Steps of Adoption", and "Standing for Life: From Conception to Eternity". The Closing Session will be A Q & A panel. For more information, contact Judy Boye, 785-313-2276, or Rev. Jim Price, 254-716-0166.



Stewards, Called to Forgiveness

Human beings were created and redeemed to be stewards. Bearing the image of God (Gen. 1:26–28), the steward was created to reflect the Creator within creation. In a way, stewards are simply mirrors. Mirrors cannot do anything to the image that is placed in front of them.

A mirror was the first item in creation that embodied the computer term GIGO. “Garbage in, Garbage out.” In a computer, if you enter good data, you get a good result. You enter bad data; you will get a garbage result.

In photography, you can run an image through a filter, which can remove imperfections. Myriad apps allow for the option to cut people out, add people in and change backgrounds all in an attempt to make the perfect image. Mirrors cannot do that. They do not provide anything new. Mirrors are created to reflect, not process, an image. They simply reflect the person standing in front of them.

Stewards are like this. Created to reflect, a steward will reflect the God in front of them. The steward will either reflect a godly stewardship that holds that God is the owner of all things (Ps. 24:1) and is the One to whom they are accountable, or they will reflect the god of self and see the created order as something to be possessed, used, and in far too many cases, abused. It is not a question of IF the steward reflects, it is really a question of WHO is being reflected.

For this reason, the *Lutheran Service Book* has included a necessary hymn worthy of meditation: “Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness” (LSB 788). Its first verse reads:

Forgive us, Lord, for shallow thankfulness,
For dull content with warmth and sheltered care,
For songs of praise for food and harvest press,
While of Your richer gifts we’re unaware.

This is a fitting call to repentance for every steward. Our thankfulness is so often shallow. We get comfortable with the overflowing blessings we have entrusted to us by the Lord. These trusts are so many that the steward often forgets the One who entrusts them. Worse, with so many physical trusts evident, the steward loses sight of the greatest trust: the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The failed steward sees so much plenty that they lose sight of the treasure: Jesus!

So, we confess our shallow thankfulness. In absolution, the imperfections of the failed steward are wiped away and a new image is sent into the world. We release our hold on stuff. We rethink our relationship with the created order and recall that it is all to be used FOR JESUS! This keeps the richer gifts in view, for us and for those we know and love who need Jesus.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship

Christian Care Corner – September 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.

It's not too late to participate in the Feed My Starving Children Event by either contributing with a financial donation or volunteering to help prepare meals that will go to areas where children are going hungry and need food.

If you wish to donate, please use the link associated with the Manhattan, Kansas September 20-21, 2024 event to make sure the funds get applied to this project by donating through the Manhattan project link: <https://give.fmsc.org/campaign/2409-186ea-manhattan-ks-praisefest-global-impact-event/c579615>

You can also reach the Manhattan Project by going to FMSC.org, click VOLUNTEER and search for the Manhattan Event by searching by zip code '66502'.

You can also donate or volunteer for two-hour shifts through the link provided above.

If you do have questions, please contact Julie Hatesohl at phoebehat@gmail.com or 785.236.0493

Praisefest
Global Impact Event MobilePack
Manhattan, KS

We need your help to fund and pack 100,000 meals! Every financial contribution helps feed starving children! Thank you for your help!

September 20-21, 2024
Over 100,000 Meals

VOLUNTEER

\$12,135 Raised / \$30,000 Goal

BECOME A FUNDRAISER **DONATE NOW**

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Lutherans For Life -- Regional Conference Midwest

Hope Lutheran Church and School – Shawnee Kansas

“In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it” (John 1:4-5)

On October 12, at Hope Lutheran in Shawnee, Kansas, in the Kansas City Metro area, we'll hear again from Rev. McClanahan. As a complement to his presentation on biblical manhood, Deaconess Rose Adle of Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne will present on [Christian womanhood](#). Our Director of Volunteer Relations, Virginia Flo, will facilitate a panel with local Life Teams sharing their inspiring work. And wrapping up the conference, Rev. Dr. James Lamb, formerly of LFL and Lutheran Family Service, will shed light on Christian citizenship, especially in light of this election year.

As a special treat, the Hope Life team is organizing a free Concert for Life, to be presented on Friday, October 11, at 7pm at the church. This unique pro-life event created by local talent will highlight the **Life Shines in Darkness** theme. No registration or tickets are needed to attend this event.

New this year is the opportunity for childcare at each conference, offered and coordinated by the host church. For additional information on the conference, or to register, visit lutheransforlife.org/conferences

Lutherans For Life of Kansas will have their annual meeting the same day during the lunch hour.

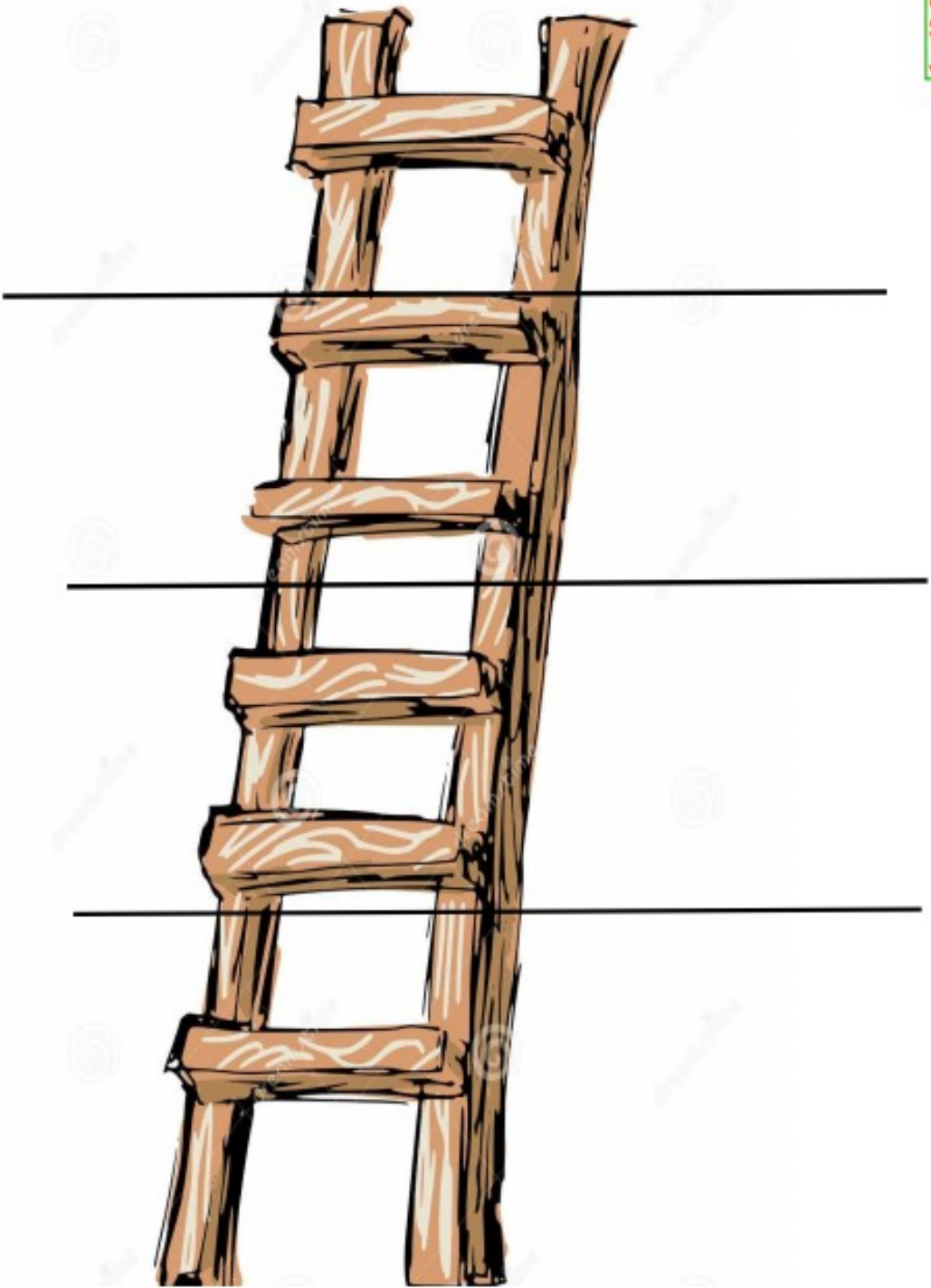


100 Year Celebration
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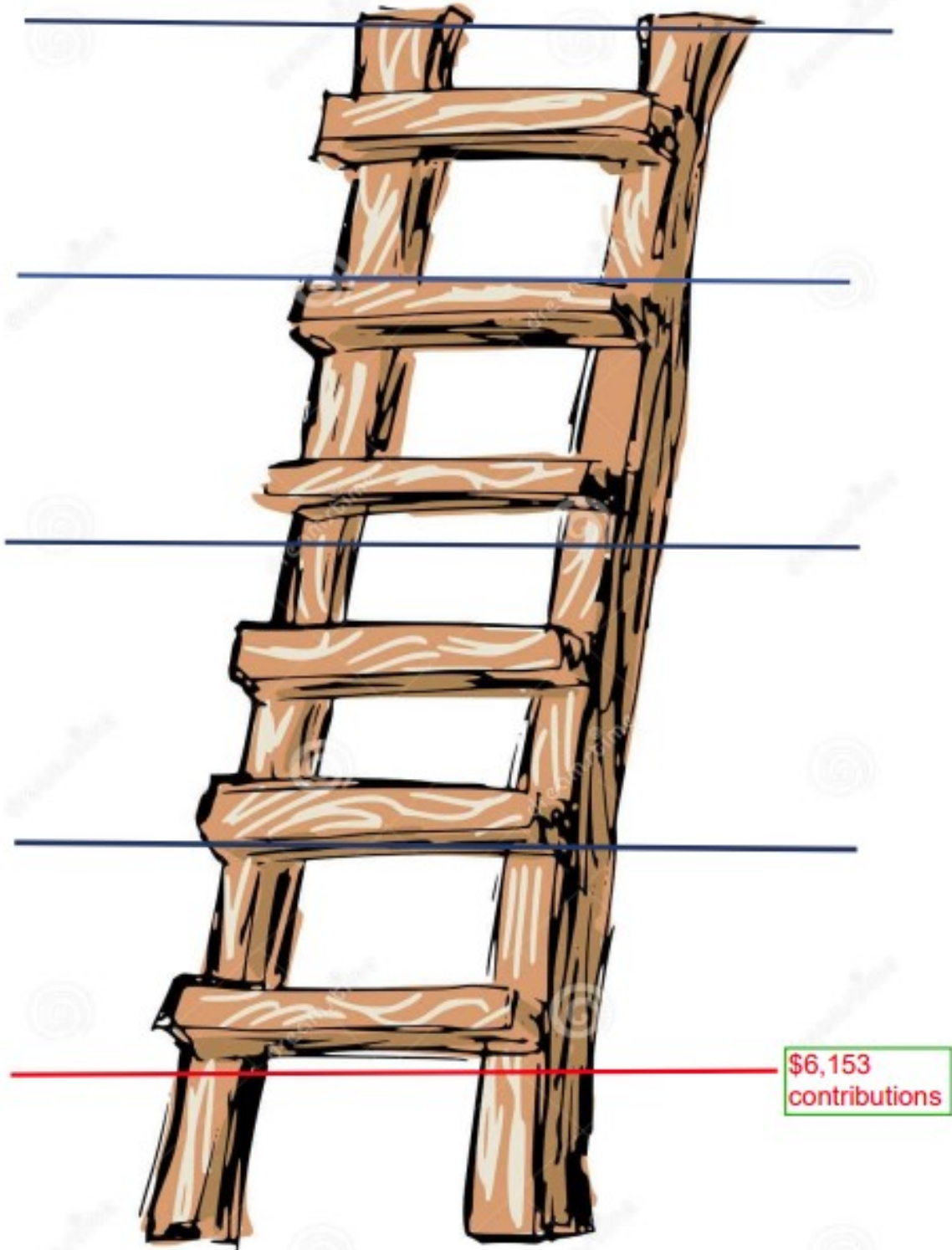
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\$122,104 at
July 30, 2024.



Next Phase donations





September



TRAVELING BULLETIN

Faith Lutheran Church, Riverside, CA
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King of Kings Lutheran Church, Kansas City, MO
Kaitlin Krause

Calvary Baptist Church, Bonham, TX
Wayne & Jane Goff

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

Christ Lutheran Church, Breckenridge, CO
John & Karen Armbrust

(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!)