

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 I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this:
Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."
"Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors,
for their deeds follow them!"
-- Revelation 14:13*

Christians do not stand before God on the merits of their own deeds, but rather are credited with Christ's righteousness!

The first weekend in November, we remember the saints of St. Luke's who have gone to be with the Lord within the last 12 months. The following saints will be remembered in our worship services the first weekend in November.

- Darleen Moormann – December 6, 2023
- Patricia Hanson – February 20, 2024
- Nyla Mathies – June 4, 2024
- Mary Lou Little – August 15, 2024
- Shirley Williams – September 26, 2024
- Doris Ahrens – September 27, 2024
- Janice O'Briant – October 13, 2024

This Thanksgiving, I pray that you will view Thanksgiving through the lens of Christ. He has made you and sustains you, given you spiritually new life in Him, is with you always, promises that you will be with him in paradise when your earthly body is no longer able to sustain life, and He promises to bless you with a glorified, resurrected body in the life of the world to come. Thankful hearts flow from focusing on our blessings in Christ.

We will have a **Thanksgiving Eve Service** on **Wednesday, November 27**.

The day after Halloween (November 1), candy will be half price. Buy a bag of candy (or three) ... and donate that candy to the church. We will use this candy for the **Mayor's Spirit of the Holidays Lighted Parade** the first Friday in December.

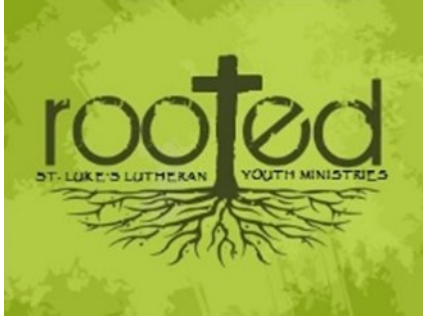
Can you help attach candy to invitations that we will pass out at the parade? If you are available in November, talk with pastor.

YOUTH

The **Youth** are meeting on Sunday, November 17, at 6:00 p.m., at St. Luke's.

The **District Youth Gathering** is November 15-17, 2024, at Rock Springs 4-H Ranch in Junction City, KS. If you have a youth, please speak with Natalie Winter. The church is covering the cost for them to attend!

The LCMS Youth Gathering will be July 19-23, 2025 in New Orleans. We have 10 youth and 4 adults who are registered.



CAMPUS MINISTRY

LCMS U went to Locked on Monday night, October 28.

Lunch for the college students on Sundays is called **Table Talk**. It is at St. Luke's on the 2nd-5th Sundays of the month, and at Christ Lutheran the 1st Sunday of the month. Please consider hosting a college lunch. To add your name to the schedule, click on the QR code.



THEOLOGY ON TAP

Save the 3rd Tuesday of the month. This month, we will meet on Tuesday, November 19, at Rockin K's (1880 Kimball Avenue, MHK, 66502). Our presenter this month will be retired DCE Jeremy Perra.



100TH ANNIVERSARY

In honor of St. Luke's 100th Anniversary, (instead of our normal worship schedule that weekend), we will have one worship service on Sunday, November 17 at 10:00 a.m.

The "gift" commemorating the 100th year anniversary is a \$10 per art piece. It is an 8" x 10" watercolor print of all 3 church buildings. It is framed in an 11" x 14" mat. All orders are due November 3.



There will also be a **Thanksgiving Meal** on Sunday, November 17, at 5:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to bring a salad or dessert to share.



Our **Substitute Preachers** in late November will be ...

November 23/24 – Rev. Robert Schaedel

November 27 – Thanksgiving Eve – Rev. Robert Schaedel

November 30/December 1 – Rev. James Bender

ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES

This year, our Advent Midweek Services will start at **6:30 p.m.**, not 7:30 p.m. as we have done in years past. Our first Advent Midweek Service will be on **Wednesday, December 4.**

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE KANSAS

Lutherans For Life of Kansas, Inc., was chartered by national Lutherans for Life and incorporated with the state of Kansas in 2004. Lutherans For Life is made up of Life Chapters (groups of churches), Life Teams (Lutherans For Life members of a church), Life Advocates (Lutherans For Life members working solo) and affiliated with a State Federation, which in turn is affiliated with national Lutherans for Life.



St. Luke’s is part of the **Flint Hills Lutherans for Life (Chapter #257)**. Judy Boye is our chapter president. Please ask her how you can get involved.

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: “I’m personally pro-life, but I would never restrict anyone else from having an abortion,” we could respond:

People who claim to be “personally pro-life” in an effort to be empathetic towards other views are perpetuating a culture that devalues life. If you are “personally pro-life” because you know abortion kills a child, you should be against every abortion. You would never say: “I’m personally opposed to child abuse, but I can’t take away another person’s right to abuse children.” It is impossible to be just “personally pro-life.” Either the fetus is not a human person and has no moral significance, or they are an innocent human being, and nothing could ever justify intentionally ending their life. We either believe in the right to life of all humans, or we don’t.

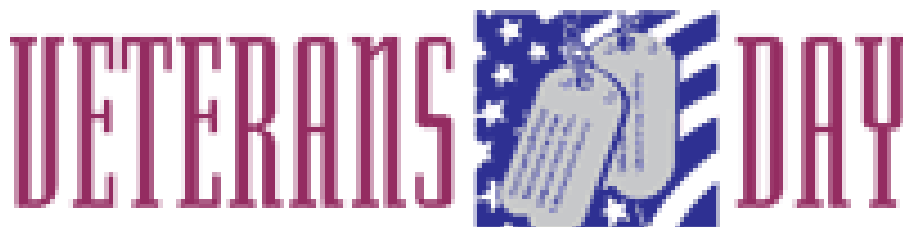
To find a Pregnancy Resource Center near you, visit lifelinks.io/centers

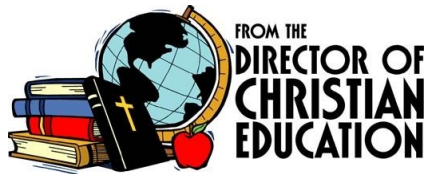
This response is found in a flyer entitled “How to *Defend* Life” published by houstoncoalition.com.

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



It is an honor to serve as your pastor.





I am learning there is never a dull moment around St Luke's, our central Kansas Circuit, and Kansas LCMS District!

At the beginning of October, I was invited to participate in the Pastor's Conference representing the KS LCMS U Ministries. I was able to interact with so many amazing pastors. All of them have such a heart for our LCMS youth as they travel to new cities to attend college and attend "new to them" LCMS churches. I was able to encourage them and partner with them to create some new resources for our KS LCMS Church and to hear their hearts for more collaboration between our KS LCMS ministries.

After the Pastor's conference, I travel to the Kansas Teachers' and DCE's conference. It was also an encouraging experience! We have amazing men and women teaching and leading our children. During the conference, I was surprised to be acknowledged for 20 years of service to the LCMS. I was blessed by all the kind words and funny memories from those I have worked with over the years!

Upon return from the conferences, it was time to get busy working with our Youth Board and families around the Kansas District Youth Gathering and the 2025 LCMS Gathering in New Orleans next summer. We are very blessed to have Kristina Schmidt partnering with the Youth Board and me to take a group to the Rock Springs 4H Camp to participate with students from all over our KS District. The theme for the weekend is: "RUN" from Hebrews 12. (I'll let you read the chapter and connect with the theme ☐). Please keep our youth and adults in your prayers along with our speaker, musicians, and event team.

The 2025 LCMS Gathering is scheduled for next summer. We have 10 youth and 4 adults planning to attend. The theme is "Endure" also built out of Hebrews 12. Our group will be working together on service projects, planning, fundraising and Bible studies over the next 10 months to prepare. I am sure you will hear more about and from this group as the gathering gets closer!

Our Children's ministry board has been active with Sunday School on Sundays and BASIC on Wednesdays. This last month they hosted a wonderful fall family event where the families had opportunities to paint pumpkins, cook hot dogs and s'mores over a campfire, and take hayrack rides around our property. It was a wonderful night of fellowship!

The Children's ministry is currently preparing for the annual Trunk r Treat event on Oct 30. Please plan to participate as a trunk host, a candy provider, and a prayer warrior. This is a great outreach opportunity.

They are also preparing for the Advent Season and our Children's Christmas program. I am sure you'll hear lots more about Advent, but it is exciting to see an adjustment in the schedule! 6:00pm the Children will gather to prepare for the Christmas Program and work on memory work for BASIC, THEN the WHOLE congregation will be invited to participate in Advent Services at 6:30pm!! Please don't miss out on this amazing season to be thankful to God but also to gather as a WHOLE congregation to worship together.

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

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



September 2024 OFFICIAL ACTS

Transferred In
Nathan, Angie, Micah, Kaylee, & Alexis Kaczor

Profession of Faith
Ethan Willsey

Receive from other Lutheran Churches
Sandy Roten
Elijah Hickman-Roten
Isaiah Hickman-Roten

Baptisms
Avery Szivek Feeley
Ethan Willsey

Transferred to the Kingdom of Glory
Shirley Williams
Doris Ahrens



Date	Saturday 6:00 PM	Sunday 8:30 AM	Sunday 11:00 AM
November 2/3		Isaiah Hickman-Roten	Sarah Oelke
November 9/10		Anna Larson	
November 17	Service at 10:00 AM	Samuel Lyons & Allie Winter	
November 23/24		Archer Manning	Jovie Winter
November 27	Thanksgiving Eve	Teagen Thiele	



November BIRTHDAYS



November ANNIVERSARIES

November 1: Tami Robison
November 2: Jack Schotte
November 3: Harvey Lyons, Larry Williams
November 4: Natalie Thomas, Ryan Lynch, Arlene Garcia
November 5: Kevin Jones
November 6: Pat Thompson, Melanie Jones, Alice Wesche
November 7: Brynlee Rengstorf
November 10: Traci Lohse
November 11: Steve Heitman, Ed Park
November 12: Angela Reid, Brad Brunkow
November 14: Stacy Kohlmeier
November 15: Jill Newland, Mark Hatesohl, Ashley Stuckwisch
November 17: Rebekah Lyons
November 18: Paul Stuckwisch
November 20: Lindsey Wilson
November 22: Wayne Goff
November 23: Abigail Lister
November 24: Sandi Redding, Doug Frihart
November 25: Jared Thomas, Nancy Zier, Megan Hanson
November 26: Wyatt Alexander, Jim Jorns
November 27: Marlene Moormann
November 28: Jim House, Erna Hass, Sawyer Manning, Natalie Winter
November 29: Colin Abitz, Amy Juracek
November 30: Grayson Prockish

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



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

- November 13 - Family Night at BASIC
- November 27 - NO BASIC
- November 17 - NO Sunday School
- Sunday School - Sundays @ 9:45 a.m.
- BASIC - Wednesdays @ 6:00 p.m.
- Emergency Shelter Donations - November is Facial Tissues





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

- November 17 - Youth meet at the church @ 6:00 p.m.



LWML

St Luke's LWML (Lutheran Women in Mission) will hold their **group meeting on Tuesday, November 5, 10:00 a.m., at the church.**

Our LWML member, **Susan Brunkow**, will **lead the program** for this meeting. Her presentation is **"Treasure Hunting with Lutheran Women in Mission."** Who wouldn't want to land on an island and find hidden treasure? This session will feature what's new in LWML Bible studies, devotions, crafts, gifts, songs, sketches, service activities, and mission grant information. Lets go treasurer hunting with Susan Brunkow, national LWML Vice President of Christian Life.
 All women of St. Luke's are invited to join us for this presentation.

Also, **save the date of December 7, at 2:00 p.m., for our annual Christmas Tea.** The ladies of the Mary/Martha Circle invite all women of St. Luke's to join us for this special event. Bring a friend!



LUTHERAN LAYMEN'S LEAGUE (LLL)

St. Luke's LLL Fellowship club will meet Nov. 3rd at the home of Liz and Howard Beikmann at 7 p.m. Join us for devotions, the business meeting and fellowship. If you need direction please call 785-539-6843.

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.

The consequences of shallow thankfulness

Can you imagine a Thanksgiving dinner without turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy and pumpkin pie? I know I can't! To not have these on the menu, or worse, to run out of them with the family around the table, would be a culinary sin of epic proportions. An attempt to serve bratwurst and hamburgers in place of the standard fare would ring hollow and seem totally inappropriate and out of place. It isn't that the food would be bad; brats and burgers are pretty tasty. But not for Thanksgiving — they just don't go together!

This month, as we continue to walk through the stewardship hymn, "Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness" (LSB 788), we turn our attention to verse three. Here, William Watkins Reid, Sr., the man who penned this text, draws attention to some things that do not go along with faithful, thankful stewardship.

Forgive us, Lord, for selfish thanks and praise ...

We see this often with small children. They greedily snatch the candy out of a grandparent's hand, savagely destroy the wrapper, and attempt to stuff the entire delicacy in their mouth in one bite, only to have a parent say, "Tell grandma thank you." This is followed by the pro forma thanks that is uttered between chocolate chews. It isn't really thankfulness; it is simply checking a box to keep mom or dad off their backs.

We never really outgrow this either. Our shallow thankfulness takes the form of feigned humility when praise is being offered. We are thankful that our admirers noticed and called us out: "Look at me! Aren't I special?" No thought at all is given to the fact that the Lord was the One who gave us the ability and opportunity for accomplishment. Our false blush is really only masking our selfish, credit-seeking gain. Once again, we find ourselves idolatrously thanking ourselves.

For words that speak at variance with deeds ...

What carries more weight: words or action? The steward who gives voice to the Gospel in the Divine Service but then lives like a pagan in the world does great damage, not only to others but to the Gospel itself! This is the consequence of failed stewardship. It is idolatry that separates the steward from the Lord.

Worse yet, it also impacts others negatively. When the failed steward is the reference point outside the Christian community, there are those who want no part of being Christian or following the Christ they claim. We see this play out in the impact of overt political activity among Christians based on governing policy as opposed to fidelity to the Word of God. When our lips and our lives are out of sync, like what used to happen with old movie projectors, the impact isn't funny — it obscures the Gospel!

*Forgive our thanks for walking pleasant ways
unmindful of a broken brother's need ...*

Our creature comforts often become an obstacle to faithful stewardship. This is true of both individual and corporate stewardship. Financial stewardship is often limited by our desire to be comfortable and have the latest toys and gadgets. Congregational stewardship is often limited by the desire to focus on what is best for the congregation as opposed to how resources might be best stewarded to reach the community with the Gospel.

When we see someone in need, or broken by the world, we often look at them as freeloaders. We admonish them to get a job. We insist that they learn our language, learn our customs, and make them their own. But this gets in the way of seeing every human being the way that Jesus sees them. Remember, that broken person is one for whom Jesus went to the cross to die and rise. When we are unmindful of these needs, our shallow thankfulness also stands in the way of the Gospel.

This stanza reminds us of the challenge we face. Our hearts are master idol-makers. Our shallow thankfulness threatens our souls and hinders others from seeing Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Stewardship is serious business. It is a task for which we were created. In our sinful failings, we are never relieved of these duties. In our Baptism, we are restored to be stewards of the Gospel. Our faithful stewardship is all about that Gospel.

Forgive us when our thanks are shallow, O Lord! In this month of Thanksgiving, grant us the grace to offer heaping helpings of this stewardship so that others may see Jesus!

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship



ST. LUKE'S 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Come celebrate 100 years of God's glory & grace at St. Luke's on November 17th through worship, service, and fellowship.

- Unified Worship Service at 10 am
- Serve God's people with various outreach projects here at church, following the service
- Enjoy the congregational Thanksgiving meal at 5 pm



ST. LUKE'S PICTURES

Do you have pictures of life at St. Luke's throughout the decades? Please send them to Natalie Winter (nbender93@gmail.com) to help commemorate 100 years of St. Luke's.



Church Family
Thanksgiving
Dinner

100 YEAR AND THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION MEAL

The Board of Elders are inviting you to come on **November 17th from 5:00 - 7:00 PM**, to give thanks to God for all of our blessings and enjoy each other's fellowship. Please fill out a form located on the table in the church entryway so we may have an idea of how many will be attending the meal. Turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, home grown sweet corn, green bean casserole, and dinner rolls will be provided. Please place the completed form in the basket. **Bring 12-15 servings of your favorite family salad or dessert, that you love to make during the holiday season.** The salads and desserts can be left in the kitchen refrigerator, if needed, when attending any church service on November 11th and 12th. **For more information, please contact Dennis or Bonita Tegtmeyer, 785-313-1879.**





MISSION OF LOVE

Mission of Love has truly been blessed this year, enabling us to break all our records for producing quilts for Orphan Grain Train. Our latest delivery of 57 quilts was made on October 14th, bringing our total to 123 so far in 2024. This achievement is only possible because of the generous donations of supplies from our members and friends. Several members have gone above and beyond in preparing quilt tops, keeping our tying crew busy. A special thank you for their EXTRA hours of work at home!

We are once again getting low on fabric, so PLEASE keep your eyes and ears open for anyone looking to get rid of their personal fabric stash! We also need colored or printed sheets. If they are in good shape, they can be used as backing. Even if they are worn in the middle, there's still plenty of good fabric on the sides that can be used for blocks or lightweight blankets.

We would greatly appreciate any donations in the form of Thrivent cards or cash to help us purchase more filling material.

If you are unable to help tie on the second Tuesday of each month but can cut blocks or assemble tops at home, we would be happy to provide you with the materials.

Dorothy Burtness 785-539-8018



St. Luke's American Heritage Girls/ Trail Life USA Troop News

The American Heritage Girls completed a Service Project for Orphan Grain Train. The girls learned to tie quilts with the LWML Mission of Love quilters, Terry Wehmueller and Kate McNeal on Saturday, September 28th. They learned about the work of the Orphan Grain Train and how the quilts they made will go to people in the U.S. and around the world bringing warmth and comfort.. The girls will meet again on Saturday, October 26th to work on more quilts which will also go to Orphan Grain Train.

The girls held a camp out at the St. Luke's campground October 11-13 and attended the Saturday night service as well.

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

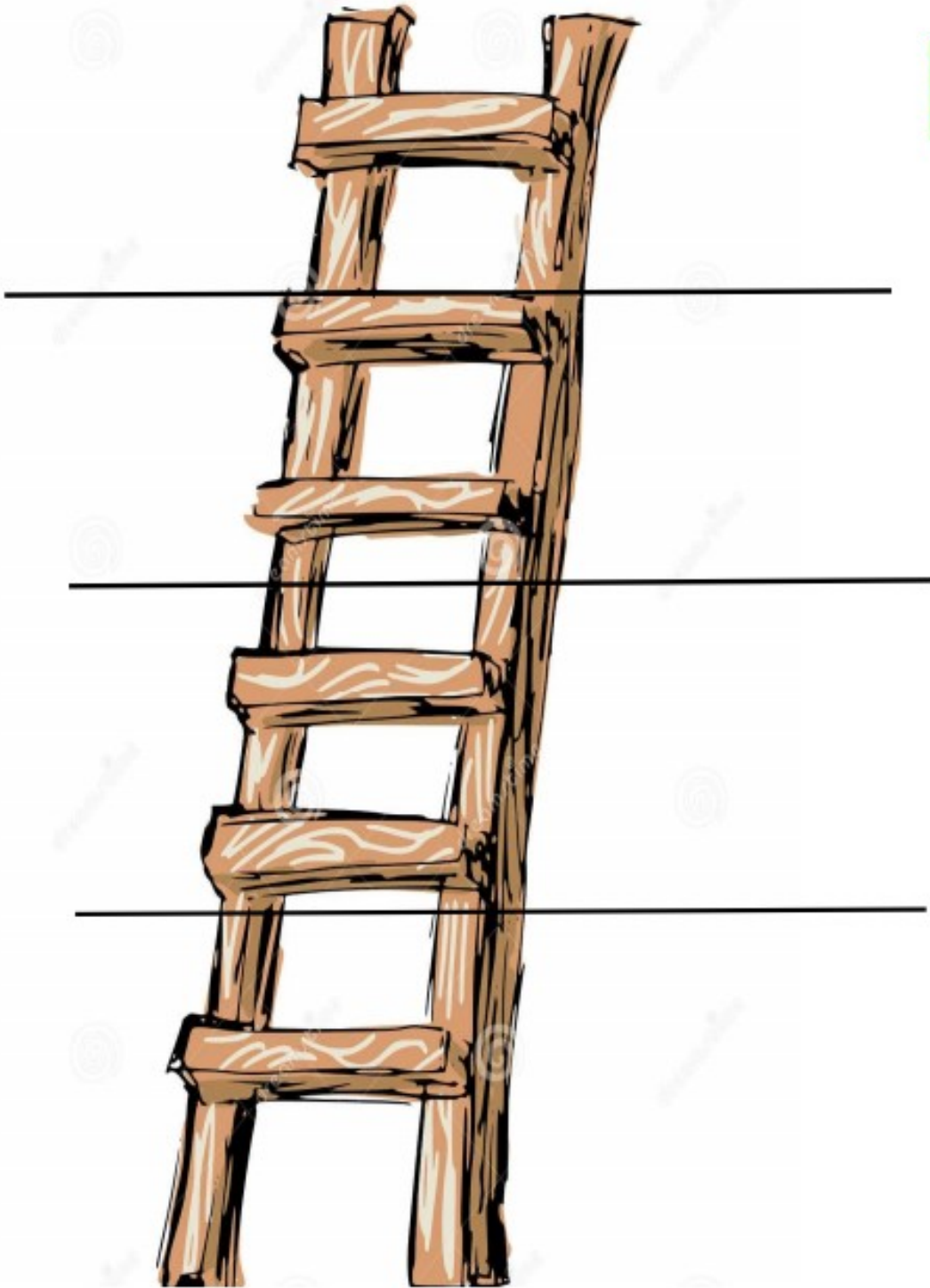


100 Year Celebration
Giving Ladder December 1, 2023 to
November 30, 2024

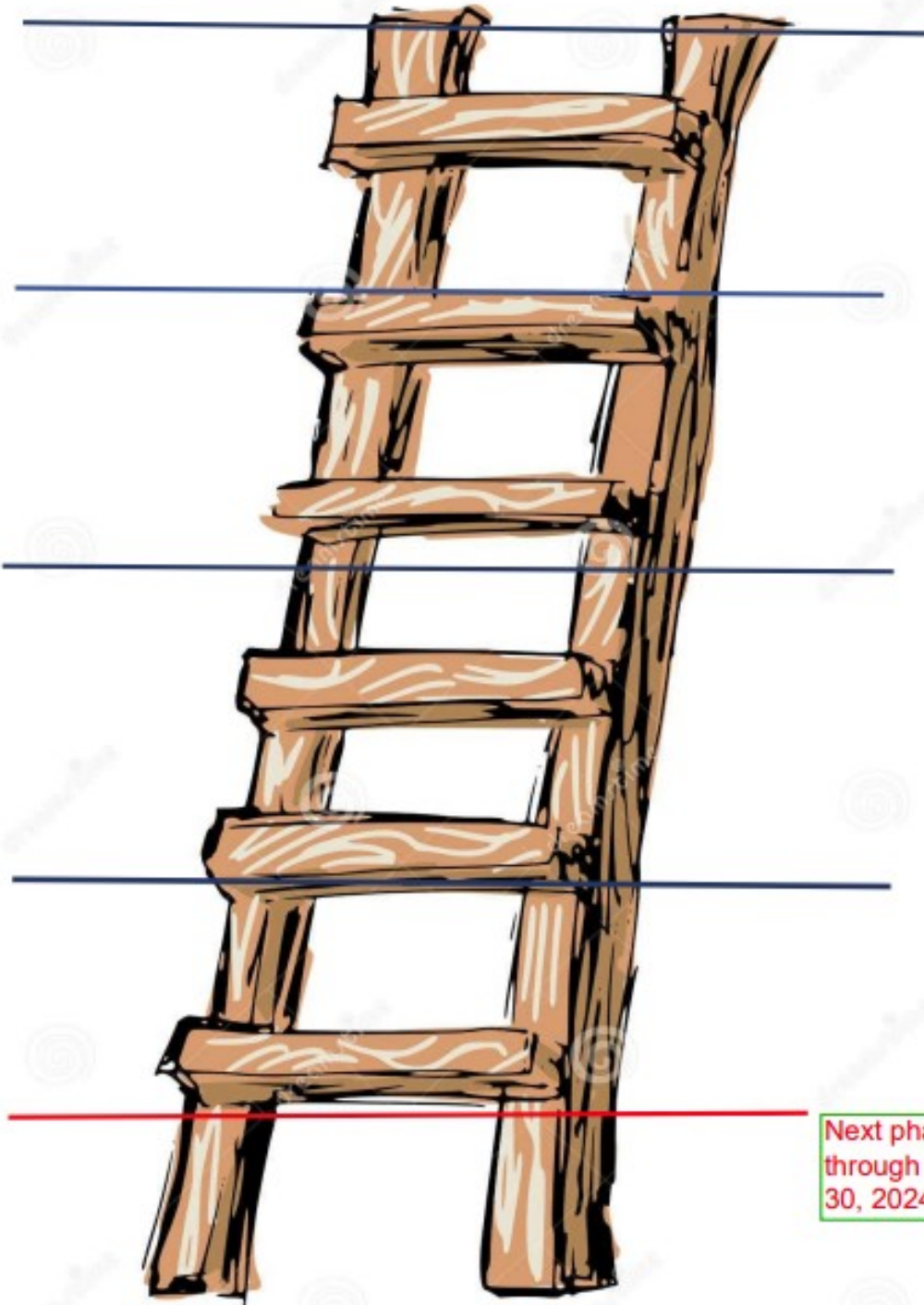
Mortgage donations

Giving through
September 30,
2024 \$128,214

Mortgage balance
at 9.30.24
\$114,660.



Next Phase donations



Next phase giving
through September
30, 2024 \$7,767.



November



TRAVELING BULLETIN

St. Stephens Lutheran Church and School, Hickory, NC
John & Karen Armbrust

Christ Lutheran Church, Wichita, KS
Duane & Jeanette Campbell

Revolution Church, Salina, KS
Scott Stone & Susan Spain

(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!)