

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

For the rest of the world, October is about Halloween. But for Lutherans, October means that we remember and celebrate the **Reformation!** We remember that we are saved by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone!

LUTHER'S ROSE

The most enduring symbol of the Lutheran Reformation is the seal that Luther himself designed to represent his theology. By the early 1520s, this seal begins to appear on the title page of Luther's works.

Here is how Luther himself explained its meaning:

First, there is a black cross in a heart that remains its natural color. This is to remind me that it is faith in the Crucified One that saves us. Anyone who believes from the heart will be justified (Romans 10:10). It is a black cross, which mortifies and causes pain, but it leaves the heart its natural color. It doesn't destroy nature, that is to say, it does not kill us but keeps us alive, for the just shall live by faith in the Crucified One (Romans 1:17). The heart should stand in the middle of a white rose. This is to show that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace—it puts the believer into a white, joyous rose. Faith does not give peace and joy like the world gives (John 14:27). This is why the rose must be white, not red. White is the color of the spirits and angels (cf. Matthew 28:3; John 20:12). This rose should stand in a sky-blue field, symbolizing that a joyful spirit and faith is a beginning of heavenly, future joy, which begins now, but is grasped in hope, not yet fully revealed. Around the field of blue is a golden ring to symbolize that blessedness in heaven lasts forever and has no end. Heavenly blessedness is exquisite, beyond all joy and better than any possessions, just as gold is the most valuable and precious metal.



(From: Letter from Martin Luther to Lazarus Spengler, July 8, 1530 [WA Br 5:445]; tr. P. T. McCain)

Please join the **Circuit Reformation Service & Presentation** on Sunday, October 27, 2:00-4:30 p.m., at St. Paul Lutheran Church (330 Main St., in Alta Vista, KS 66834). The Presentation will be about the "Walkout" that occurred at Concordia Seminary in 1974. Rev. Dr. Daniel Harmelink, the Executive Director of Concordia Historical Institute, will be both the Preacher & Presenter.



This is a short synopsis.

On February 19, 1974 (fifty years ago) a majority of faculty and students walked off the campus of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in protest of what they perceived as restrictive and backwards teaching about the Bible and God's Word. Dr. Harmelink will give a comprehensive presentation of the actual issues that surrounded the Walkout. The Walkout led to the formation of Christ Seminary-Seminex and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

The Walkout and the creation of Christ Seminary-Seminex were the culmination of theological conflicts that had been brewing for decades. Among these were strong disagreements about the relationship between the Gospel and Scripture, the historicity of biblical events and persons, methods of biblical interpretation, subscription to synodical confessional statements, guidelines for church fellowship, the uses of God's Law, and how the Christian mission is to be carried out.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Trunk-or-Treat – Wednesday, October 30, 6:00-7:15 p.m.

Grab a friend and sign up for a trunk. Decorations and costumes are always fun too!



And the day after Halloween, buy a bag of candy (or three) ... they'll be half price. Please bring the candy to the church. This is the candy we will use for the **Mayor's Spirit of the Holidays Lighted Parade** the first Friday in December.

YOUTH

The **Youth** are meeting on Sunday, October 27, 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!

CAMPUS MINISTRY

LCMS-U is an officially recognized organization at Kansas State University and is a ministry of St. Luke's. On Monday, September 23, we had **21 students** in Bible Study at the Blue House!!!



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/>.

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.



There will also be a Thanksgiving Meal that evening at 5:00 p.m.

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: “Pro-lifers only care about children until they’re born,” we could respond:

There are more than 2,7000 Pregnancy Resource Centers across America. That’s more than 3x the number of abortion facilities. Only 17% of Pregnancy Resource Centers receive federal or state funding – which means that 83% of Pregnancy Resource Centers depend on their pro-life communities and generous donors to establish and sustain them in order to serve families in need. Pregnancy Resource Centers often offer **FREE** pregnancy testing, STI testing, ultrasounds, counseling, adoption aid, financial aid, diapers, formula, maternity and baby clothes, housing support, parenting classes, and much more – all while abortion facilities profit from killing the innocent babies of distressed mothers. We care about life before **and** after birth.

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.

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



August 2024 OFFICIAL ACTS

Transferred In
Randy & Sandra Hattesoil
Hank & Kathy Gier

Baptisms
Scarlett Elaine Ott

Transferred to the Kingdom of Glory
Eric Taylor
Mary Lou Little



Date	Saturday 6:00 PM	Sunday 8:30 AM	Sunday 11:00 AM
October 5/6		Anna Larson	Jovie Winter
October 12/13		Taryn Thiele	Macsen Wells
October 19/20		Teagen Thiele	Hunter Fong
October 26/27		Tessa Thiele	Tucker Lynch



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

- October 16 - Family Night at BASIC
- October 23 - BASIC Store
- October 30 - Trunk-or-Treat
- Sunday School - Sundays @ 9:45 a.m.
- BASIC - Wednesdays @ 6:00 p.m.
- Emergency Shelter Donations - October is Bar Soap



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

- October 4-5; 2nd Annual Fall Confirmation Retreat; Rock Springs 4-H Ranch
- October 27 - Youth meet at the church @ 6:00 p.m.



LWML ANNUAL NO BAKE, BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER FOR SHEPHERD'S CROSSING
 This event will begin on **Sunday, October 6th and continue until Sunday, November 3rd**. Look for our display and collection 'milk jug' in the Narthex. Monies raised will go towards helping those in need within our community. To learn more about Shepherd's Crossing, visit their website at: shepherdcrossingmhk.com



LUTHERAN LAYMEN'S LEAGUE (LLL)
 The next LLL meeting will be **Sunday, October 6 at 7pm in the KSU Classroom at Meadowlark Hills**. Come in the main entrance and go down the hall to the left to the west end. Come learn about the history of LLL and LHM and the tremendous work they do worldwide. Call Hackbart's if you have questions. 817-689-1759. Everyone is welcome.

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.

October Outreach and Mission Opportunities:

The **Mission of Love Quilting** team will be **dedicating their fall quilts** before donating them to Orphan Grain Train on the **second Sunday of October (October 12th and 13th)**. Members wishing to donate any of the items on the Orphan Grain Train's "Wish List" can bring them that Sunday so they can be transported with the quilts. If you plan to bring a larger item or if you plan to travel to Wichita or Lincoln, NE during the week following that service and would be willing to transport items to an Orphan Grain Train warehouse please reach out to Garrett Lister so arrangements can be made.

The **2024 Life Choice Ministries Fundraising Banquet** will be held **Tuesday October 29th at the K-State Alumni Center.**

You may register for the event at <https://lifechoiceks.org/events/>





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.

Lutherans For Life -- Regional Conference Midwest

Hope Lutheran Church and School – Shawnee Kansas

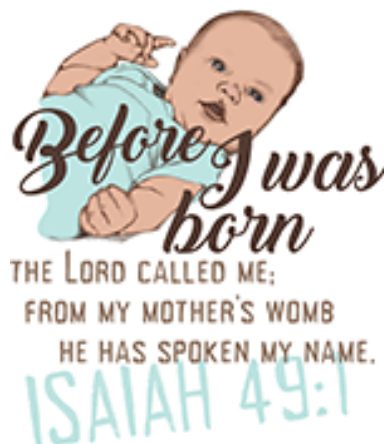
"In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1:4-5)

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.



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

“The Singing Church”

Lutherans have historically been called “the singing church.” There is no doubt that music has been a major component in the theology and practice of the Lutheran church. Luther once remarked about music, “We can mention only one point, namely, that next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise.”¹ Music has a power and purpose that cannot be understated in our worship and the life of the congregation.

But music does more than touch the emotions. Music is a vehicle that carries both the musician and the hearer deeper into connection with the truth of the Scriptures. This is true of the most complex Bach chorale and even the simplest of songs like “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know.” Each musical selection within the church shapes the thoughts, minds and faith of the people who experience them.

This is also true of stewardship hymns. We are currently considering the verses of “Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness” (LSB 788) as it shapes our understanding and practice of stewardship. This month we take a deeper dive into verse two:

Teach us to thank you, Lord, for love and grace
For life and vision, for a purpose clear,
For Christ Your Son, and for each human face
that shows Your message ever new and near.

The stanza begins by touching on the truth of the Law. Thankfulness is not a natural posture for fallen humanity. For sinners curved in upon themselves, thankfulness for love and grace is something that must be taught. We are those who hoard and clutch. Our confession of our shallow thankfulness highlights the need for us to learn thankfulness to God.

Thankfulness also points to what we are stewards of: love and grace! All the things we have traditionally called stewardship aren’t actual stewardship. Rather, what matters is how we steward the one, true and only treasure: the love and grace of God revealed to us in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. So, all stewardship is stewardship of the Gospel! How can we gaze at the cross and empty tomb and not be thankful?

The LCMS defines stewardship as “the free and joyous activity of God’s family — the church — in managing life’s resources for His purposes.” God’s love and mercy give us a clear purpose as we live out our Baptism and practice this joyous stewardship. All we are, all we have entrusted to us, and all we are called to do is to connect others with the love and mercy of God revealed in Jesus!

The faithful steward sings with lips and life of this love and mercy that is ever new and near. In the Scriptures. In the Lord’s House. At the Lord’s Table. This is where our stewardship song starts and ends. Our family, our co-workers and classmates, and our world need to hear this song!

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship

¹Martin Luther, “Preface to Georg Rhau’s Symphoniae iucundae,” in Luther’s Works, ed. Jaroslav Pelikan, Helmut T. Lehmann, and Christopher Boyd Brown, vol. 53 (Philadelphia and St. Louis: Fortress and Concordia Publishing House, 1955–), 321–322.



- October 2:** Pat Roland, Barb Hackbart, Jerry Feeley
- October 3:** Matthew Feeley
- October 7:** Shanda Wilson
- October 8:** Macsen Wells
- October 9:** David Beach
- October 10:** Nancy Williams
- October 11:** Jeanette Campbell, Jacinda Tucker
- October 12:** Dan Murphy
- October 13:** Kayla Dieball, Steve Hanson, Paul Zidek
- October 15:** Bill Robb
- October 16:** Nancy Danner, Ben Gordon
- October 17:** Gary Kasten, Kim Zier
- October 20:** Lavon Smith
- October 21:** Coleton Prockish, Brandon Klimek,
- October 23:** Hannah Schmidt
- October 24:** Shane Lohse, John Miesner
- October 25:** Rod Robison
- October 26:** Kyle Campbell, Ryan Feeley
- October 29:** Terry Wehmueller, Deanne Burris
- October 30:** Caylee Asebedo, Chari Manry

- October 2:** Vince & Sandi Redding
- October 8:** Larry & Alice Wesche, Pat & Tom Orazem
- October 9:** Brian & Sylvia Carter
- October 13:** Lowell & Stacy Kohlmeier
- October 14:** Jared & Shanda Wilson
- October 19:** Scott Stone & Susan Spain
- October 23:** Jason & Rachael Stadel
- October 29:** Jacob & Grace Hagenmaier



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"Your father never hugged you. That's no reason to go around scaring small children."

LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS

In the past have you noticed the grass and trees on the east side of the church where the trees were dying and grass looks like weeds and bare spots. One tree was replaced and it is suffering near death. The problem was investigated and determined hard pack crushed concrete from construction which was found 2 inches deep in the bare areas, 4 inches deep in the weedy areas, and about 8 inches deep in the few places that grow grass. The tree roots and grass roots just did not have anywhere to go. The greener strip north of the transformer also has gravel below, but the gravel is looser which has allowed some success. Reseeding or new trees was going to be futile without digging out this hard pack gravel left from construction. With volunteers, volunteer equipment, some rental equipment and an over the top week of volunteering the week of September 16 the project was completed. No problems with rain, but unfortunately had some pretty hot days. Now we await God's help in grass growing.

The circle area also had the same hard pack concrete and in addition had the problem of rain flooding the area from the parking lot. A curb for the circle area is yet to be installed by contractors to keep rain drainage out and then the circle will be completed. No confirmation as of yet for when the contractor will install the curb

The volunteer help, equipment, and free top soil likely saved \$15,000 in cost. The total project including the curb should be in the range of \$5,000 which council has approved to be paid from Thrivent Choice dollars, some memorials, and some donations.



Skimming off the top soil to be saved.



It took an

through the hard packed ground concrete.

excavator to break



This shows some of the depth of thickness of the hard pack



Removing the rubble with the skid loader. It took about 80 cubic yards to backfill the removed materials.



The ELC students sure loved watching the project.



This show how thin the top soil was and how thick the hard pack was.



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

The Trail Life USA and American Heritage Girls started their scouting year with a welcome back camp out experience. The Trail Life boys camped out at the St. Luke's camping area on Friday, September 6th. The American Heritage Girls camped at Pottawatomie 2 camping area on Friday, September 13th.

We are excited for the changes coming to the St. Luke's camping area in the near future. The church board has approved the plans for the improvements to the camping area which will include a shelter.

The American Heritage Girls are working on Service projects with the help the LWML Mission of Love quilters. The girls will be learning and helping to make quilts for the Orphan Grain Train on September 28th and October 26th.

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

Dave McNeal, TLUSA Troop 0057 Troop Ministry Liaison, cmcneal100@gmail.com

Note from Petagaye Pearson, AHG Troop Leader—

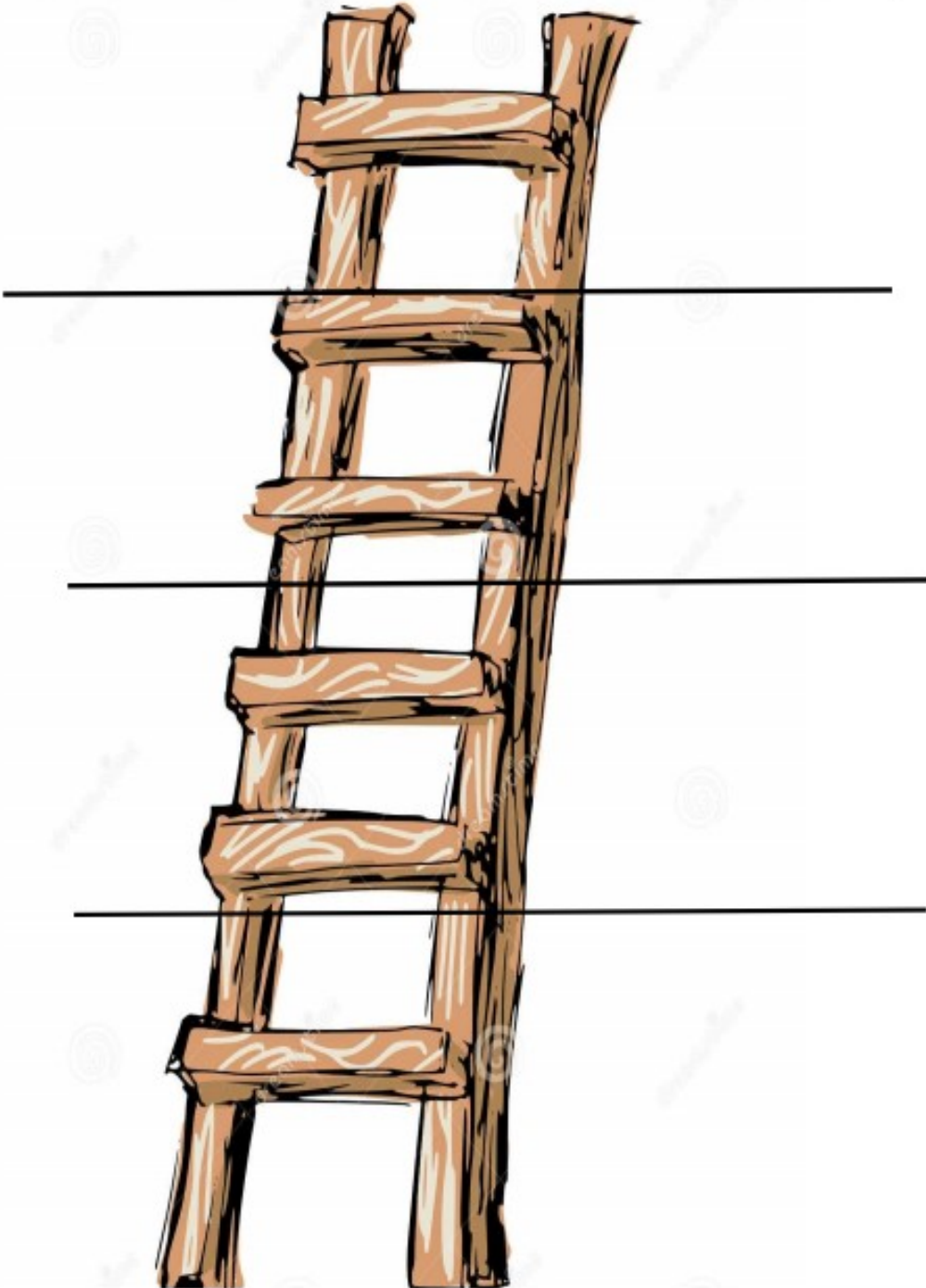
AHG is off to great start this year! The troop has 7 new girls and several adult members added to our ministry. The welcome campout took place on September 13-14. We also participated in Feed My Starving Children as a service project and are looking forward to making quilts for Orphan Grain Train with the LWML on September 28. The troop will be fundraising with coffee and tea sales from October 7 to November 11. We will also have our fall campout at the church October 11-13. Please pray for discernment in leadership and for our girls and families to know the Lord in truth, love Him with all their hearts and share His love with others in and out of our troop.

100 Year Celebration

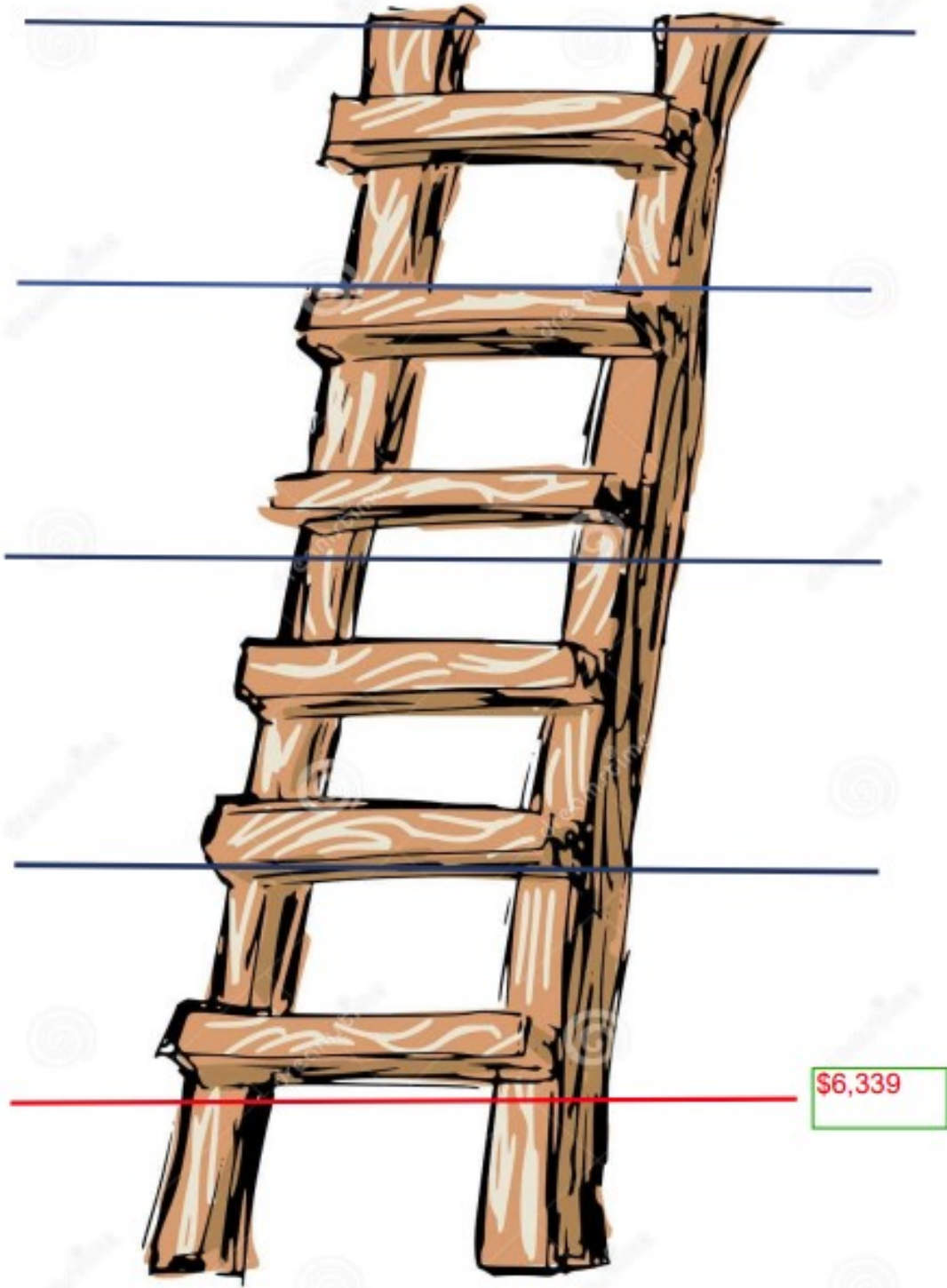
Giving Ladder December 1, 2023 to
November 30, 2024

Mortgage donations

\$116,654
contributed.
Mortgage balance
is \$118,421.



Next Phase donations





October

TRAVELING BULLETIN

Trinity Lutheran Church, La Crosse, WI
The Hartsook Family

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Fort Worth, TX
Carroll Hackbart

(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!)