

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

²²*For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.*
-- 1 Corinthians 15:22

*"If Christ is risen, then death is dead;
if Christ is risen, then the devil is vanquished;
if Christ is risen, then the gates of hell are broken."*
— **St. John Chrysostom**, *Homilies on the Gospel of Matthew*, Homily 88.

*"The resurrection of Christ is the victory over sin and death,
and it assures us that we too shall rise."*
— **Martin Luther**, *Luther's Works*, Volume 22, "Sermons on the Gospel of John."

The resurrection of Jesus changes everything! It proves that he is God in the flesh. It proves that our sins are forgiven. It proves that we will also rise from the dead.

The resurrection is the focal point of our theology, our worship! Christians worship on Sundays because that's the day Jesus rose from the dead (Acts 20:7). The church fathers understood that just as God rested from creation on Saturday (that is, the Sabbath), Jesus also rested in the tomb on the Sabbath (that is, Saturday), but then came forth from the tomb on Sunday. Every time we gather for worship, we are celebrating our Lord's resurrection. Over the centuries, the practice of Sunday worship became formalized within the Christian liturgical calendar. The Council of Laodicea (around 363-364 AD) affirmed the observance of Sunday as a day of worship, further solidifying its importance in Christian practice. (Please also keep in mind that Sunday worship is not a legalistic requirement or obligation. It does, however, point to our Lord's resurrection as being of primary importance in our faith.)

Jesus is alive, in the flesh! He rose, never to die again. Because He rose, we will also rise. In fact, every human being will be raised from the dead. John 5:28-29 (ESV) says: *"Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment."* Unbelievers will be raised, but they will experience hell, separation from God, for all eternity. But believers in Christ are credited with His good works and righteousness, and will experience the new creation.

Please take note... We *first* look at Jesus. Because He rose, we look *forward* and know that we will be raised at the end of time. He will re-create the heavens and the earth, and we will live forever in a body that will never suffer hurt, pain, or death. And because He rose, we can look *back* to the creation accounts in the book of Genesis and put our trust in the words of the Bible. Because Jesus believed that "Scripture cannot be broken" (John 10:35), we do also. Although believing in creation is not necessary for salvation, it is linked to the trustworthiness of the Bible. If we believe in Christ's resurrection, we can believe in creation and our own resurrection.

"The resurrection of Christ is the most important article of our faith.
It is the foundation of our hope and the assurance of our own resurrection."
— **Martin Luther**, *Luther's Works*, Volume 12, "The Church Postil," Sermon for Easter.

Please don't miss the opportunity to invite folks you know to church during **Holy Week**.

Palm Sunday, April 12/13 – The Rite of Confirmation will be on Sunday at the 8:30 a.m. service. Those confirming the faith into which they were baptized are **Annabele Burton**, **Cora Davies**, **Gavin Hudson**, **Tucker Lynch**, **Carter Manning**, **Tessa Thiele**, and **Allie Winter**.

Maundy Thursday, April 17 – 6:30 p.m., with Holy Communion

Good Friday, April 18 – 6:30 p.m.

Easter – April 19/20 – regular service times, plus a Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m. This will be outside service, weather permitting, so please bring your own law chair (and warm clothes or blankets).

Dixie Bergmeier has been transferred
from the Kingdom of Grace to the Kingdom of Glory.
Service for **Dixie Bergmeier**
Visitation with the family will be at St. Luke's on Friday, April 4, 6-7 p.m.
Funeral will be on Saturday, April 5, 10 a.m.
There will be a **lunch** following the service, and then the **burial** in Wakefield.

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



It is truly a joy and honor to serve as your pastor.

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



February 2025 OFFICIAL ACTS

Transferred In
Mara Rosenow

Transferred Out
Chris Randol

St Luke's Lutheran April DCE Newsletter Article

Wow! It seems like not so long ago we were celebrating the season of Epiphany; the Baptism of Jesus and the visit of the Magi in January!?

Now it's April and we are preparing for the Celebration of Easter and our Lord Jesus Christ's sacrifice and resurrection! All done for us!

Hopefully the spring hasn't flow by too fast for you and hopefully you have been able to spend regular quiet time in the Scriptures to feed, bless and encourage your hearts and minds. As we prepare for Easter I encourage you to set some time aside and read with me:

- **Matthew 26-28:** Focuses on the events of the Last Supper, Jesus' arrest, trial, crucifixion, and resurrection.
- **Mark 15-16:** Provides a concise account of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection.
- **Luke 22-24:** Includes the Last Supper, Jesus' prayer in Gethsemane, and the events of his resurrection.
- **John 17-20:** Offers a unique perspective on Jesus' final teachings, his crucifixion, and his appearances after his resurrection.

I believe the Holy Spirit will work in all of our hearts and minds through these Scriptures. It's my hope that we will connect with Jesus and His love for us in deep and encouraging ways.

May God bless you in His Word, in our participation in weekend services and through our reception of the Sacraments!

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Grace & Peace,

William Prann, Director of Christian Education

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.



April 2: Jeff Mooneyham, Julie Thiele
April 3: Daxton Rengstorf, Richard Morgan
April 4: Liana Eagan
April 6: Eric Fong
April 8: Laura Hutter, Marcey Fickbohm
April 10: Brenda Miesner
April 11: Sophie Wright, Bailey Wright
April 12: Archer Manning, Andrew Hudson
April 16: Ethan Fickbohm
April 17: Brett Jones, Barbara O'Neill
April 18: Joshua Garcia, Tiffany Manning
April 19: Neil Kortan
April 20: Rylan Uffman, Heidi Brott, John Johnson, Brain Carter
April 21: Elizabeth Ahlgrim Carolyn Culbertson, Meghan Wells, Samuel Lyons
April 22: Jessica Jones
April 23: Logan Sturdy
April 24: Roger Davis, Johnathan Lister
April 25: Bryce Williams
April 26: Doug Kraemer
April 27: Jana Wyatt
April 28: Andrew Schwanke, Karen Armbrust
April 29: Denise Klimek, Jim Jenkins, Shane Rengstorf

April 1: Jim & Martha Mooneyham
April 3: Ben & Ali Gordon
April 6: Shane & Karissa Rengstorf
April 16: Brad & Susan Brunkow
April 21: Frank & Marlene Kunze-Dolan
April 26: Ron & Linda Frey
April 27: Dean & Barbara Genschorck, David & Julie Hatesohl

CONNECT GROUPS

Sunday Adult Bible Class, Pastor Schmidt

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



Date	Saturday 6:00 PM	Sunday 8:30 AM	Sunday 11:00 AM
April 2	Lent Midweek #5 - 6:30 PM - Allie Winter		
April 5/6		Samuel Lyons	Jovie Winter
April 9	Lent Midweek #6 - 6:30 PM - Carter Manning		
April 12/13 Palm Sunday		Archer Manning Taryn Thiele	Wyatt Barber
April 17	Maundy Thursday - 6:30 PM - Macsen Wells		
April 18	Good Friday - 6:30 PM - Jovie Winter		
April 19/20 Easter		Teagen Thiele Anna Larson	Hunter Fong
April 26/27		Samuel Lyons	Sarah Oelke

Mission of Love

Mission of Love continues our quilting project for missions. We pray these quilts will be a small reminder to someone in need that someone in this wide world has cared enough to take the time to create an item for them that they may not have access to otherwise.

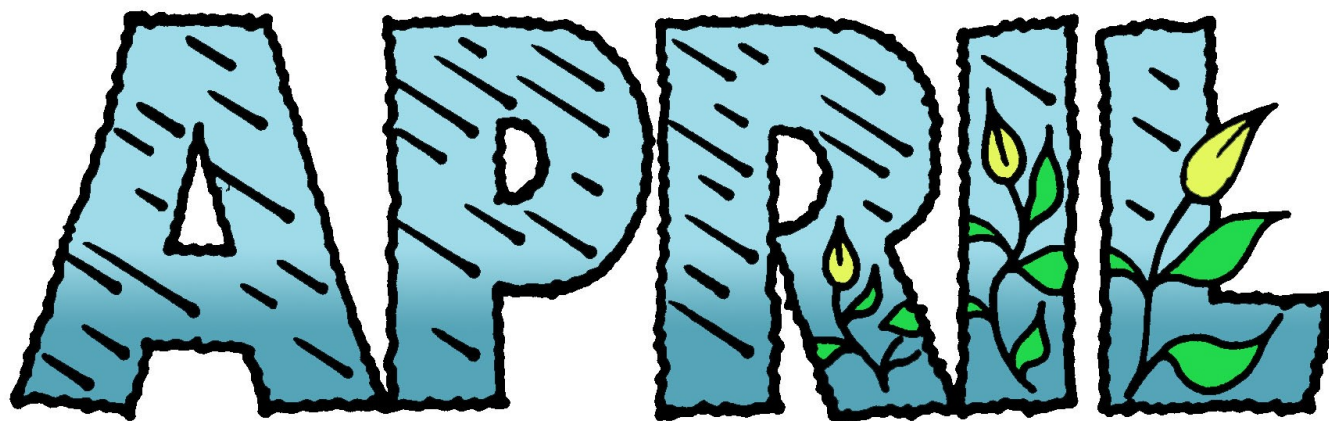
As you do your spring cleaning, please keep us in mind. We can use those thin blankets or sheets you are tired of. We can also use worn men's cotton slacks. Even if the outside has faded or is showing wear, we can still use the inside of the fabric! We get very creative in finding areas that even a small block can be cut from. We would also welcome Thrivent cards. Our main source of batting was Joann's Fabrics, and we would wait to buy when it was 40% off. However, they are closing their stores and the going-out-of-business price is double what we have been paying, so we are now looking for another source.

Dorothy Burtness 785-341-5530

St. Luke's American Heritage Girls/Trail Life USA Troop #0057 News

AHG has had some fun events the last few months and has more coming up! In February there was the daddy daughter fun day where the girls and their dads played games, did crafts and spent time together. In early March for a service project, the troop went to the pregnancy resource center in Manhattan to organize baby clothes. March 7-8 the Pipas had a lock-in at which they worked on the Identity badge where they learned more about their personal identity and their identity in Christ. And Saturday, as long as the weather is nice, we will do a hike at Fancy Creek State Park.





TRAVELING BULLETIN

Mountain View Lutheran Church, Apache Junction, AZ
Brad & Susan Brunkow

Ascension Lutheran Church Wichita, KS
Hamlin & Dorothy Burtness

Christ Little Rock, Little Rock, AR
Carroll & Barbara 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!)