

St. Luke's Monthly

Sharing Christ's love with those around us



JUNE 2025

Building Our Future

As we continue to grow and serve, St. Luke's is faithfully preparing for Phase 2 of our new building. This next step will help us welcome more people, deepen our ministries, and create space for future generations. We are currently in the process of saving and planning, trusting in God's perfect timing and provision. We humbly ask for your continued prayers — prayers for wisdom, unity, and the resources needed to move forward.

"Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

Ephesians 3:20-21

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From the Pastor's Pen

³⁸ And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized
every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ
for the forgiveness of your sins,
and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
– Acts 2:38

The events of Pentecost, as described in Acts 2, mark a significant moment in the early Christian church. Occurring fifty days after Easter, Pentecost was originally a Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the Law at Sinai.

In Acts 2, the apostles were gathered in Jerusalem when suddenly a sound like a mighty rushing wind filled the house where they were sitting. This was accompanied by what appeared to be tongues of fire that rested on each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in various languages, enabling them to proclaim the wonders of God.

As the apostles spoke, a crowd gathered, consisting of devout Jews from various nations who were in Jerusalem for the festival. Each person heard the apostles speaking in their own native language, which astonished and bewildered them. Some in the crowd mocked the apostles, suggesting they were drunk.

Peter, empowered by the Holy Spirit, stood up to address the crowd. He explained that they were not drunk but were experiencing the fulfillment of the prophecy from Joel, which foretold the outpouring of the Spirit in the last days. Peter boldly proclaimed the message of Jesus Christ, emphasizing His death, resurrection, and the call to repentance and baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

The response was profound; about three thousand people accepted Peter's message, were baptized, and became part of the early church. This event not only marked the birth of the Christian church.

The connection of Pentecost to baptism is significant. Just as the Holy Spirit was given to the apostles, baptism today serves as a means through which the Holy Spirit delivers the forgiveness of sins. Through baptism, our own personal Pentecost, the Holy Spirit leaves us in no doubt. He comes to us through the concrete means of water and Word. That which Christ won for us on Calvary, the forgiveness of sins, is delivered to us. This delivery creates faith in Christ, which means entry into the family of God.

To celebrate Pentecost, please wear red to worship the weekend of June 7-8.

Pastor Schmidt

From the Director of Christian Education

I was asked to write a devotion for our Lutheran Parish Nurses International ministry group and I thought our St Luke's family might enjoy it! W

John 17:13-23 ESV

Life on this side of Heaven is hard. Satan works every day to hurt and divide people. It seems to me that most of Satan's destructive work happens within the realm of relationships: family relationships, working relationships, church relationships, etc. I believe the most hurtful wounds people carry in their lives occurred within the context of relationships. The enormity of these relational wounds seems to be moving our world from a mindset of community toward a mindset of isolation and protectionism. How much of our daily activities and interactions with others are shaped by the desire to protect ourselves?

Brothers and sisters this is not good. God has created us to be in community. To work, serve, and live in relationships. In relationship with God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and with one another.

At the same time, this work of Satan is not new. John records Jesus' prayer to His Father in John chapter 17. Jesus asks His Father to "protect them from the evil one" and "to sanctify them in truth" and "to make us one." The very opposite of the work of Satan.

Our Triune God has answered this prayer! He protects us, He sanctifies us, and makes us one through His Word and Sacraments. It is through God's Word that He sanctifies our thoughts, our words, and our deeds. Regular remembrance of our Baptism and participation in the Lord's Supper unites us together with Him. A regular diet of God's Word and Sacraments nourishes our souls just as a regular diet of fresh food nourishes our bodies. As nurses, you see what a diet of poor or little food does to the body. This is also true for our souls! Relationships are not healthy because souls are not healthy! When bodies AND souls are nourished, we can walk in, around, and through relationships with God's grace, hope, and love. The Lord's grace, hope, and love builds relationships of community in Him and takes down the walls of isolation and protectionism. The Lord's grace, hope, and love lets the world know that He loves them.

May God nourish us through His Word and His Sacrament so we can be His hope, His grace, and His love in our relationships and our communities for their benefit and His glory! Amen!

William Prann

HAPPENINGS

Traveling Bulletin

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.

Ken Culbertson, Immanuel Lutheran Church and School, Riverside, CA

Ken Culbertson, Christ Lutheran Church, Coolidge, AZ

Jessica Jones, Max Peterson, Luke Schmidt, Rylan Uffman, Abby Humphrey, Megan

Jones, Abigail Reid, St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Lincolnville, KS

Duane & Jeanette Campbell, First Presbyterian Church Fargo, Fargo, ND

Cancer Companions

Did you know????? The first Sunday in June is – National Cancer Survivors Day!!

It's also National Say Something Nice Day!! Those two go together don't they?

We should celebrate every cancer survivor and thank God they are with us all month long! And, say a little something nice to someone!

Mission of Love

Mission of Love will continue to meet the 2nd Tues of the month thru the summer to tie quilts. Once again, just when our supplies are getting low the Lord provides! We were again gifted with several donations of nice fabric. Thanks to our church family that continue to keep their ears open to possible donations. We will soon be having a quilt Blessing again to get them in the way to people In need of them. Dorothy Burtness 785-341-5530

LWML National Convention

Several members of St. Luke's Lutheran Women in Mission will be attending the national LWML Convention in Omaha, Nebraska June 26-29. Pastor Schmidt is on the ballot for national Pastoral Counselor and Susan Brunkow will complete her term as national Vice President of Christian Life. Julie Hatesohl will complete her duties on the Group Development Committee and Jamie Spikes will be autographing her devotion in the Life Continues On ... Devotions for Widows book. Former pastor Bob Schadel will be assisting with the opening worship service. Also attending from St. Luke's will be Marilyn Fick, Cheri Miller, Kristina Schmidt, Brad Brunkow, and David Hatesohl.

The theme for this convention will be "Growing in God's Grace" from the Scripture verse, But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen (2 Peter 3:18).

Those not attending can watch the convention live at lwml.org.

LCMS Stewardship Ministry Newsletter

Rooted in Christ, Growing in Stewardship

The heartland is now awash in various hues of green. The doldrums of winter give way to the colors of spring. Now, the promise of spring gives way to the growth of summer. Fields are planted and sprouted. Gardens are planted. Flowers adorn the beds of neighborhood homes and roadside ditches. Green is the shade of life!

Green growth is also the hue of the faithful steward. The seed of faith planted in human hearts in the waters of Holy Baptism grows as it is nurtured in the Word proclaimed and ingested in the Holy Supper. This faith does indeed save. But our stewardship of the Gospel is also designed to bear fruit for God's glory and the benefit of our neighbor.

To consider this, let us look at the hymn, "Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing" (LSB 691). It is very much a stewardship hymn!

Fruitful trees, the Spirit's sowing, May we ripen and increase, Fruit to life eternal growing, rich in love and joy and peace.

- The tree of faith is not planted in us by us. It is the Spirit's work! We do not claim the title "steward." Rather, we are created for it (Gen. 1:26–28).
- He is the One who makes it grow in us. The fruits of the Spirit are borne out because we, by grace through faith, are connected to the vine that is Jesus (John 15).

Laden branches freely bearing Gifts the Giver loves to bless; Here is fruit that grows by sharing, Patience, kindness, gentleness.

- Our stewardship is NOT about what we do. It is about what the Holy Spirit does in and through us. That is the fruit that we bear. His fruit for His purposes.
- But that fruit is lived out through us. The world sees the fruit of our stewardship of the Gospel in lives lived connected to Word and Sacrament.

Rooted deep in Christ our Master, Christ our pattern and our goal, Teach us, as the years fly faster, Goodness, faith, and self-control.

- Stewards have been created and redeemed to reflect the image of Jesus in the world. He is the pattern. We reflect to others around us the Light of the Gospel He has shone on us.
- This reflection comes when Christ's goodness flows from us to others.

Fruitful trees, the Spirit's tending, May we grow till harvests cease; Till we taste, in life unending, Heaven's love and joy and peace.

- Just as the Spirit has created us for stewardship of the Gospel, so also does He cause our faithfulness! He calls, gathers, enlightens, sanctifies and KEEPS us in this faithful stewardship of the Gospel.
- The ultimate goal of our faithful stewardship is eternity. For us. For our neighbor. All worked out by the Spirit.

Green is the color of the world right now. It is also the color of our stewardship and it is growing in us as we are connected to the vine, Jesus! God grant our growth in Him!

KS Lutherans For Life - Essay Winner

Kansas Lutherans For Life 2025 Essay contest 6-8th grade winner

"Valued in God's Eyes " by Jamie Schkade

7th Grade Hope Lutheran School Shawnee

It doesn't matter who you are but whose you are. People's worth is often judged by their abilities or appearance. Psalm 139, though, reminds us that every life has value. We were created by God, not just existing by chance. He formed each of us with purpose and care, and this truth challenges us to see the sanctity of life in every individual, from the unborn to those with disabilities to those who are adopted or in foster care. All of us are loved by God.

When the rights of the unborn are debated and denied, Psalm 139 declares, "For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well." This verse reminds us that every unborn child is not just a group of cells but a unique individual cared for by God. This truth helps us understand that life, no matter how small, is sacred and deserves protection.

People with disabilities also reflect the truth that every life is fearfully and wonderfully made. Society often overlooks and underestimates those with physical or mental challenges, but Genesis 1:27 proclaims that "God created man in his own image," regardless of ability. Disabilities do not lessen a person's worth. Instead, they highlight the beauty of God's diverse creation, reminding us that every person has a purpose in His plan. God created us to help and serve each other and to build each other up.

Children in adoption or foster care systems may not have earthly parents to support them, but they share the same Heavenly Father that we do. Children in these situations may have faced difficult beginnings, but Psalm 139 shows us that God has a purpose for each child, no matter their past. Adoption offers these children the chance to be part of a loving family that sees them as valuable.

When we are faced with issues like abortion, disabilities, and adoption, we can stand firm in knowing that every person is a beautiful creation of God, fearfully and wonderfully made.

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MONTHLY CALENDAR

Worship with us | Saturday 6:30 pm | Sunday 8:30 & 11

Monday 6/2

- 6:30 pm AHG Award Ceremony
- 6:30 pm TLUSA Hit the Trail

Tuesday 6/3

- 7 am Men's Bible Study
- 1:30 pm Cancer Companions
- 7 pm Elders Meeting

Wednesday 6/4

- 9:30 am ELC Chapel
- 5:30 pm Praise & Worship Team Rehearsal

Saturday 6/7

- TLUSA Leave for MN Trip

Sunday 6/8

- 6 pm VBS

Monday 6/9

- 9:30 am Women's Bible Study
- 6 pm VBS
- 7 pm Card Making

Tuesday 6/10

- 7 am Men's Bible Study
- 9 am Mission of Love
- 1:30 pm Cancer Companions
- 6 pm VBS

Wednesday 6/11

- 9:30 am ELC Chapel
- 5:30 pm Praise & Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6 pm VBS

Thursday 6/12

- 6 pm VBS

Saturday 6/14

- TLUSA returns from Minnesota Trip

Sunday 6/15

- Annual Pool Party

Monday 6/16

- 6 pm AHG
- 6:30 TLUSA
- 7 pm Card Making

Tuesday 6/17

- 7 am Men's Bible Study
- 1:30 pm Cancer Companion
- 7:30pm Theology on Tap

Wednesday 6/18

- 9:30 am ELC Chapel
- 5:30 pm Praise & Worship Team Rehearsal

Sunday 6/22

- 4 pm Annual Church Picnic

Monday 6/23

- 6:30 pm TLUSA
- 7 pm Card Making

Tuesday 6/24

- 7 am Men's Bible Study
- 1:30 pm Cancer Companion
- 7 pm Church Council Meeting

Wednesday 6/25

- 9:30 am ELC Chapel
- 5:30 pm Praise & Worship Team Rehearsal

Monday 6/30

- 7 pm Card Making

BIRTHDAYS

JUNE 1	ZACHARY BEACH AARIK LOVERUDE
JUNE 2	ANITA EAGAN JOYCE TODD
JUNE 4	JADEN CAMPBELL
JUNE 5	KRISTINA SCHMIDT
JUNE 7	BRYON JONES
JUNE 8	DREW KOHLMEIER TERRY WYATT KYLE LARSON
JUNE 9	MARK BURRIS ALLIE WINTER CARTER MANNING STEVE MOSIER
JUNE 10	JULIE HATESOHL PAYTON STURDY RYAN JURACEK
JUNE 11	KATLYN WYATT MARGARET HOUSE JOYCE MOTT ETHAN WILLSEY
JUNE 12	PAT ORAZEM JIM MOONEYHAM
JUNE 13	WALT FICK CREIGHTON REDDING
JUNE 14	ELIJAH HICKMAN-ROTEN
JUNE 15	DORIS PARK
JUNE 18	BRUCE ARNOLD MICHAEL SCHMIDT II
JUNE 19	JESSICA CAMPBEL
JUNE 21	JOSHUAH GOFF
JUNE 23	HAMLIN BURTNES JOVIE WINTER
JUNE 25	RUTH MORGAN BEVERLY WINTER
JUNE 26	BONITA TEGTMEIER SARAH OELKE
JUNE 28	JACOB HAGENMAIER
JUNE 30	HENRY LISTER JEFF TUCKER BENJAMIN WEHMUELLER

ANNIVERSARIES

JUNE 3	GARY & JOYCE MOTT JAMES & DONNA KROENLEIN
JUNE 5	DEREK & DONNA FELD
JUNE 6	BILL & GLENDA MOORE TERRY & JANA WYATT
JUNE 10	ERIC & HEATHER FONG
JUNE 11	CODEY & KAITLYN BARBER
JUNE 12	GERALD & CARLA ROBKER GARY & DONNA MYERS
JUNE 14	SHAWN & JULIE THIELE
JUNE 19	RICHARD & RUTH MORGAN
JUNE 20	KENNARD & NANCY KOPP
JUNE 22	ROBERT & KAYLA DIEBALL BARRY & MARCEY FICKBOHM
JUNE 24	KIP & JESSICA CAMPBELL
JUNE 25	ANDREW & TRACIE HUDSON
JUNE 26	BILL & GERDA ROBB JAKOB & LAURA HUTTER
JUNE 27	MORRIS & JEAN OLSON BRUCE & NANCY ARNOLD HOWARD & LIZ BEIKMANN
JULY 28	PAUL & NORA STUCKWISCH

TREASURER REPORT

In April the church had \$69,913 in income and \$34,465 in expenses. The ELC netted \$4,705 bringing net income for the month to \$39,170. Net income for the year is \$97,748, this includes \$41,564 raised for Phase II. Total saved for Phase II is \$153,120.

Logan Winter

APRIL OFFICIAL ACTS

Transferred In

Profession of Faith

Baptisms

Hadley Jay Berg, Fern, Warren & Nolan Michael

Confirmations

**Annabele Burton, Cora Davies, Gavin Hudson,
Tucker Lynch, Carter Manning, Tessa Thiele, Allie
Winter**

Transfer Out

ACOLYTES

	Sat 6:00 pm	Sun 8:30 am	Sun 11:00 am
May 31/June 1		Teagen Thiele	Macsen Wells
June 7/8		Anna Larson	Wyatt Barber
June 14/15		Samuel Lyons	Hunter Fong
June 21/22		Archer Manning	Sarah Oelke
June 28/29		Taryn Thiele	Macsen Wells

ELDERS

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