

# St. Luke's Monthly

*Sharing Christ's love with those around us*



## August 2025

### Building Our Future

God continues to bless St. Luke's with growth — in faith, in families, and in mission. As we look ahead to Phase 2 of our building project, we remain committed to careful planning and faithful stewardship. Every step we take now lays the foundation for a space that will serve generations to come.

Please continue to keep this project in your prayers: that we would move forward in faith, with clarity, unity, and joyful generosity. We trust that God will provide, in His perfect time and in His perfect way.

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## From the Pastor's Pen

St. Luke's Lutheran Church, a congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), sits on the western edge of Manhattan, Kansas. The City of Manhattan is known for its vibrant community and is home to Kansas State University, contributing to its youthful demographic. During the summer, with most of the college students gone, the population is a little over 53,000, but during the school year, that number jumps to over 60,000. Although regular school year activities come to a halt in the summer time, that doesn't mean that life slows down. It simply means that different activities are put on the calendar. This is true, not only for individuals and families, but also for St. Luke's.

One of these events was the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) biennial National Convention. Ladies from all over the United States met in Omaha June 26-29. The LWML is also known as Lutheran Women in Mission. The LWML is an official auxiliary of the LCMS, and it focuses on supporting mission projects and promoting the spiritual growth of women within the church. The theme for the convention was "Growing in God's Grace." The LWML in convention committed to giving over \$2.62 million to mission and ministry groups and activities over the next two years. Several St. Luke's members attended – Brad and Susan Brunkow, Julie Hatesohl (with her husband David), Chari Miller, Jamie Spikes, Lori Uffman, and Kristina and Pastor Schmidt. Pastor Schmidt was elected to the Board of Directors as a Pastoral Counselor. This is a four-year term. He was installed as the Jr. Pastoral Counselor, a term he will hold for two years, and in two years he will be installed as Sr. Pastoral Counselor, a term he will also hold for two years. This new volunteer role will include a week long meeting every couple of months in St. Louis, doctrinal review for items produced by the ladies of the LWML, and general pastoral support and encouragement with the ladies on the Board of Directors.

Many of the St. Luke's LWML ladies are part of Mission of Love, a group of ladies that make quilts. At the worship services on July 19-20, 67 of these quilts were displayed throughout the sanctuary, and a special prayer, called the "Blessing of the Quilts" prayer, was said during each service. Their hands had stitched not just fabric but love and hope for those in need.

On the weekend of July 12-13, the church said thank you to those who have served over the last several years. We are honored to have been served by Tiffany Manning (Children's Ministry Chair), Kevin Jones (Elder), Chris Deetjen (Elder), Brett Richardson (Elder), and Tim Oelke (Elder). All of them reached their term limits, and have stepped down from these positions (for a time frame). On that same weekend, the church also installed Officers, Chairs, and Elders. We installed Logan Winter (incumbent Treasurer), Karen Armbrust (incumbent Secretary), Marilyn Fick (incumbent Pre-School Education Chair), Brad Brunkow (incumbent Property Management Chair), Garrett Lister (incumbent Christian Outreach & Mission Chair), incumbent (incumbent Christian Care Chair), Jon Brott (Elder), Paul Stuckwisch (Elder), Kim Zier (Elder), Randy Hattesohl (Elder), and Dave Hatesohl (Elder).

Although the air has been thick with the Midwest humidity of July, the air was also thick with anticipation as the church sent ten youth and four adults to the LCMS Youth Gathering (July 19-23) in New Orleans. They gathered with 20,000 other youth, eager to deepen their faith and connect with others. The theme for the gathering was "Endure."

## From the Pastor's Pen

The end of July brings with it the Riley County Fair. Just like last year, St. Luke's had a booth. This year, rulers were given away by the St. Luke's volunteers. The rulers not only had St. Luke's information on them, but also the words, "We don't measure up, but Jesus does."

St. Luke's enjoyed the Little Apple Barbershop Chorus on Sunday, July 27, at the end of the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

During the month of July, Pastor Schmidt made his usual visits to the shut-ins. Some of the folks he saw included Connie Wetzel, Gladys Stone, and Dale Meyer.

During the month, Lucy Lehmann, a member of St. Luke's, asked Pastor Schmidt why he makes the announcement that he does before Communion. He said, "Well, Lucy, thanks for asking. First, I state that communion is the body and blood of Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine, because Jesus said, "Take it, this is my body," (Matthew 26:26), and "This is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many" (Mark 14:24). Because we are receiving Christ himself, we are also receiving what he won for us on Calvary – forgiveness, life, and salvation. Second, communion is not just between the individual participant and God. It's also a communion, or common union, between everyone else that's at that altar. Those that partake of Christ's body and blood at our altars have a common faith. They have been instructed in the faith, and they believe it. They have a common confession." Lucy then questioned, "But what if someone is a member of a different church, but they're visiting our church and they want to take communion?" Pastor Schmidt explained, "As nicely as I can, I will explain to them that since they are a member at a different church body, they than hold to a different confession than we do. That being the case, they should not want to take communion with us. In communion, we are blessed by God, but we are also stating to the world, 'I believe what is being confessed and proclaimed at this church.' The pulpit and altar are connected. Simply put, we believe that it is proper to communion at the church that aligns with your confession." Pastor Schmidt also encouraged Lucy to explain this thought process in the most winsome way possible with the friends and family she's bringing to church, and if she needed some help explaining it to them, he would certainly be available to help her. He also pointed out that the St. Luke's website had some helpful material. (<https://www.stlukesmanhattan.org/services/communion/>).

Jenny Jost and Helen Hartmann, also members of St. Luke's, were looking at the August calendar. They asked the secretary about a few events. The secretary explained: "The Early Learning Center (ELC) is having a 'Meet the Teacher' event for students and their families on Sunday, August 10; American Heritage Girls is having an Open House on Monday, August 18, 6:30-8:00 p.m.; and Trail Life USA is having an Open House on Monday, August 25, 6:30-8:00 p.m." Pastor Schmidt walked in and said, "It is truly a blessing to be in active church."

The above story is in the genre of historical fiction, based in more truth than fiction

*- Pastor Schmidt*

## From the Director of Christian Education

No report this month from William.



- 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.*

Michael Schmidt, LWML Convention, Omaha, NE

Michael & Kristina Schmidt, Faith Lutheran Church, Branson, MO

John & Karen Armbrust, Our Savior Lutheran Church & School, Fenton, MO

Kaitlin Krause, Holy Cross Lutheran Church & Preschool, O'Fallon, MO

Garrett & Alyson Lister, Grace Lutheran Church, Norfolk, NE

Linda Simon, Zion Lutheran Church, Powhattan, KS

Brad & Susan Brunkow, St. Pauls Lutheran Church,

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

The 2025-26 American Heritage Girls and Trail Life USA Troop year is starting off with lots of activities in August.

The American Heritage Girls (AHG) Board met on Saturday, July 26th to meet the new board members and continue planning for the upcoming year.

- The first meeting of AHG is on Monday, August 4th at 6 pm
- There will be an AHG Open House on Monday, August 18th at 6:30 pm. All are welcome and we encourage all interested girls and their families to come and see what Troop 0057 American Heritage Girls is all about.
- There are 2 Fund Raisers in August and we appreciate your support!
  - On Wednesday, August 20th, the AHG will be bussing tables at Pizza Ranch.
  - On Saturday, August 23rd, the girls will be having a Car Wash
- On Friday, August 29th, The American Heritage Girls will represent the troop and St. Luke's at Purple Power Play

The Trail Life USA troop is also busy planning for the new year. The first meeting of Trail Life USA will be on Monday, August 11th at 6:30pm. We encourage all interested boys and their families to join us for this first meeting.

**Watch the church bulletin for more American Heritage Girls and Trail Life USA Troop information.**

Dave & Kate McNeal, Troop #0057 Charter Representatives

## Message from Petagaye Pearson - American Heritage Girls Troop #0057 Leader

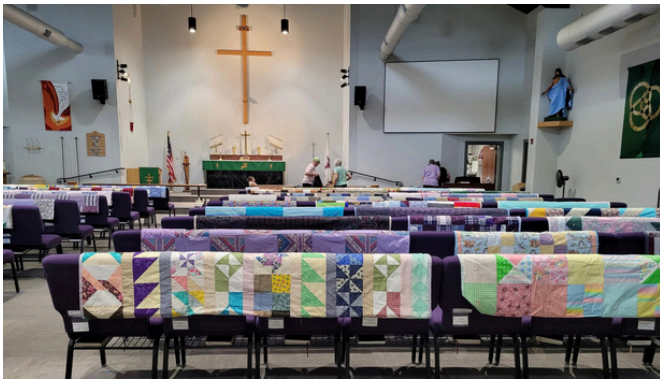
AHG is excited to begin a new year! God has blessed us with excellent people willing to serve on our board and as unit leaders. He has also blessed us with girls and families committed to AHG. What a special group we have! We will kick off the year on Aug. 4 with our planning meeting for Open House on August 18. Please pray that God will lead as we recruit and grow. We still need a Pathfinder leader for our 5 year-olds. So if you are willing and able, please reach out to Pastor. We are so thankful for this church body who is so supportive of our troop.

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### Mission of Love Quilting Circle

After our Quilt Blessing July 19/20 Forty six more quilts and 12 Pillowcase dresses are on their way to those in need. Terry donated 12 Pillowcase Dresses. There are 2 designs, with or without sleeves. These little dresses will certainly make some little girl happy! Once again we have been greatly Blessed with donations of fabric and willing workers Thanks to everyone that has helped us in any way to carry on this Mission.

Dorothy 785-341-5530



## **CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS**

Student leaders for the upcoming year are Abby Humphrey (president), Luke Schmidt (secretary/treasurer), and Max Peterson (peer minister). They will be installed during the early service on 8/24.

The Campus Ministry Board is planning to host a tailgate for the home football game on 9/27. We are also working on promotional items to hand out to students at K-State's Activities Carnival on 8/28.

The LCMS U Welcome Back BBQ will be at the Blue House on 9/8 beginning at 6:00 p.m. with food served at 6:30 p.m.

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## **CHRISTIAN CARE COMMITTEE - SILENT ANGELS**

There are truly special people here at St. Luke's. Their actions are generally unknown except to those who need to see a friendly face, a smile, and reminder that despite what may be happening at that moment, they are still God's child and still loved.

The Christian Care Committee has a plethora of angels who silently care for those in need through prayer, support groups, and visits for those unable to attend weekly Worship. Gratitude is their reward, as is the expression on the faces of those they serve.

Christian Care is looking for a sub-chair who is willing to coordinate visits for shut-ins. The goal for this coordination is to ensure the needs of all of our church family are met. This position will include coordinating visits for shut-ins, communicating prayer requests and needs to Elders and Pastor. Please contact Julie Hatesohl if interested in this position.

# MONTHLY CALENDAR

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

Monday 8/4

- 6 pm AHG Troop Mtg
- 7 pm Card Making

Tuesday 8/5

- 7 am Men's Bible Study
- 10 am LWML Elizabeth Circle
- 1:30 pm Cancer Companions
- 7 pm Elders' Mtg

Wednesday 8/6

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

Sunday 8/10

- 2:30 pm ELC Meet the Teachers

Monday 8/11

- 6:30 pm Trail Life USA Meeting
- 7 pm Card Making

Tuesday 8/12

- 7 am Men's Bible Study
- 9 am Mission of Love
- 1:30 pm Cancer Companions
- 7 pm LWML Mary/Martha Circle

Wednesday 8/13

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

Saturday 8/16

- 9 am LWML District Mtg

Monday 8/18

- 6:30 pm AHG Open House
- 7:00 pm Card Making

Tuesday 8/19

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

Wednesday 8/20

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

Thursday 8/21

- 6 pm JuBellation Handbell Choir Practice
- 7 pm Vocal Choir Rehearsal

Sunday 8/24

- 12 pm LCMS-U Leaders' Mtg
- 2 pm Work Day at the Blue House

Monday 8/25

- 6:30 pm Trail Life USA Mtg
- 7 pm Card Making
- 8 pm Campus Ministry Fellowship/Bible Study

Tuesday 8/26

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

Wednesday 8/27

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

Thursday 8/28

- 6 pm JuBellation Handbell Choir Practice
- 7 pm Vocal Choir Rehearsal

Friday 8/29

- 5 pm Hunter's Education Class

Saturday 8/30

- 8 am Hunter's Education Class



# BIRTHDAYS

AUGUST 1 BREANNE JONES  
COHEN HAGENMAIER

AUGUST 2 LEANN STURDY

AUGUST 3 STEPHANIE SANBORN  
ADDY LARSON

AUGUST 5 NORA STUCKWISCH

AUGUST 6 ANN ZIER

AUGUST 7 AMBER KRUSE  
MORRIS OLSON  
GRANT KOHLMEIER

AUGUST 8 SHEILA FRIHART  
JORDAN FRIHART  
GLENDA MOORE  
KAITLYN BARBER

AUGUST 9 MAC MCLAIN SR

AUGUST 10 LINDA WILLIAMS

AUGUST 12 ANNA MURPHY

AUGUST 15 DOUGLAS NEWLAND JR  
WARREN MICHAEL

AUGUST 16 LOWELL KOHLMEIER  
MICHAEL HAVENSTEIN

AUGUST 19 CARLA ROBKER

AUGUST 20 AARON PROCTOR  
JOAN SPIKER  
PERRY REID

AUGUST 21 JAMES KROENLEIN

AUGUST 22 ISUARA GARCIA

AUGUST 23 JASE RENGSTORF  
DIANE MOSIER

AUGUST 24 TRISTEN REDDING  
LARRY WESCHE  
TERRY BARTA

AUGUST 27 ALI GORDON  
MARTHA MOONEYHAM

AUGUST 28 DOUGLAS NEWLAND

AUGUST 29 JANET BEACH

AUGUST 30 RILEY LYNCH  
KEITH SCHWANKE

AUGUST 31 DALE GRUNEWALD

## ANNIVERSARIES

AUGUST 4 RYAN & AMBER KRUSE

AUGUST 11 CHUCK & FRAN VEATCH  
LARRY & LIANA EAGAN

AUGUST 15 STEVE & GAYLE HEITMAN

AUGUST 16 RANDALL & AMY JURACEK

AUGUST 18 KEITH & GAIL SCHWANKE

AUGUST 20 TERRY & MARY LYNN BARTA  
DENNIS & BONITA TEGTMEIER

AUGUST 23 MIKE & KRISTINA SCHMIDT

AUGUST 26 C. LEE & NANCY WOODFORD

AUGUST 30 KYLE & SARAH LARSON

## THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH!!

Thank you for supporting our 10 students and 4 chaperones who attended the LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans this July! The theme, "Endure" (Hebrews 12:1-3), reminds us to fix our eyes on Jesus and remain steadfast in faith. Surrounded by thousands of fellow believers, our youth experienced the joy of knowing they are not alone in their walk with Christ. From worship and learning to service and fellowship, the Gathering was a powerful reminder of the strength and beauty of the Church. Your prayers and support made this life-changing experience possible — thank you!

## LCMS STEWARDSHIP

### Jesus' transforming presence

*"But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, 'Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.' Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost'" (Luke 19:8-10 NIV).*

Who knew, all those kids sitting in Sunday school were getting a lesson in stewardship! Generations of children have very often heard lessons based on the familiar account of Zacchaeus. The diminutive tax collector's curiosity surrounding the person and ministry of Jesus is what the Holy Spirit used to set him on a collision course for a total stewardship transformation. This transformation, according to the text of Luke 19, is not just about this life. This stewardship transformation is about eternity as well!

Remember the story: Zacchaeus was a tax collector. Do not think of friendly neighborhood IRS agents. This was more like a toll booth operator, but the governing authorities did not set the toll. They would contract men to staff roadside booths and tax the commerce that was passing along the road. This was an enterprise full of greed and graft. The tax collectors would take as much as they could and only pass on a portion to the government. The rest did not go into the community chest either! It went into the pocket of the tax collector.

# LCMS STEWARDSHIP CONT.

This is why the people had such disdain for Jewish tax collectors. They were seen as both crooks and traitors. They were crooks in that they extorted their compatriots and others in the toll process. But worse, they were seen as traitors because their efforts supported the occupying Roman authorities. That is the real reason that the people would not make way so that short Zacchaeus could see Jesus.

For this reason, he runs ahead and climbs a tree. He had heard all the stories. He wanted to see this Jesus with his own eyes. Mercy is on display. This hated crook and traitor gets a direct audience with Jesus — at Jesus' own request! Jesus invites Himself to Zacchaeus' house. This is where the transformation is about to take place!

Notice how Jesus does it. He does not preach a three-week sermon series, nor does He ask Zacchaeus to make a pledge. There is nothing programmatic about Jesus' approach. But Zacchaeus is completely transformed! The transforming force is the very presence of Jesus! Direct time with Jesus takes a crooked, selfish, criminal and makes him the most faithful steward.

This new life of stewardship is marked by the promises made. First, he gives half of his ill-gotten gains to the poor. These are people whom he would not have defrauded at all! Yet, after spending time with Jesus, they are His first concern. Only after this does he double the requirement of the Levitical law on fraud. And what does Jesus say is the result? Salvation!

Doing the acts of stewardship does not save. Rather, the faith in Jesus that is created by the Holy Spirit is what saves! This is critical for us to confess. Failed stewardship can and will cut you off from God. The only antidote for failed stewardship is the presence of Jesus.

We do not need to run ahead and climb a tree for this presence of Jesus. He makes Himself available to us every week in the Divine Service. He speaks His Word of invitation to us in the pages of Holy Scripture. This, and this alone, transforms us from sinner to saint, from owner to steward of all that belongs to the Lord.

Do you want to become a more faithful steward? Spend more time with Jesus. Make the Divine Service a weekly priority. Feast on Christ's body and blood weekly! This is the great gift that brings salvation from God's House to yours!

# JULY OFFICIAL ACTS

Transferred In

Profession of Faith

Baptisms

**Fern, Nolan & Warren Michael  
Channing Jacob Hagenmaier**

Marriages

Transferred to Kingdom of Glory

## ACOLYTES

|                     | Sat 6:00 pm | Sun 8:30 am    | Sun 11:00 am |
|---------------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|
| <b>AUGUST 2/3</b>   |             | Taryn thiele   | Macsen Wells |
| <b>AUGUST 9/10</b>  |             | Teagen Thiele  | Jovie Barber |
| <b>AUGUST 16/17</b> |             | Anna Larson    | Wyatt Barber |
| <b>AUGUST 23/24</b> |             | Samuel Lyons   | Hunter Fong  |
| <b>AUGUST 30/31</b> |             | Archer Manning | Sarah Oelke  |



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