

# St. Luke's Monthly



## 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

The St. Luke's Lutheran Church historical fiction stories continue.

After church on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, Harper Hegelmann said to Sally Salsman, "Pastor was sure animated at church today. He seems to really like that lady's group ... what was the acronym he gave?" Sally responded, "LWML – it stands for Lutheran Women's Missionary League. They also want to be known as Lutheran Women in Mission. Yes, pastor is very supportive. Those ladies do a great job connecting women and supporting ministry activities. The LWML Kansas District has a Christian Life Retreat coming up in November 7-8 in Salina. There's a flyer in the narthex, or you can go to <https://www.kansaslwml.org/christian-life/> to get all the info. Will you go with me?"

That same Sunday, Bill Blake asked George Gillimaster, "Will we see you at Lutheran Laymen's League(LLL) tonight?" George responded, "What's that? I was planning on watching Sunday Night Football tonight." Bill, a longtime member of the LLL, really wanted to see George attend the group, so he gave him his best sales pitch. "Listen, it's a great way to get to know others at the church, and you've been telling me you only know a handful of people. Besides, the LLL is a group that supports the Lutheran Hour Ministries in their mission of Bringing Christ to the Nations—and the Nations to the Church. You have their app on your phone, right? Besides, you'll get back home in time to see the last half of the game. It's at the Beikmann house tonight (1021 E. 26<sup>th</sup> Ave., MHK 66502). It starts at 7:00 p.m. I'll pick you up at 6:40 p.m."

Anita and Alex Abernathy were new to St. Luke's. They enjoyed the last Sunday of the month when pastor spoke about the Reformation, but were a little surprised when Max and Melanie Milford asked them if they were attending the Circuit Reformation Service that afternoon (Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>)? Max explained, "We love celebrating the Reformation. The Gospel was rediscovered. Please join us." Anita asked what they could expect. "It's at St. Paul's Lutheran Church (9179 Clarks Creek Road, Junction City, KS 66441). Rev. Dr. Aric Fenske, the new Director for Lutherans for Life, will be the preacher and then later the presenter. The worship service starts at 2:00 p.m., and the presentation starts at 3:30 p.m. We'll be finished at 4:30 p.m." Anita said, "I do like the fact that our church is pro-life. We'll see you there."

Clara Cook had grown up at a church that didn't baptize babies, but had started worshipping at St. Luke's because of sanctity of gender stance ... but she still wasn't sure about baptizing babies. After a little small talk at her scheduled appointment with the pastor, she said, "Pastor, I don't understand why church's baptize babies." Pastor smiled and said, "Let's first talk about sin and faith. Regarding sin, we believe the Bible teaches that we are sinful from conception. That's what Psalm 51:5 says. And regarding faith, we believe that it is a gift, not a decision. That's what Ephesian 2:9 says. Just like God gave you your heart and kidneys and liver, He also gave you faith. We believe that He creates faith in us through the Gospel. It is the power of God. That's what Romans 1:16 says. The Gospel delivers the forgiveness of sins. That happens through the verbal Word, but God also attaches His Word to the physical element of water." Clara summarized the pastor's words, "So, babies are sinful, God uses baptism to deliver the forgiveness of sins, and through baptism creates faith in a baby." Pastor smiled and said, "You got it!"

Jolene Johnson was with her son James, a preschooler, when she saw Fanny Floss at Trunk-or-Treat (Wednesday, October 29, 6-7 p.m.). "This is so fun! Thanks for being here. And you look great in your Cat-in-the-Hat costume. I should have worn a costume too." Fanny was so pleased that Jolene decided to come. "Thanks for accepting my invitation."

At this same event, Bart Bueller saw pastor and inquired, "What are you doing on Halloween?" Pastor smiled and said, "I'm passing out candy, with our DCE, at the BeWitched event at Westloop, 4-6 p.m. We are passing out 1800 pieces of candy with a St. Luke's flyer attached to the candy. Are you available? We could use some help." Bart gave him a thumbs up.

Join us next month as we continue to take a peek into the lives of the folks at St. Luke's.

*Pastor Schmitt*





## From the Director of Christian Education

Jesus spoke this to his disciples before the passion week and His ultimate death and resurrection to be that sacrifice for us; His loved creation.

*"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.*

*By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."*

*As recorded in John 13:34-35*

When I arrived in January of 2024, I had a feeling this was a special congregation. During the call process there was mutual encouragement and what I thought was a true Christian care for Tricia and me. During our transition, we experienced hospitality and encouragement that was such a blessing. We were seeing this LOVE for us but also for other inside our St Luke's family and those outside our St Luke's family. I have now reached the conclusion and belief that LOVE is a trait of the St. Luke's family.

I also believe that this does not happen because we are loving people or even that it is a stated goal of our church. This LOVE is the work of the Holy Spirit in our hearts and minds through the hearing of the Gospel in our sermons, the participation in the Sacraments, and the devotional commitment to God's Word.

As we have walked, this last month, with our St. Luke's family and those outside of our St. Luke's family who have experienced the loss of loved ones and those who have lost a sense of health due to serious medical diagnosis this LOVE has been tangibly visible in so many places! The words of encouragement that I have overheard in between services. The prayers during the services. The prayers requested and lifted up on our St Luke's email prayer chain. Then there are the home visits, phone calls, and meals delivered that I hear about. All of these are proofs of this work of the Holy Spirit!

Having seen and heard this LOVE the last month, I have been challenged to LOVE more. I know I don't have the ability in my struggle with sin to do that. I need the work of the Holy Spirit in my heart and head. I need to be reminded of God's love for me. I need to have my eyes opened and my heart soften to see the world around me with God's eyes and His heart. He loves us so much.

Please join me this month as I aspire to focus on my time in the Word, to participate more fully in worship, and to let the LOVE of Christ resound in my participation in the sacraments.

Maybe the greatest witness of St Luke's will be our community saying, "Those folks at St. Luke's sure do love each other and our community!?" (Act 2:47).

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*In God's Grace and Peace,*

*- 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.*

Brad & Susan Brunkow, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Alta Vista, KS

Kaitlin Krause, Shepherd of the Desert, Page, AZ

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## LWML--STILL GOING NUTS!

If you didn't get a nut order turned in this past week, it's not too late. There's still one more chance to order those delicious nuts, dried fruits and chocolate jewels! Pick up a Gold order form in the Narthex. They will need to be turned in by **October 17th** to one of these women: Linda Simon, Jeanette Campbell or Marilyn Fick! This is your last chance until next year! So GO NUTS with LWML and help us put Portals of Prayer in our Manhattan Hospital and Care centers.

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## LCMS-U Updates

LCMS-U is off to a great start with 32 students attending one time and 27 of those have returned at least once more. The group is pretty evenly split between returners and newcomers, we've had at least one first-timer every week so far, and we're pulling in extra chairs to provide seats for everyone. There is a need for hosts for Table Talk on Sunday so please consider hosting! A small group is going to the "Christian Comfort in a Chaotic Cosmos" Young Adult Conference at St. Paul in Austin, TX, Oct 3-5.

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## Flint Hills Lutherans For Life Fall 2025 Update

Join us for a morning with Rev. Dr. Aric Fenske, The New Executive Director of Lutherans For Life! Topic: What is a Gospel-motivated voice? Learn how to be that voice when in difficult conversations dealing with abortion, suicide, mental health and end of life issues. Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am-11:00 am at Christ Lutheran Church, 4592 Green Valley Rd., Manhattan. There will be donuts!!

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**October 20 is the Life Choice Banquet** from 6:45 – 9:00 pm at the K State Alumni Center. Rebekah Hagan, is the speaker. She is one of today's leading voices on unplanned pregnancies, chemical abortion and abortion pill reversal. This is a fundraising event. However, it is free to attend. Call by October 7th to reserve a seat: 785-776-9406  
Thank you for your support of life!

## **Building Planning Committee Informational Meetings**

The Building Planning Committee will host informational meetings following each worship service on October 25 and 26.

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### **Memorial Contributions**

St. Luke's Church council has approved that all memorial contributions be recorded in a dedicated memorial book. The church office coordinator maintains this book, which includes the name of the person being remembered, the amount contributed, and the designated use of the funds. The book has been updated to include as much historical information as possible.

With the adoption of this process, individual placards or names will not be placed on specific items within the church. To help families in making decisions regarding memorial gifts, the Council has also approved the following activities and entities within St Luke's which are suggested for memorials:

- Building Fund
- Worship
- Music Ministry
- Children's Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- Trail Life USA
- American Heritage Girls
- LCMS-U Campus Ministry
- International Student Ministry
- Adult Ministry
- ELC Early Learning Center
- LWML Lutheran Women's Missionary League
- LLL Lutheran Layman's League
- Fellowship
- Parish Nurse Ministry
- Cancer Companions
- Video and Sound System
- Landscape
- Missions
- Endowment Fund
- No Preference / General Fund

## **American Heritage Girls Update**

AHG is off to a great start this year! We have nine new girls bringing our troop up to 46. Our first campout, the Welcome Campout in September, is a one-night camp where new girls become familiar with camping and returning girls extend hands of friendship. In October, we have a three-day, two-night camp, which our oldest girls will be planning. We will also begin our annual Giving Bean Coffee/Tea fundraiser. Please continue to pray for our troop leadership and girls for God to guide them in wisdom and grow them in virtue.

Petagaye Pearson - Troop Leader

## **American Heritage Girls/Trail Life USA Troop #0057 News**

The American Heritage Girls (AHG) are having a busy September and October!

- The weekend of September 12 and 13, the girls participated in the "Feed My Starving Children" meal prep service project and passed out troop information at Praisefest
- September 17, some of the girls bussed tables at Pizza Ranch for one of their many upcoming fundraiser events.
- Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, was the AHG National Day of Service opportunity in which many of the girls cleaned St. Luke's Early Learning Center playground and the church.
- The girls will have a Welcome camp out at Pottawatomie State Lake #2 September 26-27.
- The month of October is filled with fundraiser opportunities and another camp out. Be sure and watch the church bulletin for information and we appreciate your participation in our fundraisers!

The Trail Life USA troop also had a busy September welcoming several new members and their dads and cleaning up the church camping area in preparation for fall camping.

- On Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, the Trail Life troopers participated in See You at the Pole™, the global day of student prayer, at their schools. This program began in 1990 as a grass roots movement with ten students praying at their school. Decades later, millions pray on their campuses on the fourth Wednesday in September. See You at the Pole™ is simply a prayer rally where students meet at the school flagpole before school to lift up their friends, families, teachers, school, and nation to God. See You at the Pole™ is a student-initiated, student-organized, and student-led event.
- September 26-28 the Trail Life boys will be camping at Camp Tenmangile near Tuttle Lake.
- In October, the young men will be working on badge requirements, participating in Bible study and of course, camping out!

Watch the church bulletin for more American Heritage Girls and Trail Life USA Troop Fund Raisers in October! We appreciate the congregation's prayers and support!

Dave & Kate McNeal, Troop #0057 Charter Representatives

## **Circuit 8 (Manhattan) Reformation Service & Presentation**

**Sunday, October 26**

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
9719 Clarks Creek Rd  
Clarks Creek (Junction City), Kansas**

**Rev. Dr. Aric Fenske, Preacher & Presenter  
New Executive Director, Lutherans For Life**

**2:00 Worship with Holy Communion**

**3:00 Break/Refreshments**

**3:30 Presentation: Can churches speak about abortion  
and other life issues publicly or are these issues  
political with the church remaining silent?**

**4:30 Adjournment**

**Flint Hills Lutherans For Life Workshop**

**Saturday – October 25 – 9:00-11:00**

**Christ Lutheran Church, Manhattan  
4592 Green Valley Rd**

**Rev. Dr. Aric Fenske**

**The mission of Lutherans For Life is to equip Lutherans and their  
neighbors to be Gospel-motivated voices for life.**

**Workshop Topic: What is a Gospel-motivated voice? How to be a  
Gospel-motivated voice in difficult conversations about abortion,  
suicide, mental health, and end of life issues.**

**This workshop is for middle and high school youth, college students,  
and adults.**

**Bring your Bible.**



# MONTHLY CALENDAR

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

Wednesday 10/1

- 9:30 am ELC Chapel
- 5:30 pm Praise & Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6 pm BASIC, Confirmation Class, & Sr Hi Youth

Thursday 10/2

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

Friday 10/3

- 10 am Moms' Group

Sunday 10/5

- 9:45 am Adult & Children's Sunday School
- 7 pm Lutheran Layman's League

Monday 10/6

- 6 pm American Heritage Girls
- 6:30 pm Trail Life USA Meeting
- 7 pm Card Making
- 8 pm LCMS-U Fellowship & Bible Study

Tuesday 10/7

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

Wednesday 10/8

- 9:30 am ELC Chapel
- 5:30 pm Praise & Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6 pm BASIC, Confirmation Class, & Sr Hi Youth

Thursday 10/9

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

Sunday 10/12

- 9:45 am Adult & Children's Sunday School
- 12:30 pm Table Talk

Monday 10/13

- 9 am Women's Bible Study
- 6:30 pm Trail Life USA
- 7 pm Card Making
- 8 pm LCMS-U Fellowship & Bible Study

Tuesday 10/14

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

Wednesday 10/15

- 9:30 am ELC Chapel
- 5:30 pm Praise & Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6 pm BASIC, Confirmation Class, & Sr Hi Youth

Thursday 10/16

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

Sunday 10/19

9:45 am Adult & Children's Sunday School  
12:30 pm Table Talk

Monday 10/20

- 6 pm American Heritage Girls
- 6:30 pm Trail Life USA Mtg
- 7 pm Card Making
- 8 pm LCMS-U Fellowship/Bible Study

Tuesday 10/21

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

# MONTHLY CALENDAR

Wednesday 10/22

- 9:30 am ELC Chapel
- 5:30 pm Praise & Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6 pm BASIC, Confirmation Class, & Sr Hi Youth

Thursday 10/23

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

Sat/Sun 10/24 & 10/25

Building Update after each service

Sunday 10/26

- 9:45 am Adult & Children's Sunday School
- 12:30 pm Table Talk

Monday 10/27

- 9:30 am Women's Bible Study
- 6:30 pm Trail Life USA
- 7 pm Card Making
- 8 pm LCMS-U Fellowship & Bible Study

Tuesday 10/28

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

Wednesday 10/29

- 9:30 am ELC Chapel
- 5:30 pm Praise & Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6 pm Trunk or Treat
- 6 pm Sr Hi Youth

Thursday 10/30

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



## OCTOBER

# BIRTHDAYS

OCTOBER 2 Pat Roland  
Barbara Hackbart  
Jerry 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  
Paul Zidek

OCTOBER 15 Bill Robb

OCTOBER 16 Ben Gordon

OCTOBER 17 Joe House  
Gary Kasten  
Kim Zier

OCTOBER 20 Lavon Smith

OCTOBER 21 Brandon Klimek

OCTOBER 23 Hannah Schmidt

OCTOBER 24 John Miesner

OCTOBER 25 Rod Robison

OCTOBER 26 Kyle Campbell

OCTOBER 29 Terry WehmueLLer  
Deanne Burris  
Jon House

OCTOBER 30 Chari Miller

## ANNIVERSARIES

OCTOBER 2 Vince & Sandi Redding

OCTOBER 8 Tom & Pat Orazem

OCTOBER 9 Brian & Sylvia Carter

OCTOBER 13 Lowell & Stacy Kohlmeier

OCTOBER 14 Jared & Shanda Wilson

OCTOBER 19 Scott Stone & Susan Spain  
Evan & Mara Rosenow

OCTOBER 23 Jason & Rachael Stadel

OCTOBER 29 Jacob & Grace Hagenmaier

# LCMS STEWARDSHIP

## Harmonious Stewardship

“For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another” (Romans 12:4-5).

One of the most forgotten concepts in stewardship is the interdependent nature that makes up the Body of Christ and the way that body supports the shared work of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This is experienced in the local congregation, as well as in broader mission and ministry efforts at the district and Synod levels. Yet in these words, St. Paul reminds the Romans and us that we are indeed members of one another. This is true in our worship. It is also true in our stewardship of the Gospel. Stewards of all shapes and sizes, ages and abilities, affluence and influence are all assembled around Word and Sacrament in the local congregation with no one being more important than the other.

Part of this forgetting lies in what the eyes see and how our human mind operates. Our eyes and our minds are quick to come to the erroneous conclusion that the person who writes the biggest check is the more important steward. Human logic, flawed by sin as it is, could make a claim that the youngest child or the most infirm, aged member of the congregation would certainly be considered something less than important when it comes to the stewardship of the Gospel.

Paul makes it clear in these words that this is not how stewardship of the Gospel is measured in the Body of Christ. Rather, it would be better to view local stewardship like the lost art of harmony in congregational singing. This has been lost not only due to the performative nature of the lead singers of the local praise team, but also because modern hymnals are written to almost force the novice hymn-singer into unison voice. Creative harmonization by talented organists is beautiful to listen to, but does not always support the people in the pews in singing in parts. This is a loss in demonstrating a very practical aspect of whole-body stewardship.

The sound that builds when choral and congregational singers settle into their voice parts is nothing short of heavenly! Yet when altos, tenors and bass sing their individual parts without any concept of how they fit together, the music doesn't sound as powerful. The narrow range of the typical alto line almost sounds monotonous. The tenor line can get painfully high, and the base line can get uncomfortably low. But, when interdependently entwined, along with the melody that is so often carried by the sopranos, the music becomes a tremendously powerful tool in communicating the Gospel.

# LCMS STEWARDSHIP CONT.

The same is true of individual stewards. Certainly, stewards with more financial means are in a unique place to “carry the tune” for ministry in a local congregation. But that doesn’t rule out the faithful stewardship of the saint-like 94-year-old Hulda, who prayed for her young pastor in German every night while the aches and pains of arthritis and the grief of losing a daughter to cancer kept her awake. This does not rule out Jimmy, the profoundly developmentally disabled confirmand whose basic but dramatically eloquent confession of the faith left an impression on a congregation long after he went to be with Jesus. It doesn’t rule out the single parent, the recovering addict, the family coming out of bankruptcy, the elderly widow and everyone in between.

The Lord has entrusted all the baptized with stewardship of the one thing needful: the Gospel of Jesus Christ. No one member of any congregation is more important than another when it comes to this stewardship. The biggest check isn’t always the best way to communicate the Gospel. In fact, it is almost always better communicated with the widow’s mite, the tenacious stewardship of the talents and so much more.

In the local congregation and beyond, our corporate stewardship of the Gospel needs each other to fill out our great confession. It is not about equal amount. It is about interdependence that only the Holy Spirit can work! Each of us has a role to play, a harmony to sing. The standard for that role is faithfulness. We do not have the same function, but we have the same Jesus! As we sing the parts entrusted to us by the Holy Spirit, the sweet music of the Gospel goes out!



## AUGUST OFFICIAL ACTS

Transferred In  
Profession of Faith

Baptisms **Lillian Robinett**

Marriages

Transferred to Kingdom of Glory **Carla Robker**

## ACOLYTES

	Sat 6:00 pm	Sun 8:30 am	Sun 11:00 am
<b>OCTOBER 4/5</b>	Brynlee Rengstorf	Samuel Lyons	
<b>OCTOBER 11/12</b>		Archer Manning	Jovie Winter
<b>OCTOBER 18/19</b>		Taryn Thiele	Wyatt Barber
<b>OCTOBER 25/26</b>		Teagen Thiele	Hunter Fong

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