

St. Luke's Monthly

Sharing Christ's love with those around us



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

Welcome to fall! October turned a little chillier. And now it's November. Trees are looking bare. Jackets and sweaters will be part of our daily attire.

So what's happening at church life?

On Saturday, November 1, buy candy at ½ price at the stores. Any donated candy will be stapled to church invitations that will be distributed during the Christmas Parade.

November 1 is All Saints' Day. We will observe this festival day at church on November 1-2. Lutherans confess that all who are baptized and trust in Christ are made holy through His righteousness alone, not their own good works. All Saints' Day celebrates the truth that in Jesus Christ, every believer is both sinner and saint—*simul justus et peccator*—saved entirely by grace. Living Christians and those who have died in Christ are part of the "communion of saints."

On November 1 & 2, we will have white on the altar, symbolizing the victory of Christ and the purity of those redeemed by His blood. We will also include in worship the reading of names of members who have died in the past year. We will remember that they now rest in the Church Triumphant. Hymns such as "For All the Saints" and Scripture readings from Revelation 7 and Matthew 5 remind worshipers of the heavenly hope shared by all believers.

November 7-8 is the Kansas District Lutheran Women in Mission Christian Life Retreat at the Hilton Garden Inn and Convention Center in Salina, KS. This year's speaker will be Donna Snow. Ladies, prayerfully consider joining other mission-minded ladies for a relaxing weekend of connecting with old friends and meeting new ones as they stand Unshaken on the ROCK.

On November 9, the Church Children will sing in church at 8:30 a.m., and the Early Learning Center Children will sing in church at the 11:00 a.m. Please go out of your way to greet and welcome people who are not regulars in worship.

On Sunday, November 16, we will set up for the Thanksgiving Dinner at 3:00 p.m. Once the chairs and tables are in place, we will attach the candy to the Christmas invites that will be passed out at the Christmas parade. The Thanksgiving meal will begin at 5:00 p.m. You are invited to bring a salad, side-dish, or dessert. Don't miss this opportunity to interact with your church family. We are so grateful for our cook, Bonita Tegtmeier.

Sunday, November 23, is the Last Sunday of the Church Year. On this day, we focus on the end of the world. Christians look forward to this day. On this day, everyone will see Jesus. Everyone who has died will be raised from the dead. The bodies of those who are alive will be transformed to glorified bodies. All Christians will meet the Lord in the air – our ascension day. (As our Lord ascended, we will also). The Lord will destroy the universe with fire, and then He will recreate the heavens and the earth. We wait for this day with eager anticipation.

Our Thanksgiving Eve worship service will be on Wednesday, November 26, at 6:30 p.m. We are thankful people, both for our physical life and our spiritual life, and we know who to thank.

And then the Advent season begins on Sunday, November 30. Advent is all about preparing to properly receive our Lord, when He comes again, and when He came as a babe in Bethlehem.

Pastor Schmidt

From the Director of Christian Education

Through my 20+ years of ministry in the Church, I have developed an attitude toward the month of November. It is the month generally following harvest and it comes just before the season of Advent and the celebration Christmas. It is also the month that we celebrate Thanksgiving. Due to these facts, for me, the month of November is a month for giving thanks more than I do in any other month.

In the old Lutheran Liturgy Service Book, you could find a service called "The Festival of Harvest." It was placed right next to the Reformation service and for that reason, I think it generally was skipped over. However, I have always felt it was so fitting for this time of year in our Midwest communities and in our calendars. This is a season (month) for giving thanks!

The collect for "The Festival of Harvest" service was this:

Almighty God, most merciful Father, who openest Thine hand and satisfies the desire of every living thing, we give thee most humble and hearty thanks that Thou hast crowned the fields with thy blessing and hast permitted us once more to gather in the fruits of the earth; and we beseech Thee to bless and protect the living seed of Thy Word sown in our hearts that in the plenteous fruits of righteousness we may always present to Thee an acceptable thankoffering; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

And the gradual for the service was this:

***The eyes of all wait upon Thee:
and Thou givest them their meat in due season
Thou openest Thine hand:
and satisfies the desire of every living thing. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His Holy name:
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. Hallelujah!***

Hopefully these are a blessing to you in this season of thanksgiving. I would encourage you to join me in praying and confessing these with me throughout the month of November! Thanks be to God!!

God's Grace and Peace, - William Prann

Please continue your partnership with me as I pray for our Pastor, our leaders, our volunteers, and for all the families at St Luke's. We are so thankful that God is working in, around, and through us for His glory and for the benefit of the community around us. In churches, 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 but instead be thankful for the blessings we receive from God through Christ!

"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another and all the more as you see the day of Christ approaching!" Hebrews 10:23-25

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.

Kevin & Joyce Jones, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Preston, KS

Gary & Donna Myers, Trinity Lutheran Church, Shawnee, KS

Jessica Jones, Max Peterson, Ainsley Viets, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Austin, TX

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

MISSION OF LOVE

Our latest Blessing of the Quilts was held on Oct 25 & 26 with 26 full size and 16 child sized quilts ready for the Mission Field. It was great to have John from Orphan Grain Train at these worship services to share about the locations that some of the quilts have been distributed to. Beyond serving our own country, Orphan Grain Train is also a world-wide mission.

This brings our total for the year to 116 quilts, 16 child size quilts, and 12 pillow case dresses.

Thank you to those that join us on the 2nd Tuesday of the month to tie, and as always, a big thank you to some of our gals that spend MANY hours at home making the tops and finishing the binding after they have been tied.

If you would like to contribute, we welcome any donations of fabric or sheets that can be used for backing.

LCMS-U St. Luke's Update

Our list of students who have attended LCMS U has grown to 40. First-timers continue to join us, including four who came on Oct. 20, when Rev. Grimm from St. John (Alma) was our guest Bible study leader.

We had 10-16 around the table at our Table Talk lunches this past month. There are two dates still available for hosting this semester (Nov. 30, Dec. 14), as well as six opportunities in the spring. You can volunteer to host by using the Table Talk sign-up sheet in the kitchen or online at <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/o142e4>

The Campus Ministry board hosted a tailgate Sept. 27. Approximately 120 people stopped by for free donuts, coffee, and orange juice. We also had business cards with QR codes to St. Luke's, LCMS U's, and Christ's websites that several people took either for themselves or to give students they knew who may be looking for Bible studies. Thank you to the Armbrusts for inviting us to use their parking space!

For our monthly fellowship activities, we had a group of twenty who went bowling at the Wabash Cannon Bowl in the K-State Union on Sept. 29, and sixteen people took on three escape rooms at Locked Oct. 27.

The students really enjoyed the opportunity to interact with the members of St. Luke's during our icebreakers time during the Bible study hour Oct. 12. We look forward to doing it again next semester on Mar. 8.

Jessica Jones, the peer minister and one of student members attended the "Christian Comfort in a Chaotic Cosmos" Young Adult Conference at St. Paul (Austin, TX) Oct 3-5. All three found it to be an incredibly worthwhile experience with interesting sessions and plenty of opportunities to meet young adults from around the country, and they are excited to go back with a larger group next year.

Campus Ministry will be collecting finals snacks during November. With our increased numbers this year, plus the college students who work in the ELC, we will likely be assembling 40+ snack bags. Even if you can't provide snacks for all of the bags, whatever you can contribute is appreciated. Every little bit helps! Please drop off donations in the narthex by Nov. 30.

MONTHLY CALENDAR

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

Sunday 11/2

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

Monday 11/3

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

Tuesday 11/4

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

Wednesday 11/5

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

Thursday 11/6

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

Friday 11/7

- 9:30 am ELC Lesson Video
- 6 pm AHG Leadership Lock-In

Saturday 11/8

- 8 am AHG Leadership Lock-In

Sunday 11/9

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

Monday 11/10

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

Tuesday 11/11

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

Wednesday 11/12

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

Thursday 11/13

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

Friday 11/14

- 9:30 am ELC Lesson Video

Sunday 11/16

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

Monday 11/17

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

Tuesday 11/18

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

MONTHLY CALENDAR

Wednesday 11/19

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

Thursday 11/20

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

Friday 11/21

- 9:30 am ELC Lesson Video

Sunday 11/23

- 9:45 am Adult & Children's Sunday School

Monday 11/24

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

Tuesday 11/25

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

Wednesday 11/26

- 9:30 am ELC Chapel
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Thursday 11/27

THANKSGIVING

Sunday 11/30

9:45 am Adult Sunday School

12:30 pm Table Talk

3 pm AHG Baking for Bethlehem Revisited



NOVEMBER 1	Lillian Robinett
NOVEMBER 2	Jack Schotte
NOVEMBER 3	Harvey Lyons Larry Williams
NOVEMBER 4	Arlene Garcia Ryan Lynch
NOVEMBER 5	Kevin Jones
NOVEMBER 6	Pat Thompson Melanie Jones
NOVEMBER 7	Brynlee Rengstorf
NOVEMBER 11	Ed Park Steve Heitman
NOVEMBER 12	Brad Brunkow Angela Reid
NOVEMBER 14	Stacy Kohlmeier
NOVEMBER 15	Mark Hatesohl Jill Newland
NOVEMBER 17	Rebekah Lyons
NOVEMBER 18	Paul Stuckwisch
NOVEMBER 20	Lindsey Wilson
NOVEMBER 22	Wayne Goff
NOVEMBER 23	Abigail Lister
NOVEMBER 24	Sandi Redding Doug Frihart
NOVEMBER 25	Nancy Zier
NOVEMBER 26	Jim Jorns
NOVEMBER 27	Marlene Moormann
NOVEMBER 28	Sawyer Manning Natalie Winter
NOVEMBER 29	Amy Juracek Colin Abitz

ANNIVERSARIES

NOVEMBER 3	Doug & Jill Newland David & Arlene Garcia
NOVEMBER 12	Ethan & Amelia Hemmert David & Sarah Garcia
NOVEMBER 18	Wayne & Jane Goff
NOVEMBER 24	Chris & Carol Deetjen



LCMS STEWARDSHIP

Pointing to the Rock of Ages

Not the labor of my hands Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone. (LSB 761:2)

While the classic hymn "Rock of Ages" shows up in the Lutheran Service Book in the "Hope and Comfort" section, it can also teach us a valuable lesson about Christian stewardship. If that surprises you, stay with me on this one.

No Lutheran would ever dispute the fact that our work does not save us. Ephesians 2 makes it truly clear that we are dead in our trespasses and sins and would remain in that state until Christ raises us by grace. There is not a ladder on which we can climb out of the grave that our sins have dug for us. No blood, sweat nor tears will be able to rescue us. We all know this.

Our works do not save. Christ's work on the cross of Calvary does! He bore human flesh. He carried the burden of our sin to the cross. His body was beaten, bruised and bloodied for us. He has indeed atoned for us! This is more than enough reason for this hymn to be bouncing around in your head all day today!

But our work has a place. The place is in response to what the Father has done for us in Jesus. The Rock of Ages, who is Jesus, becomes the foundation on which our lives of faith are built. The Holy Spirit uses the means of grace to make us God's workmanship that Paul talks about in Ephesians 2:10.

Our workmanship does not display our power or prowess. Like the heavens declare the handiwork of the Creator, the works of a redeemed sinner point others to the salvation that is worked only by Jesus alone. Our work is a response to and reflection of a grace and glory that we ourselves could never accomplish or achieve.

We become stewards of the treasure that is the Gospel. When we faithfully support the work of the Gospel of Jesus Christ with our financial support, we are doing the work which points to the One who alone atones. When we come alongside a struggling sister or brother for whom Christ died and we share the stewardship work of compassion and care, we enfold the treasure of God's love and redemption. When we make it a weekly priority to arrange our schedule to be in the Lord's House with other stewards of the Gospel to receive again and again the Gospel's precious gift, we are stewards of the Body of Christ in the congregation that points even more people to Jesus.

We cannot do this. Jesus does it through us. We are simply stewards of this precious treasure!

SEPTEMBER OFFICIAL ACTS

Transferred In
Profession of Faith

Baptisms

Marriages

Transferred to Kingdom of Glory

Alice Wesche
Wanda House

ACOLYTES

	Sat 6:00 pm	Sun 8:30 am	Sun 11:00 am
NOVEMBER 1/2	Brynlee Rengstorf	Anna Larson	Sarah Oelke
NOVEMBER 8/9		Samuel Lyons	Macsen Wells
NOVEMBER 15/16		archer Mnning	Jovie Winter
NOVEMBER 22/23		Taryn Thiele	Wyatt Barber
NOVEMBER 26 Thanksgiving Eve	6:30 pm - Anna Larson		
NOVEMBER 29/30		Teagen Thiele	Sarah Oelke

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