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PONDER ANEW

The narrative budget for 2022 is titled **Ponder Anew**. If you don't yet have it in hand, you soon will.

This year the Board of Stewardship laid special emphasis on not presenting a merely “maintenance” budget, i.e., a budget that would essentially rise to meet the financial needs to maintain the work and ministries that have been in place in our congregation, but to challenge the congregation to think about what we might do with more.

What might this look like?

Key among the ideas you'll see floated is funding for at least a portion of a new pastoral position in our congregation. When I arrived in 2013, our congregation had two full-time pastors (including me), a visitation pastor, a part-time ordained kantor, and a full-time deaconess. Due to retirements, we've lost 1.5 positions since then.

Meanwhile, teaching, learning and worship opportunities have expanded in our congregation (Sound Words Academy, St. John's Music Academy, celebration of feasts when they fall); the number of our members who are homebound remains fairly static; and the considerable human care work provided by our deaconess has been subsumed, but not fully, under other positions whose work was already quite well defined—and full. The board of elders and the church council have thus been working at creative ways to “capture” some portion of an additional pastoral position. You'll be hearing more about this in the next weeks and months.

We anticipate that additional pastoral help would enable us to do several things that we just haven't had the bandwidth for.

- Jr. Lutherans remains a high priority and has been staffed by faithful and capable lay members of the congregation. But it could use pastoral attention.
- Plans have been laid for years for the creation of a College Student Care Team—both for those from our congregation who go off to college and for those from other congregations who attend nearby institutions of higher education.
- We'd like to develop a greater follow-up system for those who visit our congregation.

- It seems important to investigate how our congregation might be involved in expanding formal schooling opportunities for the Lutherans in our congregation and the Lutheran community in Topeka and build upon what Topeka Lutheran School is already doing well in the primary grades and middle school. In an increasingly corrosive society, it has to be the highest priority of our congregation to keep our children in the Faith.
- We should also be discovering and pursuing more ways to reach into our community with the Gospel and with good works that flow from the Gospel. What role does our congregation need to have in planting domestic missions? What about a Lutheran Early Response Team? What else is there?
- It's important for our congregation to ramp up our encouragement of young families to send their children to our Lutheran school. Planning for that—and executing the plan—takes time.

Those are just some examples of the high-priority, specifically ministry-oriented, areas important to pursue so “that the Gospel may have free course and be preached to the joy and edification of Christ’s holy people.” Additional pastoral help would not only ease certain task burdens and free up present pastoral staff to devote attention to those areas, but also provide real help in accomplishing them. Of course, it can’t all happen at once. But it can’t happen at all if we don’t have adequate staffing.

There are also significant overhead costs to occupying the beautiful building our forebears so generously and thoughtfully bequeathed to us. A work group studying the projected future needs for adequately maintaining our building has generated quite a list of future and deferred maintenance matters we’ll soon need to address. More costly items include re-glazing and restoring the stained glass, roof replacement, significant exterior masonry repair and maintenance, HVAC replacement in the original building, and foundation sealing. Any one of those items, never mind considering them as a whole, will require a significant outlay of funds. Of course, we’ve been building up a fund on the base of overage from our Paid in Full campaign, and we encourage you to continue to support that effort. But a number of those big projects may require a special, devoted effort to raise adequate funds. That said, there is a host of smaller items that should just be in the budget, such as nave painting, the ongoing work to update the office area (nearing completion!), lighting panel repair and/or replacement, replacement of the wooden exterior doors, and really good, attentive day-to-day maintenance of the property, etc.

So when you receive **Ponder Anew** at home, please give prayerful consideration to the ways in which you might be involved in supporting and advancing the Gospel through our congregation—to the joy and edification of Christ’s holy people. And “Ponder anew / What the Almighty can do / As with His love He befriends you,” confident that He “will prosper your work and defend you” (LSB 790, stz. 4).



Senior Pastor - Rev. J. S. Bruss, ext. 104

Associate Pastor – Rev. D. M. Kerns, ext. 101

Kantor - Bethany M. Johnson

TLS Teachers – Kathy Bartels, Pamela Landon, Joshua Grass, Erin Grass, Andrea Kosmicki

+ DEACONESS LINDA SUE KINNETT +

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. And blessed be Linda's memory among us. Our Savior Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. Let us remember with thanksgiving what God has done for, to, and through His servant Linda.

Linda Sue Kinnett was given life by her Creator and was born on 11 August 1950, the child of Bascom and Veda (nee Sitzers) Revelle in Ironton, Missouri. In May of 1959, Linda was clothed in the righteousness of Christ in her Baptism in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit at First Baptist Church in Fredricktown, Missouri. Pastor W.D. Edwards baptized Linda in Christ's stead. On 9 February 1997 at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Fredricktown, Missouri, Linda confessed before God and men the Faith into which she was baptized, taking an oath to "continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it." The good and gracious God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, sustained Linda in that confession and faith through His Word and His Holy Supper till He called her from this life.

Through her first marriage, the Lord gave her her beloved children Elizabeth and Ben and four grandchildren. On 18 May 2014, Linda was united in marriage to her dear husband, Clayton Kinnett. Through this marriage she gained three stepchildren, Jessica, Joe, and Rachel, along with one step-grandchild. A graduate of Fredricktown High School, she earned the Bachelor of Music Education from Southeast Missouri State in 1972. After the Lord in His mercy drew her to the purity of the Gospel as taught and proclaimed in the Evangelical Lutheran Church, she went on to earn a Master of Arts in theology from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis in 2004, and thence to Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, where she became certified in 2006 to serve as a deaconess in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Her diaconal internship she served here at St. John's, where in 2006 she was called as our first deaconess. She faithfully served in that position for the next 12 years. She enjoyed above all the opportunities afforded her by her diaconal work to teach God's Word to women and children, holding the great responsibility of serving as catechist for the first year of Youth Catechesis. Even in retirement she continued her instruction in the Wednesday morning Women's Bible Class. In her quiet way she also brought her depth of biblical and theological knowledge to bear on numerous women in the congregation through one-on-one spiritual counsel. The Lord blessed Linda's life with many special people as she served God in her vocations at work, in the community, and especially at home and in her church, her second home. Linda was an inveterate reader. She was an active member since 16 August 2006 of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Finally, on 13 September in the Year of Our Lord 2021, God the Holy Spirit granted Linda a holy death in faith in her Savior from sin, death, and the devil's power and took her home to rest in the arms of Jesus to await the resurrection of the dead.

The Lord gives and the Lord takes away; blessed be the name of the Lord. And thanks be to God our Father through Jesus Christ, our Lord, for His faithfulness to our sister Linda and for all the good He worked in and through her. Amen.

SOUND WORDS ACADEMY 2021-2022

Sound Words Academy (SWA) continues in full force this Fall. SWA, centered on the Office of Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m., meets Wednesday evenings beginning with a meal served for you and your family. Remember, we ask for you to sign up no later than Monday 11:30 p.m. that week for the Wednesday meal. This is to help reduce the under/over serving of food. You can sign up on [SignUpGenius](#). A [link](#) to register to eat dinner is available on the St. John's website. Look for the "Sound Words Meal Sign Up" link in green at the bottom of the home page. We pray that through our SWA evenings, we continue to grow in the knowledge and grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. Keep our youth and adult catechumens in your prayers, that the Lord would richly bless their catechesis and graft them ever more firmly into Christ.

**ST. JOHN'S FEAST OF THE REFORMATION SERVICE AND OKTOBERFEST
ONLY ONE DIVINE SERVICE FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31 AT 10:00 A.M.**

Join us for The Feast of the Reformation, Sunday October 31, for a German Mass Divine Service at 10:00 a.m. followed by an Oktoberfest meal. Please note that we will only be having one Divine Service. Menu includes bratwurst, hamburger, tossed salad, German potato salad, homemade dessert, and drink (beer will also be available). Oktoberfest tickets will be available for purchase in the Courtyard between services for \$8 starting on Sunday, October 3. Proceeds support our missionaries.

**FEAST OF ALL SAINTS DIVINE SERVICE AND COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL
DEPARTED, 7:00 P.M., MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2021**

On the evening of Monday, 1 November 2021, at 7:00 p.m. we will gather in the courtyard to celebrate the Feast of All Saints and for our annual Commemoration of the Faithful Departed. The Commemoration will take place at the start of the Divine Service and the names of those from our parish will be read whom the good Lord in His mercy has called from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven since last All Saints' Day. We want everyone to know that this is the only time that we will be celebrating the Feast of All Saints and commemorating the faithful departed. We encourage everyone in the congregation attend, especially those who have lost loved ones in the last year.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE

Rehearsals will be held October – December on SWA Wednesday evenings at 6:30-6:55 p.m. for PreK-5th grade in the Nave and on Sundays at 9:45-10:00 a.m. for PreK-8th grade in their specific Sunday School rooms. Save the Date! The program will be held Wednesday, December 15 at 6:30 p.m.

HYMN OF THE MONTH

“We Are Called to Stand Together” (LSB 828)

Through the faith given to us on account of Christ, God welcomes us into His family, the Church, where He continues to strengthen us with gifts of life and salvation. It is here within the Church where we are in fellowship with other believers in Christ and are living members of His Body, which includes those saints who have gone to heaven before us. We are, like those in Acts 2, called to devote ourselves “to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking and bread and the prayers.” The life of the Church is sustained by the work of the Holy Spirit who “calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith” (Luther’s Small Catechism).

Martin Leckebusch, born in 1962, penned the text to “We Are Called to Stand Together” (LSB 828) to describe the faith that has continued throughout the ages of the Church and to encourage us to continue the task of teaching this faith to the coming generations. Just as we are called to faith and nourished by the Gospel, we are also equipped and called to spread the Gospel to others, contending for the “faith that was once for all delivered to the saints” (Jude 3).

This hymn exhorts us to stand together in faith with those saints in the past, present, and future and with those of all ages, tongues, and cultures. The first stanza points to the patriarchs and prophets who held fast to the promises of Christ who was to come, which we have seen in fulfillment by the cross. Those who were the eyewitnesses of Christ are described in stanza 2. The apostles journeyed with Jesus, “heard His teaching, felt His power, saw the way He lived and died.” Thus, because of their eyewitness, they delivered this news “far and wide.”

The Body of Christ continued to grow as many others throughout the ages heard the Gospel and were given faith by the Spirit. They continued to live in this faith by serving Christ, who is described as the “living head” in stanza 3. We, as God’s royal priesthood, are described in 1 Peter 2:9: “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.”

Stanza 4 expresses our prayer that the Spirit would give us “courage, grace, and guidance” while we proclaim the Gospel to others throughout our life as it continues to spread throughout the world in its many tongues, cultures, and ages. We are encouraged in stanza 5 to proclaim this truth until Christ comes again to unite His saints together within His reign in heaven. May God continue to sustain us in the faith and give us guidance and courage to proclaim this good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ for sinners to all.

Bethany M Johnson

ST. JOHN’S MUSIC ACADEMY

Learn how to play an instrument through our St. John’s Music Academy. SJMA provides music education through studio lessons using appropriate curriculum and methodology within a Christian atmosphere and in accordance with the rich heritage of classical, Lutheran sacred music that serves the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Information including the teachers and the parent/student handbook is found on our St. John’s website: <https://www.stjohnlcmstopeka.org/learning/sjma/> Details on lesson fees and more information on program descriptions are found in the parent/student handbook on the website.

BRILLE SUNDAY

On Sunday Oct. 24th we will celebrate the important mission work of the **Lutheran Braille Workers**. Our congregation hosts Lutheran Braille Ministries Center #31, where members of our congregation and other Missouri Synod congregations in the area meet to produce large-print books of the Bible in Spanish and English. Lutheran Braille Workers materials are shipped around the world to bring the light of Christ to those who sit in darkness.

In the past, our work center was tasked with collating, binding and shipping only Spanish version large print Bibles. This year we were asked to start printing the large print English Bibles and devotionals. This involves printing these Bibles and devotionals in addition to the binding and shipping. This addition is costing us approximately \$130.00 per Bible. At this time we are printing two Bibles a month plus twenty-two devotionals at the cost of \$1.80 each.

These large-print Bibles are for those who are legally blind. They are in a much larger font size than is found in commercially produced large-print Bibles. The large-print Bibles we produce are in 37 volumes—reaching 18 inches top to bottom when stacked together!

For 75 years and counting Lutheran Braille Workers has been the world’s largest non-profit producer of Braille, Specialized Large Print, and Audio Christian materials. LBW has shipped over 14 million volumes and millions of other pamphlets, calendars, and other materials, in almost 40 languages, to 164 countries. Millions of people have been reached with the Gospel message.

Your contributions to this worthy cause are greatly appreciated by millions of those with vision impairment that seek the word of the Lord. Contributions may be made by designating “Lutheran Braille” on a designated contribution envelope or in the online contribution using the “designated gift/other” option, noting “Lutheran Braille #31.”

ST. JOHN’S WOMEN’S LEAGUE

St. John’s Women League will celebrate LWML Sunday, October 10 by hosting the October monthly breakfast. The menu will be biscuits and gravy, fruit, pastries, milk, juice and coffee. We will have displays of our mission projects and sharing some information about LWML. Join us for this celebration.

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LWML History There’s no question the church is behind you because in so many ways you are ahead of the church.” With those words, a Lutheran historian applauded the progress of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) since its founding in 1942. Its roots, however, go back nearly a century earlier.

Beginning in the 1850’s, women of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) www.lcms.org started local auxiliaries to meet the needs of people—mending clothes for seminarians, equipping hospitals, establishing schools, developing convalescent and retirement homes, assisting orphanages and residences for people with disabilities, gathering clothing, furniture and food for indigents, and funding mission endeavors at home and abroad.

Not until the 1920s, however, did members of congregational societies begin to coordinate their efforts by uniting in state and regional leagues. Oklahoma was first in 1928, but it took more than a decade before official approval was granted for a national LCMS women’s organization. *Written by Marlys Taege Moberg*

In response to resolutions from two district groups, the 1938 LCMS convention established a committee to study “the problem” (of establishing a synod wide women’s organization). The committee’s 1941 report was favorable, and the Synod not only approved, but encouraged the creation of a general organization of women. Five pastors were appointed to arrange a meeting of representatives from interested districts.

At that meeting, held July 7–8, 1942, at St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Chicago, Illinois, the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League was founded by delegates from 15 districts. Today it is active in every district of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. LWML has set a pattern for similar organizations in other countries where there are LCMS partner churches.

Why Purple? The official colors of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League are purple and gold. According to the Southern Illinois Lutheran Woman’s Quarterly Supplement, October 1948, the Southern Illinois district was the first to adopt the colors of purple, symbolizing royalty, and gold, symbolizing value and integrity.

The LWML Executive Board adopted purple and gold at their board meeting held on July 24, 1951, at the Commodore Hotel New York, New York. The minutes of this meeting state: “Motion was made by Mrs. Emil Frank to recommend that the colors Purple and Gold as suggested in the Handbook, be adopted as the official League colors

Mission Statement

The mission of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League is to assist each woman of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.

Vision Statement

The LWML is the leading group for LCMS women where each woman is welcomed and encouraged to use her unique God-given gifts as she supports global missions and serves the Lord with gladness.

We invite all women of St. John's to:

- Sarah circle: meets the second Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. for bible study, a short meeting and fellowship.
- Dorcas circle: meets the second Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. for bible study, a short meeting and fellowship.

Christmas Bazaar: In the November issue, we will have information about our annual Christmas bazaar (December 4 and 5). There will be no luncheon this year.

Distribution of the profits of the Bargain/Bake Sale were as follows: \$200 was given to Feed My Starving Children, \$1,800 to the Topeka Lutheran School Daily Working Fund. We have purchased 100 new ribbons, \$218.90, to replace the tattered ones in the LSB. We have a couple other projects in mind and will report on those later. Bargain Sale-\$3,119.78, Bake Sale-\$546.50 for a total of \$3,666.28 less expenses of \$25.48 & \$46.00 for a profit of \$3,594.80

Shiro (Zippy) and Rob Nguiti wish to thank the Women's league for the clothes, shoes, bags, and bedding donated to them for their mission in Kenya that were left from the Bargain sale.

2022 BUDGET HEARING, 14 NOVEMBER, 10 A.M.

A budget hearing will take place Sunday, November 14 between services at 10 a.m. in the nave. The purpose of this meeting is to hear what is being proposed to bring before the Voters for final approval on Sunday, November 21. Questions and comments are encouraged, but no formal action will be taken at the hearing.

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP: BUDGET AND RECEIPTS REPORT

In an effort to keep our congregation informed about our financial situation, the Board of Stewardship has agreed to publish monthly budget reports. These reports are designed to give you a snapshot of our congregational support of the budget adopted by the voter's assembly for 2021. We hope that you will find this information useful. Several annual pledges have already been received in full – giving a very good financial picture to date.

YTD Projected Budget Receipts through August 2021	\$ 477,501
<u>Actual Receipts through August 2021</u>	<u>\$ 515,493</u>
Year to Date Receipts Over (Under) Budget	\$ 37,992

NOVEMBER VOTER'S MEETING

There will be a Voters Meeting Sunday, November 21 at 12:30 p.m. in the church nave. Items of business will include:

1. Reports from Treasurer, Financial Secretary, and Board Chairs
2. Presentation of the Proposed 2022 Congregational Budget for voter approval
3. Presentation of the ballot of nominees for congregational officers and board members for 2022

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A VOTING MEMBER?

Our constitution defines "voting member" as a communicant member who has reached the age of 18 years and been received as a voting member upon application for such privilege and approval of the voters of the assembly. **We encourage all eligible St. John's members to join the voters assembly.** You can contact the office, a pastor, or your elders to get instructions on how you can become a voter.

NEW MOBILE APP FOR ONLINE GIVING

Vanco, our eGiving provider, has launched an updated mobile app called Vanco Mobile to replace GivePlus Mobile. GivePlus Mobile has been completely phased out since September 30.

You can download the Vanco Mobile app (Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement) for free from the App Store or Google Play. You will need to search for the church by name. Enter underlined name and location exactly as it is written, St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church Topeka KS 66606.

Current users will **use your existing profile** for GivePlus (same username and password). New users will need to set up a new account. Existing mobile users will see their giving history for all Vanco tools. **All existing recurring transactions will transfer to Vanco Mobile.**

After downloading, you can make a one-time donation or set up recurring giving using the app. Just select your fund and amount, enter a payment method and complete the donation. **Payments of any kind; for events, subscriptions, etc. can only be made using the Online Giving link on the St. John's website.** They cannot be made using the Vanco Mobile app. If you have questions or need assistance with the new mobile app, contact Yvonne Berry at the church office, 785.354.7132.

NEW LOOK FOR ONLINE GIVING ON ST. JOHN'S WEBSITE

You will notice a new layout when logging in to the Online Giving page. Simply select "Give Now" for the desired fund; enter the amount, frequency and start date, then select "Add to Basket". After adding all desired giving, select the "Basket", (upper right) and finish the remaining steps.

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FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN PROJECT

It's time to sign up teams of 6-10 of people for our Feed My Starving Children Project. If possible, please form a team who are comfortable being near each other (no individual sign ups this year due to Covid restrictions). One team leader will sign up online on St. John's website. Look for the link found on the home page under Upcoming Events. If you do not have a team, contact the church office to be added to a team. The FMSC project, October 22 – 23, will gather in Luther Hall to package bags of nutritious food to be distributed to the poorest nations of the world. For those who are unable to stand for two hours, there are sit-down jobs available. Contact Ron Sims if you have any further questions.

2021 FLOWER CALENDAR

There are available dates remaining to provide flowers for the altar. Please check the Flower Calendar on the bulletin board outside of the church offices. If you would like to provide flowers for a particular service, sign your name and phone number by the date of your choice. Upcoming available dates include: November 7, 14, 21, 28 and Thanksgiving.

MONTHLY BREAKFAST IN OCTOBER

Join members on Sunday, October 10 for our monthly breakfast between services in Luther Hall. Our LWML will be serving biscuits and gravy. All are welcome, as we meet new faces and welcome each other as brothers and sisters in Christ.

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

St. John's Golf Scramble Tournament will be a 10 a.m. shotgun start on Saturday, October 23, at Forbes Gold Course. Registration opens at 9 a.m. Register by returning a registration form to the church office or by contacting Ryan Weir. Registration forms are available in the church office and in this newsletter.

THANK YOU'S

Greetings in the name of Jesus. I wish to express my sincere thanks for the outpouring of support to me, my family and Linda's family from all of you. Your cards, notes, contributions, kind words, flowers, phone calls, and many other expressions of love have brought us tremendous comfort during this difficult time. We have all been so blessed by Linda's life and her memory lives in all of us. *In Christ – Clayton Kinnet and family*

In celebration of our parents' 70th wedding anniversary, we, the children of Bill and Carol Utech, are so thankful to God for being blessed with amazing parents who raised us to know God as our Savior. – *Sheryl, Teri, Janet, Dianne and Randy*

DOORSTEP NEWS

Doorstep is beginning its plans for their Christmas Store. They plan to adopt 260 households with more than 800 individuals from the Christmas Bureau. How they will handle the distribution is being discussed, and they will update our congregation once they know the details.

The first quarter of Doorstep's 55th Anniversary has passed, with donations for their Anniversary Fund already reaching over \$31,000 so far to replace its HVAC system. Doorstep greatly appreciates the generosity already given and hopes to receive \$129,000 more to replace the HVAC system which is over 60 years old. Anything over the HVAC amount will go toward helping our community neighbors in need with basic needs such as rent and utility assistance. Doorstep is asking its supporters to donate a minimum of \$55 per person towards its 55th Anniversary Fund. You can mail your donations to Doorstep or donate through PayPal on their website: www.DoorstepTopeka.org under the Donate tab, note the anniversary fund with your donation.

POSITION AVAILABLE AT TOPEKA LUTHERAN CYC

Topeka Lutheran School Center for Young Children has a full time Pre-K 3 lead teacher position available. This position offers health insurance, retirement, and PTO. Requirements include: Child Development Associate Credential (in preschool), 5 or more years of experience, certified in First Aid and CPR, must pass KBI/Fingerprint background check and meet current qualification requirements by KDHE for licensed child-care centers. If you or someone you know is interested, contact Valerie at 785-272-1704 or cyc@topek Lutheran.org.



Growing God's Children
for generations to come
Topeka Lutheran School

PRAYER

Oh Lord our God, Whose we are and Whom we serve. We come before You with humble and grateful hearts as You continue to watch over us and our children who attend Topeka Lutheran School. We ask that You daily guide and direct our thoughts and keep the children, whom You have entrusted to us, safe until the day Christ returns in glory to take us from this veil of tears to heaven, our eternal home, to live forever. All this we ask in Christ's name, Amen.

SUPPORT TOPEKA LUTHERAN TODAY! CLICK TO DONATE.

<https://www.topek Lutheran.org/pledge-tracker>

TOTAL COMMITMENTS

Growing God's Children for Generations to Come

Total Amount Committed: \$834,868

Total Pledged Gifts Received: \$685,396

Total # of Pledges Received: 125

TLS UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 10: TLS Sunday at Faith (4th - 8th)
- October 17: TLS Sunday at Christ (2nd - 3rd)
- November 5: Join us for a TLS Campaign Celebration! We will be celebrating with a bonfire, worship, movie and campout - plus coffee and breakfast in the morning!

THANK YOU!

- To our substitute teachers DCE Adams, Ms. Kovatch, Mrs. Landon, Mrs. Saunders, DCE Heather and Mrs. Rinker for teaching when absences arise for our full-time teachers.
- To our friends and grandparents who attended the Special Grandparents Chapel service on September 10. It was a blessing to have you here to worship with us!
- To those families and friends who helped with the September 11 TLS Clean-up and a special shout-out to Mr. Grass for organizing this work!
- To the PTL officers who helped organize the September 25 School Carnival and to all families who came out and supported this event!

WELCOME BACK!

The TLS family welcomes back Mrs. Banion and Mrs. Grass from maternity leave on October 18. We are so thankful to have them back. We offer thoughtful prayers and support to them as they return to the classroom.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congrats to Blake and Sarah Ramsey whose new son arrived late August. Blake is the TLS Athletic Director and Sarah is a member of the TLS Foundation Board.

TLS ALUMNI MEMORIES

Mary Jean (Tero) Shaw, TLS Class of 1960, is a member of Faith Lutheran Church.

"My parents wanted me to have a Christian education when they enrolled me at TLS. We learned about Jesus in the first class of the day which was Religion. Confirmation classes were taught in 8th grade. Mr. Grefe was the principal and 8th grade teacher. My mother served as secretary for 1-2 years for the TLS Association during the time I was a student. My memories include singing hymns, especially "Beautiful Savior" and the memory work from the Bible and the Catechism. Little did I know, as a child at the time, that memorizing verses and passages would be a wonderful blessing to me during times of trouble. I made lifetime Christian friends at TLS."



Date: 10/23/2021

Time: 10 AM
Shotgun

(Registration opens at 9AM)

Course: Forbes
Golf Course

700 SW Capehart Rd.

Cost: \$65 per
person/
\$250 per team

St. John's Scramble

ATTENTION GOLFERS! Now is the time to register for the... *St. John's Scramble* golf tournament! You'll find that this event is a great opportunity for a day of fun and fellowship on the golf course, followed by lunch and an awards ceremony. Skills contests will also be offered throughout the day.

...AND SPONSORS... We gladly accept sponsorships to make the tournament a rewarding experience for our golfers, *100% of your cash donations go directly to the youth account at St. John's.* Your in-kind donations are used for skills contest prizes, goodie bags, etc. and really enhance the tournament experience for all the participants.

Tournament Registration:

TEAM NAME / (INDIVIDUAL ENTRY)

TEAM CAPTAIN

CONTACT PHONE/EMAIL

TEAM MEMBERS:

SPONSOR CONTACT:

Company Name

Contact Name

Phone

Email

Yes - I'm interested in being a sponsor! Please use my donation of \$_____ to benefit the youth group at St. John's.

Please Submit Form & Payment to:
St. John's Lutheran Church
Attn: Golf Committee
901 SW Fillmore Street
Topeka, KS 66606

QUESTIONS? Contact Ryan Weir at (785) 806-4118 -or- ryan.weir@rocketmail.com

October 2021

St. John's Lutheran Church - Topeka, Kansas

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 8am - DIVINE SERVICE 9:20am - COFFEE & DONUTS 9:30am - JR LUTHERANS 9:45am - BIBLE CLASS/SS 11am - DIVINE SERVICE	27 4:30pm - LWML EXEC	28 1pm - DORCAS CIRCLE	29 8:15am - TLS CHAPEL 5:15pm - SOUND WORDS 7pm - EVENING PRAYER	30 7:15pm - KANTOREI	31 6:30pm - ELDER CALLING 7pm - BOARD OF ELDER 7:15pm - KANTOREI	1 2
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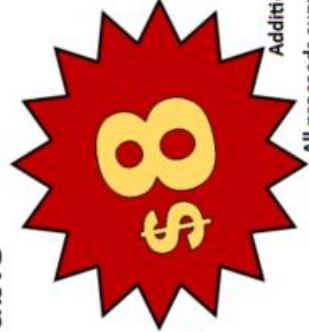
The Feast of the Reformation, Sunday, 31 October 2021

Oktoberfest tickets available
in the Courtyard.

Menu includes bratwurst or
hamburger, tossed salad, German
potato salad, dessert, and drink.



Beer available.



Additional burger or brat, \$2

All proceeds support LCMS International Missions

German Mass (D.S. 5) 10:00 a.m.

Oktoberfest meal following the service.



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THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.” (Matthew 28:19–20a)
So that we may obtain faith in Christ, God instituted the ministry of teaching the gospel and administering the sacraments. Through the gospel and sacraments, as through means, God gives the Holy Spirit who produces faith, where and when He wills, in those who hear the gospel. (*Augsburg Confession*, Article 5)