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JESUS LEARNING? NO WAY!

Each Monday afternoon I lead a Bible Study in Manhattan, KS for my oldest son and his college roommates. We are currently going through Matthew's gospel account. This past Monday we came to chapter 4, where Jesus is tempted by the Devil in the wilderness. The Devil's first temptation was to get Jesus to turn stones into bread, so as to elevate Jesus' hunger after fasting for forty days and nights. Jesus responded with a quotation from Deuteronomy 8.3, "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4.4). Each of the three responses Jesus gave to the Devil came from the book of Deuteronomy. I asked, "If you were in a face-to-face combat with the Devil and all you had was your working knowledge of the book of Deuteronomy, how would you do?" This was said somewhat in jest, but my point was Jesus studied the Old Testament. He read the Scriptures during His evening and morning devotions, He read them while in school and heard them read at the synagogue each Sabbath day, as was His custom (see Luke 4.16). Jesus studied the Scriptures.

This was a mind-bender for the college students because they assume Jesus came out of the womb knowing God, knowing the Scriptures backward and forward and knowing His future. Furthermore, they assume Jesus did not have to study the Scriptures because He was the Word of God incarnate. This type of thinking disregards the human nature of Jesus. Moreover, it does not consider the numerous teachers (both good and bad) Jesus had before becoming a rabbi (teacher) Himself. Who taught Jesus about the peculiar encounter with an angel before He was born? Mary did. Who taught Jesus about the night Herod sought to kill His entire family? Joseph did. Joseph and Mary, along with other teachers throughout His formative years taught Jesus Israel's history, the Law and the Prophets. Who taught Jesus how to use wood—to measure, cut, plane, sand, etc.? Again, Joseph did. To think Jesus opted out of these lessons because He was God incarnate suggests He operated in His divine nature all the time. Plenty of verses could be cited to make this point, but notice Luke 2.52 where we read, And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man. Other than His physical stature, these things did not happen all by themselves. God the Father used means (a devout family and knowledgeable teachers) to teach and train His Son.

On Wednesday night at Sound Words Academy, I included Luke 2.52 in my Adult Bible Study where we are studying Proverbs. Solomon, in chapter 1 says that Wisdom "cries aloud in the street, in the markets she raises her voice; at the head of the noisy streets she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: 'How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge?'" This is followed by a wonderful blessing: "If you turn at my reproof, behold, I will pour out my spirit to you; I will make my words known to you."

Again, from Luke 2:52 we see that Jesus heeded Solomon's council and sought wisdom. Sure, Jesus Christ is Wisdom incarnate, but this does not mean He did not take up Solomon's instruction to receive Wisdom's words, treasure up Wisdom's commandments, make His ear attentive, incline His heart to understanding, call out for insight, raise His voice for understanding, seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures (see Proverbs 2.1-5). None of this came easily for Jesus, nor does it come easily for us. It's a struggle. Incidentally, when the first deacons were selected to assist the apostles the qualifications were: Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty (Acts 6:3). The assignment included looking for men to serve who had dedicated themselves to studying the Scriptures and had thereby acquired wisdom.

Then, on Friday, I listened to a fellow Lutheran pastor (Pr. Christopher Seifferlein) give a Convocation address at a local Christian school. His topic was the humanity of Jesus using Luke 2:52 as his primary text. Here is a small portion from Pr. Siefferlein's address: "Jesus was true God, knowing everything, and yet He became like you in every way. And that means just like you, Jesus had to go to class to understand. And though He was without sin, and perfect in every way (Hebrews 2:17), that doesn't mean that He never got a B in class or never got a problem wrong. It doesn't mean that He didn't scratch His head, not understanding His teachers, having to ask for help. Jesus increased in wisdom, which means that He had to go to class too. He had to dedicate His life to studying. He who made the brain had to stretch and work His brain. He who knew all things became One who knew nothing. He who was Wisdom, had to start from the beginning. He had to become, right where you are, right where you sit. Jesus Himself was first a humble, and ordinary student."

This is a wonderful look at the humanity of Jesus, who struggled at times to learn, just like we do. I encourage you to read all of Pr. Siefferlein's address. It can be found at veritasacademy.com/headmasters-blog/what-if-jesus-were-in-your-class.



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

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

Kantor - Bethany M. Johnson

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

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

Our Sunday service on October 31 will be only a one-time service at 10:00 a.m. so don't miss it! The Feast of the Reformation will be followed by an Oktoberfest meal. 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.

SOUND WORDS ACADEMY IN NOVEMBER

Everyone

Evening Prayer (8 September – 4 May; 7:00 p.m.) The center and heart of Sound Words Academy is our congregation’s gathering together, irrespective of age, to receive the gifts of the Lord and call upon Him in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving. Required for all catechumens, it is not for catechumens alone; and, in fact, *the presence of the entire congregation demonstrates their support for the catechumens and their learning of the faith.*

Children (Aged 4 – 12 yrs)

Jr. Lutherans (8 September – 4 May, 5:55–6:25 p.m.; Grass & Sorensen) This fast-paced Bible, Catechism, and Lutheran history quiz game places Lutherans in competition with one another and teams from other congregations—with “trivia” that is hardly *trivial*. To enroll, just show up!

Rhythm of Faith Choir (8 September – 4 May, 6:25–6:50 p.m.) Rhythm of Faith uses God’s gift of music to confess the truth of His Word in song. Develop life-long skills in singing, ringing, and reading music. Learn the rich heritage of Lutheran hymnody and liturgy. Contact Bethany Johnson for more information.

Adults

Proverbs (13 October – 10 November; 5:55–6:50 p.m.; Kerns) Is the book of Proverbs just a collection of “wise words,” or is it filled with another kind of wisdom, or even Wisdom Itself? If we capitalize Wisdom, what are we saying? Is it a thing, an idea, a person? And why does it even matter? Over the course of the year in three separate segments come and be enriched to see Christ Himself in Proverbs.

The Formula of Concord, Part III: What It Means for Christ to Be Divine and Human and A Miscellany of Problems (17 November, 1 & 8 December, 5:55-6:50 p.m.; Bruss) Forged in the crucible of controversy during the first decades of the Reformation, the Formula of Concord presents perennially relevant doctrinal issues and their solutions. In this continuation of our pre-pandemic Formula of Concord class we dive into the heady issues concerning just how the human nature and divine nature in Christ relate to one another and apply it to Christ’s descent into hell. For this one, you’ll need to bring your *Book of Concord*. If you don’t own a Book of Concord or didn’t get an *Epitome* last time, copies of the *Book of Concord* are available in the office for \$36.00.

LCMS U/College Students and Young Adults

***On Being a Theologian of the Cross: Reflections on Luther’s Heidelberg Disputation, 1518* (8 September – 8 December; 7:40–8:35 p.m.; Bruss)** What to make of the Cross, and suffering, of Jesus and His Christians? Is Christ’s suffering and death just God’s living out of “misery loves company”? We the victims (of sin), so Christ the victim, too? *On Being a Theologian of the Cross* reads Luther’s 1518 Heidelberg Disputation *on the theology of the cross* to answer these and many more questions. Buy the book. [Available online in a variety of conditions and formats from \\$7 to \\$17.](#)

Adult Catechesis

Adult Catechesis (8 September – 4 May 7:40-8:35 p.m.; September through December, Kerns; January through May, Bruss) The central teachings of the Christian faith. What does God say *about* me in His Law? What does God say *to* me in His Gospel? How am I to relate to God? And where can I find Christ and what He wants to give to me? This September through May course, with breaks scattered throughout those 8 months, uses the first chapters of Genesis, the Gospel according to St. Matthew, and *The Small Catechism* to answer these and many more questions. For those interested in becoming members of St. John’s or those seeking a refresher in the guts of Lutheran theology. If you’d like to join the class or have questions, please contact Pr. Bruss (jbruss@stjlcms.org).

Youth Catechesis

YCat I (8 September – 4 May, 5:55–6:50 p.m.; Bartels) For 6th graders. 1 year long.

YCat II (8 September – 4 May, 5:55–6:50 p.m.; Bruss & Kerns) For 7th and 8th graders. 2 years long.

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.

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S LEAGUE

St. John's LWML want to thank everyone who helped prepare and serve both the Sound Words Academy Supper and the St. John's LWML breakfast on LWML Sunday. It was a nice turn out and everyone seemed to enjoy the food.

This year our LWML group sent to LWR (Lutheran World Relief) 25 quilts, 30 health kits and 86 school kits. Without the generous donations from our St. John's members and friends this would not have been possible. Thank you to everyone.

Here is a special message from the National Convention in Lexington, KY, as it fits perfectly with our message. This is a thought from **Gary Thies, Mission Central, located in Mapleton, Iowa**. He asked us this question at the LWML national convention— "How many of you are missionaries?" He asked everyone to raise their right hand and he swore in everyone as missionaries. So, my message to you is this: whenever you leave your home, church, work place, or shopping area, remember you are in the mission field and remember Psalm 100:2, *Serve the LORD with gladness!*

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**We invite all ladies of the congregation to:**

**Sarah circle** meets 2nd Monday of the month, at 6:00 PM for bible study, short meeting and fellowship.

**Dorcas circle** meets 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1:00 PM for bible study, short meeting and fellowship.

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Annual Christmas Bazaar will be held Saturday December 4, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. in Luther Hall and Sunday December 5, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. Items may be brought on Thursday and Friday between 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

There will be no luncheon this year. However, we would still like to be able to support some of the missions this year as we have in the past. We are asking our church members for monetary donations to our non-luncheon to help us fund these needs. If you bought tickets, provided a pie, or donated in the past, please consider contributing the cost of the pie or tickets to help us support our worthy missions. All contributions will be given to a charity or mission. Please watch the bulletins and December newsletter for more information.

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 The Women's League continues to collect **Best Choice labels**. Ask your friends and family to save them for you. Place them in the box labeled stamps **along with any stamps you collect**. Please do not leave stamps in the church office. Money received from the Best Choice labels is used for our special projects.

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 Donations for quilt projects must be cotton fabric and embroidery floss. Thank you in advance to anyone who would like to donate. Monetary donations can be given to the church office and Erika will see that it gets to the Women's League.

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INFORMATIONAL SESSION ON POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIP WITH TRINITY AND 2022 BUDGET HEARING, NOVEMBER 14, 10 A.M.

The 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. Since the 2022 budget also provides for the possibility of sharing a pastor with Trinity in McFarland, time will also be devoted to explaining, discussing, and answering questions about that opportunity.

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 September 2021	\$535,837
<u>Actual Receipts through September 2021</u>	<u>\$578,219</u>
Year to Date Receipts Over (Under) Budget	\$ 42,382

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.

SHARE THE HARVEST

This year, St. John's members again have the opportunity to "Share their Harvest." This donation goes toward local agencies to assist the needy in the Topeka area. The Harvest will be gathered at services on Thanksgiving Day and the following Sunday. Please use the "Share the Harvest" Designated Offering envelope from your contribution envelopes. Last year, \$887 was distributed in support of Topeka Rescue Mission (25%), Let's Help (25%), Doorstep, Inc. (25%), and St. John's Human Care (25%). We deeply thank you for your contribution to this human care effort. "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His love endures forever." Psalm 107:1

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2021 AT 2 A.M.

Set your clocks back before you go to bed Saturday evening, November 6

MONTHLY BREAKFAST IN NOVEMBER

Join members on Sunday, November 14 for our monthly breakfast between services in Luther Hall. Our breakfast is potluck. You are welcome to bring a dish to share. All are welcome as we join together for food and fellowship.

CAROLING THIS DECEMBER

Share your voice and joy for the upcoming Christmas season with caroling. Save the date and your voice for Saturday, December 11 at 10:00 a.m. More details to come.

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.

THANKSGIVING GIFT CARDS/POINSETTIA DELIVERY

At Thanksgiving time, the Welfare Fund provides gift card assistance to members who have needs. If you wish to contribute to this cause, please make your check payable to St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church with "Welfare" on the memo line. If you would be willing to deliver poinsettias during the Christmas season, contact Pam Harms at pharms@stjlcms.org or call her at the church office at 354-7132 ext. 102.

THANK YOU'S

Thank you to everyone for the prayers, cards and phone calls I received during my operation and therapy. – *Sharon Berner*

DOORSTEP NEWS

Doorstep's focus for the rest of the year is its Christmas project. They have started early organizing, arranging and promoting needed items. Their dedicated volunteers have been going through the basement and pulling out all previously donated items to use as well. However, they are still in need of more blankets, household items and games/puzzles.

Doorstep will adopt 260 households and 800+ individuals from the Christmas Bureau like they did in the past. However, this year they are adding to what the families receive. Doorstep will provide its regular Christmas food package, a \$20 gift card for each family member, a health kit, blanket or quilt, and a household item (such as crockpot, sheet set, school supplies or game)

What is needed for Christmas at this time:

- Full/Queen and King blankets (new)
- Coffee pots, crock pots, toasters, skillet sets and electric sets (new)
- Board games and puzzles (new)
- Monetary donations – which help purchase the gift cards, food and any of the above items not donated

You can mail your tax deductible donations to: Doorstep, Inc., 1119 SW 10th, Topeka, KS 66604 or go to their website at www.doorsteptopeka.org to donate with card.

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@topekalutheran.org.

TLS SUNDAY AT ST. JOHN'S

On Sunday, November 7, we welcome the Topeka Lutheran School Kindergarten and first grade students to sing at both of our services. Principal Francik will be speaking on the current state of Topeka Lutheran School and introducing the current staff. Thank you for all your prayers, volunteer efforts, and financial contributions to support Topeka Lutheran.

Thank you from all of us at Neema Lutheran Theological College, Matongo, Kenya,
to all of you!

After chapel on Wednesdays, when we have divine service, the students like to take pictures of each other. Here are some of us (not all), faculty and students, on the steps going up the hill to our main classroom building.



Because of COVID delays and closures, we are in our third consecutive semester with no more than a two week break in between. This is challenging for the students and their families in many ways, but their dedication is impressive. By God's grace, we hope to finish this semester just before Christmas and be back on schedule with the semester starting in January.

Thank you for your dedication to supporting this work of training pastors, deaconesses and evangelists. May God continue to pour out on you his blessings which are truly without end.

Vance and Linda Becker in Kenya



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

PRAYER

Oh Lord Our Lord, how majestic is Your Name. As Your forgiven people we come to you in thanksgiving for all the blessings You richly and daily shower on us without any effort on our part. We are not worthy to come into Your presence, yet You give us grace and mercy each and every day. We pray that You continue to bless our Capital Campaign as we come to the final year. We give thanks for all the people who have participated in it that will allow Topek Lutheran School to continue serving our congregations. All this we ask in Christ's name, Amen.

SUPPORT TOPEKA LUTHERAN TODAY! CLICK TO DONATE.

<https://www.topekalutheran.org/pledge-tracker>

TOTAL COMMITMENTS

Total Amount Committed: \$834,868

Total Pledged Gifts Received: \$713,690

Total # of Pledges Received: 125

TLS UPCOMING EVENTS

- **November 5** - Outdoor Movie/Camp-out/Campaign Celebration at TLS main campus
- **November 7** - TLS Sunday at St. John's
- **Save-the-Date! December 14** - All School Christmas concert at TLS main campus

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

- To the staff and members of Faith and Christ Lutheran Churches for welcoming TLS students and families during the October TLS Sundays!
- For those families who shared prayers and gifts to the capital campaign, making it possible to complete school debt repayment through the Foundation and to provide additional resources for building and campus improvements, community recruitment efforts, and upgrades to the playgrounds. With your continued giving, the remaining important campaign goals will be accomplished in the near future!
- To those families who designate TLS for your Thrivent CHOICE \$\$! These gifts are used as an additional resource for the tuition assistance program (Grant-in-Aid Fund) and provided TLS just over \$10,000 during 2020!

TEACHER HIGHLIGHT: BRENDA SCHWARTZ

Topeka Lutheran School welcomes new staff! Meet Brenda Schwartz the new 1st grade teacher. Here's a few words from Brenda. "My husband Dave and I have lived in the Topeka and Meriden area for over 26 years. We joined Faith Lutheran Church in 1995. We have been active in church and raised our children Jacob and Olivia along with our church family. Jacob is finishing up a business degree at Washburn while Olivia is following in her mom's footsteps pursuing a teaching degree at K-State. We enjoy time with family, friends, rooting on our favorite sports teams, and traveling. Teaching has been something I've wanted to do since I was in Middle school helping out with my first VBS. I also was a lifeguard and water safety instructor for the Red Cross. I love building relationships with my students and seeing those "aha" moments when something clicks for the first time!" Welcome to the TLS family!

JOIN US FOR TOPEKA LUTHERAN SCHOOL'S

FAMILY CAMPOUT

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5

6:00 PM • TENT SETUP

7:00 PM • WORSHIP & OWL DEDICATION

7:30 PM • BONFIRE, SMORES, & CAMPAIGN
CELEBRATION

8:00 PM • MOVIE BEGINS

DONUTS & COFFEE IN THE MORNING!



More info & RSVP click here:
www.topekalutheran.org/campout

November 2021

St. John's Lutheran Church - Topeka, Kansas

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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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)