

In the Congregation

April 2024

Join us this Sunday for Easter Coffee and Pastries: We welcome everyone in fellowship and enjoy coffee and assorted pastries. We will begin after the early service at 9:30 a.m. in Luther Hall.

Easter egg hunt for Sunday School children: On Easter, we'll have a shortened Sunday School lesson starting at 9:45. This will be followed by an Easter Egg Hunt. High school students are encouraged to attend their class as they will be helping to hide the Easter eggs. Sunday School students are welcome to bring their Easter baskets or other bags for the Egg Hunt.

Choice Dollars Deadline: The quarterly deadline for designating Choice Dollars is March 31. Funds designated to St. John's are used for mission support of Lutherans for Life and to provide matching funds to the LYF Golf Tournament, LWML Bazaar, and Smorgasbord. Funds may also be designated to St. John's Classical Lutheran School by designating toward St. John's and then notifying Coleen you want it to be moved to the school. You may designate your Choice Dollars online at Thrivent.com or by calling 800-847-4836.

Reminder—our church office will be closed Monday.

Sound Words Academy resumes this Wednesday. Remember to sign up for the meal on SignUp Genius prior to Monday evening.

Monthly Breakfast will be potluck on Sunday, April 14 between services in Luther Hall. We look forward to food and fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

St. John's 150th Anniversary Committee is holding one last photo opportunity for anyone who has not had their photo taken for the new directory. Our photographer will be at St. John's on April 14 from 9–1 p.m. We hope you will be able to have your photo taken to be part of our 150th Anniversary photo directory of our members. The directory will be given to members during our celebration in September. As you schedule your vacation plans for this fall, we encourage you to mark your calendar for September 14 and 15 to attend our celebration activities.

Are you a voting member of St. John's? Our constitution defines "voting member" as one who is 18 years and has been received as a voting member upon application for such privilege and approval of the voters of the assembly. If you would like to become a voting member of our congregation, contact the office, pastor, or any elder to get instructions on how you can become a voter. **Our next quarterly voters meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 28.**

We welcome you to the Choral Evening Prayer service on Wednesday, April 24 at 7:00 p.m., which will feature Schola Cantorum, Sunday School children, children's handbell choirs, and St. John's Music Academy students.

Our Missions

St. John's continues to support Pastors Panchu and Furs in Saratov, Russia; Pastor Becker in Kenya; and Pastor Weber in Wittenberg, Germany. Pledge cards for the support of these International Missions will be included in the bulletin on Sunday, April 14. Please return your pledge card to the church office by Sunday, April 28. Donations can be made using your International Missions offering envelope or by designating "International Missions" in your online offering. We encourage you to keep the top portion of the card as a reminder to pray for these pastors and all our dear brothers and sisters in Christ whom they serve. Thank you to all who have already donated to International Missions this year.

Dear friends at St. Johns, thank you for your recent contribution to God's work here at Matongo Lutheran Theological College. We are now over half way through the semester. Mid term exams have revealed which students are doing well and which ones are struggling because of their knowledge of English or other issues. There are many challenges for all of them, including concerns for family back home, their own health, studying when the electricity has gone off, etc. But they continue to work hard and God continues to provide and give endurance. What you have helped to provide is a great blessing to them and, in turn, will make them able to be a blessing to their churches. God's blessings to you also in this Lenten season as remember how God has helped us in our greatest need. — Rev. Vance Becker



Thank You!

Thank you everyone who attended and helped at our annual church cleaning. It was wonderful to see many participate with faithful and hardworking hands. We greatly appreciate everyone helping make our St. John's ready for the Holy Week.

With great appreciation, we would like to thank Nancy for her over 20 years of serving the Altar Guild. Thank you for your leadership and support of St. John's. The Altar Guild will now be scheduled through the church office along with the volunteers who help prepare our Sacrament for each service. Thank you!



St. John's Youth are invited to zipline!

Join us Saturday, April 20 to travel to Manhattan to zipline at Wildwood Adventure Park. Adults and children ages 5 and up (weighing 50lbs or more) are able to zipline. Our event is reserved for 1:00, so we will meet at church and depart at noon.

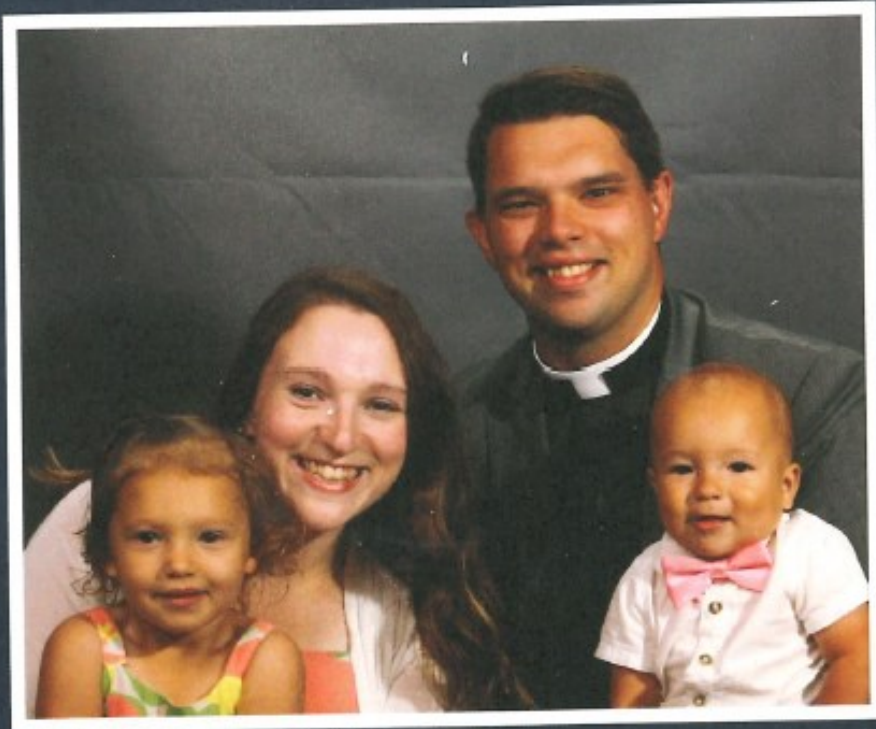
Cost will be covered by St. John's youth fund. Sign up on the youth board or contact the church office for more information.



Concordia Theological Seminary's Candidate Call Service will take place
on April 24 at 7:00 p.m. EDT.
Vicar Kastner will be part of the call service, and welcomes you to watch
in celebration and thanksgiving.



2024



Let's Celebrate

JOHN KASTNER

Concordia Theological Seminary

Call Service, Wed. Apr. 24th – 7:00 p.m. EDT
<https://www.ctsfw.edu/callday/>

Graduation Service, Fri. May 17th – 4:00 p.m. EDT

LWML

The Texas District LWML is no longer collecting stamps, and as a result, the Kansas District LWML will no longer be collecting them. We appreciate all of members of St. Johns who have faithfully collected and trimmed stamps for missions.



The 10th Annual Luke Savage Memorial Golf Tournament

This golf tournament has become such a fun and memorable event! This year all proceeds will go to the newly established **The Luke Squad Foundation**.

The tournament will be held Saturday, June 8th, at Shawnee Country Club at 913 SE 29th. Registration will begin at 8 am with a shotgun start to follow at 9 am. This event will be a four-person scramble. Entry fee per person is \$80.00 or \$320.00 per team. A light breakfast along with a boxed lunch will be provided to all participants. Both raffle and various other prizes will be awarded. Hole Sponsorships will continue to be \$100.00 and any raffle prizes or donations will be gladly accepted. To sign up, contact The Luke Squad Foundation at dkmsavage@yahoo.com.

Join us and "Play With All Your Heart" in memory of Luke and to help raise funds for children/families experiencing health issues and hardships! The Foundation's Mission Statement is; *Provide faith-filled hope and encouragement for families with children with health concerns (travel, meals, and gifts for extended hospital stays or during Christmas) and to provide support for all children to live life to the fullest (developmental support needs).*

Doorstep would like to thank those who volunteered or donated during our St. John's volunteer month. April looks to be a busy month for Doorstep. Beginning on April 1-15, they will be having a fundraiser with *Play it Again Sports* where you can donate quality used sports gear and equipment to their location in Fairlawn Plaza Mall. Make sure you let them know it's for Doorstep's fundraiser. Proceeds of your donations will be given to Doorstep.

Doorstep's annual banquet and quilt drawing will take place on Tuesday, April 23 at 6:30 p.m. The event includes dinner, honoring volunteers and celebrating the work done in 2023. RSVP to Doorstep (785-357-5341) by April 19.

Future events to look forward to include: Golf Tournament on June 28, Doorstep's 7th annual Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Fun Run for October 12.

ST. JOHN'S CLASSICAL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

News & Notes



3/4 Grade Science and History

with Mrs. Kosmicki

The third and fourth graders Science and History classes may not be as exciting as the younger student enrichment class, but they offer valuable learning opportunities. The third and fourth graders are studying American History this year. They are learning about the influential men and women who helped make this country what it is.

The curriculum is literary based. They alternate between reading biographies and historical fiction to get a feel for the time period. They have studied many people from Benjamin Franklin to Abraham Lincoln and most recently Clara Barton, with many others in between.

For Science, they are partaking on a yearlong study of mammals. They have studied one family of animals at a time. For each animal they learn about their different characteristics. This also includes the animals' scientific name, so we are able to incorporate Latin into science.

Prayer

"Father, O hear me, Pardon and spare me;
Calm all my terrors, Blot out my errors
That by Thine eyes they may no more be scanned
Order my goings, Direct all my doings;
As it may please Thee, Retain or release me;
All I commit to Thy fatherly hand.

LSB 726:2

Join Us

Join us for the Office of Matins at 8:30 a.m. each school day. Please enter the south Luther Hall doors to enter the building.

Join us on **Wednesday, April 24 at 7:00 p.m.** for the Choral Evening Prayer Service featuring Schola Cantorum and other children's music

Join us in memorizing The Sacrament of the Altar.



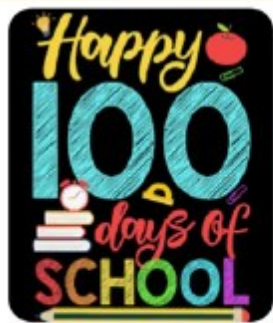
Highlights from the Month

- Learning all about the Joshua, Jericho, Gideon, the Judges, and Ruth
- Celebrating 100 days of school on February 22
- School field trip to the Capitol
- Singing with the Ecclesia Bells on Sunday
- Learning about the Roman Soldier in Latin and the Ephesians 6 spiritual weapons and armor
- Reading "A Bear Called Paddington" (3/4)
- Reading "Blaze and the Forest Fire" (1st grade)
- Learning about Robert Schumann and Igor Stravinsky in music and Romero Britto in art
- Learning present, imperfect, and perfect tenses in Latin
- "Agnus Dei" = "Lamb of God"

ST. JOHN'S CLASSICAL LUTHERAN SCHOOL



Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi
"Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world."



"Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication." Ephesians 6:13-18



Miles Christi sum
"I am a soldier of Christ."



St. John's Youth Save the Dates!

St. John's Music Camp

SPONSORED BY
ST. JOHN'S MUSIC ACADEMY



Music Camp: Our St. John's Music Academy is helping sponsor the music camp June 10-14. Registration and more information is found: <https://stjohnlcmstopeka.org/learning/music-camp/>.

June 10-14
9:00-11:30 a.m.
901 SW Fillmore, Topeka

Ages: entering 1st-5th grades
Cost: \$30 per child
music, snacks, crafts, & games
gathered around God's Word



VBS: This year's Vacation Bible School will take place June 24-28. More details to come!

Share and pass this along to your friends who might be interested.

Led by Bethany Johnson and Erin Grass

Questions? Contact Bethany Johnson (bjohnson@stjlcms.org)

Register: stjohnlcmstopeka.org/learning/music-camp/



SJMA Spring Recital

By piano, violin, and voice students

Sunday, April 28 at 4:00 p.m.

St. John's Luther Hall

All are invited and encouraged to attend!

April 2024 St. John's Lutheran Church Topeka, KS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD 8am DIVINE SERVICE 9:20am PASTRIES & FELLOWSHIP 11am DIVINE SERVICE	1 OFFICE CLOSED	2 8:30am MATINS 1pm LWML EXEC	3 8:30am MATINS 10am WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 5pm SOUND WORDS ACADEMY 7pm EVENING PRAYER	4 8:30am MATINS	5 8:30am MATINS	6
7 QUASIMODOGENITI 8am DIVINE SERVICE 9:20am COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP 9:45am BIBLE CLASS/SS 11am DIVINE SERVICE 1pm HOMEBOUND DIVINE SERVICE	8 8:30am MATINS 6:30pm SARAH CIRCLE	9 8:30am MATINS 1pm DORCAS CIRCLE	10 8:30am MATINS 10am WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 5pm SOUND WORDS ACADEMY 7pm EVENING PRAYER	11 8:30am MATINS 6:15pm ECCLESIA BELLS 6:30pm ELDER CALLING 7pm ELDERS 7:15pm KANTOREI	12 8:30am MATINS	13
14 MISERICORDIAS DOMINI 8am DIVINE SERVICE 9:15am MONTHLY BREAKFAST 9:45am SUNDAY SCHOOL 11am DIVINE SERVICE	15 8:30am MATINS	16 8:30am MATINS 4pm PARISH ED 4:30pm TRUSTEES 4:30 SJCLS BOARD 5:30pm STEWARDSHIP 6pm MISSONS/EVANG	17 8:30am MATINS 10am WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 5pm SOUND WORDS ACADEMY 7pm EVENING PRAYER	18 8:30am MATINS 6:15pm ECCLESIA BELLS 7:15pm KANTOREI	19 8:30am MATINS	20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
21 JUBILATE 8am DIVINE SERVICE 9:20am COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP 9:45am BIBLE CLASS/SS 11am DIVINE SERVICE 4:00 SJMA RECITAL 12:30 VOTERS	22 8:30am MATINS	23 8:30am MATINS 6:30pm COUNCIL	24 8:30am MATINS 10am WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 5pm SOUND WORDS ACADEMY 7pm EVENING PRAYER	25 8:30am MATINS 6:15pm ECCLESIA BELLS 7:15pm KANTOREI	26 8:30am MATINS	27
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Coming Up

Sun.	8:00	Divine Service
	9:20	Pastries & Fellowship
	9:45	Sunday School and Egg Hunt
	11:00	Divine Service
Mon.		Office and SJCLS Closed
Tues.	8:30	Matins
Wed.	8:30	Matins
	10:00	Women's Bible Study
	5:00	Sound Words Academy
		Meal: Hot Beef Sandwiches
	7:00	Evening Prayer
Thurs.	8:30	Matins
Fri.	8:30	Matins
Sun.	8:00	Divine Service
	9:20	Coffee & Fellowship
	9:45	Sunday School/Bible Study
	11:00	Divine Service
	1:00	Homebound Divine Service in Courtyard

St. John's Classical Lutheran School attends Matins Service weekdays at 8:30 a.m. All the congregation is welcome to attend and worship with the students and faculty. Please use the Luther Hall doors to enter.

Daily Readings...

Monday (4/1): Exodus 15:1-18; Hebrews 9:1-28
Tuesday (4/2): Exodus 15:19 - 16:12; Hebrews 10:1-18
Wednesday (4/3): Exodus 16:13-35; Hebrews 10:19-39
Thursday (4/4): Exodus 17:1-16; Hebrews 11:1-29
Friday (4/5): Exodus 18:5-27; Hebrews 12:1-24
Saturday (4/6): Exodus 19:1-25; Hebrews 13:1-21
Sunday (4/7): Exodus 20:1-24; Luke 4:1-15

Prayer of the Week...

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Looking Forward to Next Week...

~Easter Monday~
Exodus 15:1-18 Acts 10:34-43 Luke 24:13-35
~Easter Tuesday~
Daniel 3:8-23 Acts 13:26-33 Luke 24:36-49
~Easter Wednesday~
Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 Colossians 3:1-7 John 21:1-14



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"CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED"



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)