

In the Congregation

During the Easter season the Paschal candle stands near the lectern and is lighted to represent Jesus Christ, risen from the dead. It is adorned with a cross and five brads for the five wounds of Christ. At other times of the year, the Paschal candle stands near the font. At funerals, the paschal candle is lit as a reminder that the baptized person who dies with faith in Christ will rise again to eternal life.

St. John's continues to support the missions of 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 are in the kiosk in the courtyard. Return the bottom portion 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.

Our next quarterly voters meeting is scheduled for this Sunday at 12:30 p.m. If you would like to become a voting member of our congregation, contact the office, pastor, or an elder to get instructions on how you can become a voter.

Our Last Sound Words Academy will take place this Wednesday, May 1. Remember to sign up for the meal on SignUp Genius. Sound Words Academy will resume after the summer with a more specific date announced later.

Youth Confirmation will be during our early Divine Service on Sunday, May 5. We welcome you to a cake reception in Luther Hall after the early service to celebrate our confirmand.

150th Anniversary Photo Directory If you have not had your photo taken for the new anniversary member directory, you can submit a photo no later than May 15.

No Monthly Breakfast in May due to Mother's Day. Our next monthly breakfast will be June 9 with the Elders serving biscuits and gravy.

Congratulations and God's Blessings to our former vicar, John Kastner, and his family for receiving a call to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Olathe, KS. He will serve as a church planter and the first Pastor of Light of the World Lutheran Church in Desoto, KS.

We give thanks unto the Lord!



St. John's Youth zipline!

Some of our youth went ziplining in Manhattan, KS recently.

Everyone had a wonderful time and enjoyed fellowship and encouragement with one another.

LWML

Want to know more about what's happening with the LWML? Check out the LWML bulletin board located just inside the SE doors at St. John's. Starting May 1 you will see more postings of all the upcoming events. There will also be pamphlets explaining various projects. As ever we are Lutheran Women in Mission.



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 or contact Kim Savage at #785-640-0092.

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 says the need for food assistance remains high. They have already spent half of the amount budgeted for food purchases this year. Consider donating non-perishable food items to Doorstep. Items they can always use include:

Can & Powdered Milk	Soups (not chicken noodle)	Jelly
Pancake Mix & Syrup	Spaghetti & Sauce	Tuna
Boxed Potatoes	Canned Vegetables	Rice
Canned Fruit (variety)	Peanut Butter	Oatmeal

Bring donations to Doorstep (1119 SW 10th) Monday – Friday from 9am – 2pm:

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



Beauty and Benefits of Cursive Writing in Classical Education

by Bethany Johnson

The three characteristics of classical education are truth, goodness, and beauty. They are woven into the curriculum and daily instruction within the classroom for the purpose of enlightening a child's mind towards the things of God, because God is the source of all three: truth, goodness, and beauty.

Beauty can take various forms in architecture, music, art, nature, good literature, and the list goes on. God creates beauty. And we, as children of God, should seek to imitate that in our language, actions, and disciplines. One of the disciplines in our classical school is penmanship, specifically cursive writing. Not only does proper handwriting demonstrate an aesthetic sense of beauty, but it also provides many practical purposes that benefit the learning process.

Connecting letters through cursive increases the speed of writing, which in turn improves attention span and the ability to excel. It also improves neural connections in the brain by using both sides. Not only is the mind involved in writing cursive, but the arms, hands, and eyes are also required for focus, discipline, organization, patience, and accurate attention to detail.

Believe it or not, first grade is the ideal time to begin cursive training. Perfect printing will come later, but good cursive techniques are easier to learn especially at an earlier stage when they have the capability to do so. This impacts early fine motor skill development and ability to focus on content. This also prevents the difficult transition from printing to cursive in a later grade. Plus, the earlier to introduce this form of beauty in handwriting, the better! It is pleasing to children and such a delight to learn.

Prayer

"Hear us, dear Father, when we pray
For needed help from day to day
That as Your children we may live,
Whom You baptized and so received.
LSB 865:3

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 **for our last day of school chapel service on Friday, May 24** to thank God for a great school year!

Join us in memorizing The Sacrament of the Altar.



Highlights from the Month

- Learning all about Holy Week, the Holy Land, Samuel, Saul, and David and Goliath
- singing in the Choral Evening Prayer service and at Amy Thomas' funeral
- Reading "The Cricket in Times Square" and Greek Mythology (3/4)
- Reading "Stone Soup" and "The Little House" (1st grade)
- Learning about instruments and Jazz/Ragtime in music and Picasso in art
- Writing thank you notes (K/1)
- "Signum crucis" = "Sign of the Cross"
- Attending the school's Open House, welcoming new families to the school for next year

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St. John's Youth Save the Dates!

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/>.

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.



*St. John's
Music Camp*
SPONSORED BY
ST. JOHN'S MUSIC ACADEMY



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



Led by Bethany Johnson and Erin Grass
Questions? Contact Bethany Johnson (bjohnson@stjlcms.org)
Register: stjohnlcmstopeka.org/learning/music-camp/

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
CANTATE 28 8am DIVINE SERVICE 9:20am COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP 9:45am BIBLE CLASS/SS 11am DIVINE SERVICE 12:30pm VOTERS 4pm SJMA RECITAL	29 8:30am MATINS	30 8:30am MATINS	1 8:30am MATINS 10am WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 5pm SOUND WORDS ACADEMY 7pm EVENING PRAYER	2 8:30am MATINS 6:15pm ECCLESIA BELLS 6:30pm ELDER CALLING 7pm ELDERS 7:15pm KANTOREI	3 8:30am MATINS	4
ROGATE 5 8am DIVINE SERVICE & YOUTH CONFIRMATION 9:20am CONFIRMATION RECEPTION 9:45am SUNDAY SCHOOL 11am DIVINE SERVICE 1pm HOMEBOUND DIVINE SERVICE	6 8:30am MATINS 1pm LWML EXEC	7 8:30am MATINS	8 8:30am MATINS	ASCENSION 9 8:30am MATINS 7:00pm DIVINE SERVICE IN COURTYARD	10 8:30am MATINS	11
EXAUDI 12 8am DIVINE SERVICE 9:20am COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP 9:45am BIBLE CLASS/SS 11am DIVINE SERVICE	13 8:30am MATINS 6:30pm SARAH CIRCLE	14 8:30am MATINS 1pm DORCAS CIRCLE	15 8:30am MATINS	16 8:30am MATINS	17 8:30am MATINS	18
PENTECOST 19 8am DIVINE SERVICE 9:20am COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP 9:45am BIBLE CLASS/SS 11am DIVINE SERVICE	20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 8:30am MATINS	21 8:30am MATINS 4pm PARISH ED 4:30pm TRUSTEES 5:30pm STEWARDSHIP 6pm MISSIONS/EVANG	22 8:30am MATINS	23 8:30am MATINS	24 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL SJCLS 8:30am MATINS	25
HOLY TRINITY 26 8am DIVINE SERVICE 9:20am COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP 9:45am BIBLE CLASS/SS 11am DIVINE SERVICE	27 MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED	28 6:30pm COUNCIL	29	30	31	1

Coming Up

Sun.	8:00	Divine Service
	9:20	Coffee & Fellowship
	9:45	Sunday School/Bible Study
	11:00	Divine Service
	12:30	Voters Meeting
	4:00	SJMA Recital
Mon.	8:30	Matins
Tues.	8:30	Matins
Wed.	8:30	Matins
	10:00	Women's Bible Study
	5:00	Sound Words Academy
		Meal: Deli Sandwiches
	7:00	Evening Prayer
Thurs.	8:30	Matins
	6:15	Ecclesia Bells
	7:15	Kantorei
Fri.	8:30	Matins
Sun.	8:00	Divine Service and Youth Confirmation
	9:20	Confirmation Cake Reception
	9:45	Sunday School
	11:00	Divine Service
	1:00	Homebound Divine Service

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 (4/29): Leviticus 21:1-24; Luke 12:1-12

Tuesday (4/30): Leviticus 23:1-22; Luke 12:13-34

Wednesday (5/1): Leviticus 23:23-44; Luke 12:35-53

Thursday (5/2): Leviticus 24:1-23; Luke 12:54 - 13:17

Friday (5/3): Leviticus 26:1-20; Luke 13:18-35

Saturday (5/4): Leviticus 26:21-33, 39-44; Luke 14:1-24

Sunday (5/5): Numbers 3:1-16, 39-48; Luke 14:25 - 15:10

Prayer of the Week...

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Looking Forward to Next Week...

~ The Sixth Sunday of Easter - Rogate ~

Numbers 21:4-9 James 1:22-27 John 16:23-30



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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)