

In the Congregation

Homebound Divine Service will be Sunday, August 4 at 1:00 p.m. in the Courtyard. We welcome you to worship and fellowship.

Join us at our Worship Conference on Saturday, August 10 from 8:30–4:00. Registration, schedule and other information are found on our St. John's website. Concluding the Worship Conference will be a Vespers service at 3:00 p.m., followed by a performance by Bethany Johnson on the organ and the St. John's brass quartet who will be performing arrangements on some of the hymns from the first Lutheran hymnal published in 1524. Join us for this special event celebrating this 500th anniversary and an important part of our Lutheran heritage!

Our next monthly breakfast will be potluck on Sunday, August 11. This will also be our Promotion Sunday. The Sunday School children are asked to stay after eating for a short special presentation before heading to Sunday School.

Mark your calendars for the start of **Sounds Words Academy on Wednesday, September 11.** We will start off the evening with a meal then head to classes for Junior Lutherans, Youth Catechesis (YCAT) 1, YCAT 2, and Adult Bible Study. After these classes we will close the evening hearing God's word and praying together. More information to come regarding Adult Bible Study topic and times.

YCAT Meeting: Parents and students in our Youth Catechesis classes will have a meeting in Luther Hall with the pastors on Sunday, August 18, between the services during the Adult Bible Study time. There will not be Adult Bible Study that day. The meeting will include an overview of catechesis, expectations, and answer any questions parents may have. Parents who cannot attend the meeting are asked to contact one of the pastors to schedule a time to meet individually with your family. Please note this individual meeting would need to be scheduled sometime before Sound Words Academy starts on September 11.

Tickets for our 150th anniversary are still available. Tickets will be sold between services on August 11 and 25. The deadline to purchase your meal ticket(s) and souvenir cup is August 25.

Have you moved or have a new phone number? Please notify the church office as soon as possible so we can update our records. The 150th committee is finalizing members' addresses and phone numbers for the new directory before its printed. Notify the office no later than August 10.

St. John's Classical Lutheran School begins their 2024-2025 school year on September 4. A Divine Service will take place that evening. We welcome everyone to attend in worship and praise to God for a new school year.

St. John's Oktoberfest will not be held later this fall. It has been decided with our 150th Anniversary celebration taking place in September, we will not hold our Oktoberfest this year. Plans are being discussed to have next year's Oktoberfest with more festive activities in 2025.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO
ST. JOHN'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*150th Anniversary
Celebration*



BANQUET
Saturday, September 14
5:00-8:00 p.m.
Rev. Peter Lange, speaker

DIVINE SERVICE
Sunday, September 15
10:00 a.m.
Rev. Peter Lange, preacher

**OPEN HOUSE &
ORGAN RECITAL
WITH HYMN SING**
Sunday, September 15
2:00 p.m. Open House
3:00 p.m. Organist Jonathan Rudy
reception following

BANQUET TICKETS
\$15 per person
(cash or check)
*includes one anniversary
ornament and church directory
per St. John's family!*
Optional: \$10 anniversary cup
Deadline: August 25
**Ticket sales: 6/9, 6/23,
7/14, 8/11, 8/25**

**Last chance to get your tickets for our
150th anniversary meal and
memorabilia cup!**

**Tickets will be sold
August 11 & August 25**

Tickets will be on sale in the courtyard between services and after the late service on August 11 and August 25. Meal tickets are \$15 each, and \$10 for the anniversary cup (with our St. John's logo and Luther Seal). You can purchase your ticket(s) by cash or check.

Transportation is available for those who do not like driving at night. You can sign up for this when you purchase your meal ticket(s).

**These are the last days to purchase
your tickets, so don't miss it!**

Register to attend our Worship Conference

Saturday, August 10 from 8:30-4 p.m.

St. John's members are asked to pay \$10 if you are receiving the lunch.

Registration, schedule and other information are found on our St. John's website.

2024

WORSHIP CONFERENCE

THE ROLE OF THE SERMON IN THE
DIVINE SERVICE
AND AS INTERSECTION BETWEEN
PREACHER, HEARER, AND
MUSICIAN

REV. MAX MONS
KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Saturday, August 10, 2024
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church
901 SW Fillmore, Topeka, KS



Dear Saints of St. Johns,

As you may have noticed, our current sound system has been having issues. The Board of Trustees has investigated the matter and has determined our system needs to be replaced completely. The Board of Stewardship would like to start acquiring funds to replace the system, and we have been approached by a member who is willing to donate \$10,000 if the congregation will donate matching funds. Currently, the bid for replacement is in the \$25,000 range, so we will need an additional \$15,000.

If you are willing to donate to the Sound System Fundraiser, please do so by indicating "Sound System Fund" in the memo of your check, or give online using Designated Gift/other. Please note online that your gift is for the Sound System Fund.

Pledges must be received between July 1, and December 31, 2024, to cover the cost.

Below is a pledge card for the Sound System Fundraiser. Please prayerfully consider pledging and helping St. John's update our Sound System. Thank you for your prayerful consideration, and Lord-willing, your contribution will help provide a more enjoyable experience for all during the Divine Service.

In Christ,
St. John's Board of Stewardship



My pledge for the "Sound System" for replacement is
\$ _____.

Contributions toward the pledge may be made between
July 1, 2024, and December 31, 2024.

Date _____

Envelope # (If known) _____

Printed Name _____

Signature _____

Printed Name _____

Signature _____

The Lutheran Witness

Subscription Form

The Lutheran Witness, the official periodical of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, provides you with stories about —

- your fellow Christians
- current events
- your church
- the Synod
- what the Bible has to say about the issues and decisions you face daily

The annual subscription cost is \$32.00, it runs from Nov 1, 2024 to October 31, 2025.

If you wish to subscribe, and have not already submitted payment, please return this form and payment in the offering plate or to the church office by Wednesday, August 21, 2024.

Checks should be made payable to ‘*St. John’s Lutheran Church*’ with *Lutheran Witness* in the memo.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____ Zip: _____

LWML

The Caring Mission Committee are assembling Hygiene and School kits again this year, collecting items through the end of August. We have 100 bags to fill for the school kits this year. Thank you in advance for all of your contributions! Below are the items still needed.

Items still needed for the Hygiene Kits:



1 bath towel, 1 washcloth, 1 plastic soap box holder, 1 toothbrush, 6 Band-Aids (1/2" or 3/4"), secured together, 1 small package facial tissues, 1 nail clipper, 1 piece of strong ribbon or cord for securing kit.



Items still needed for the School Kits:

2 Pens, 2 Glue sticks, 1 Scissors, 1 pkg Colored Pencils (12 count), and 1 Pencil Sharpener.

St. John's Women's League Annual Bargain and Bake Sale August 15 and 16, 2024

Hours for sale will be:

Thursday, 7:30 - 5:00 and Friday, 8:00 - 1:00

You may drop off your items:

Monday, August 12, 6pm-8pm

Tuesday, August 13, 10am-5pm

Wednesday, August 14, 10am-2pm

You may bring **Baked items** on Wednesday or early Thursday morning.

Please do NOT bring any electronic items (No TVs, CDs, VCR players, computers, etc.)

All donations need to be clean and gently used.

Volunteers are greatly appreciated!

Funds received from this year's sale will go to Missions of St. John's.

PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING

ST. JOHN'S CLASSICAL LUTHERAN SCHOOL'S

FIRST BIRTHDAY
Party

With thanksgiving to God for 150 years of Lutheran education at St. John's

8 SEPT 2024 | 9:45 a.m. Breakfast
St. John's Luther Hall

with cake, games, and activities
and opportunities to give, pray, and volunteer

Our St. John's Classical Lutheran School is turning 1 year!

Join us September 8 during our monthly breakfast as we celebrate our first year and 150 years of Lutheran education.

Thank You!

St. John's would like to give a big thanks to everyone who worked in the summer heat to spruce up the outside of our church building. We greatly appreciate your hard work in making the church yard look beautiful!

Year to Date Projected Contribution Receipts	\$369,912.00
Actual Year to Date Receipts	\$333,955.70
YTD Over (Under) Receipts	(\$35,956.30)

Doorstep Newsletter Article – August 2024

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Summer Cash Bash!!

You have heard us talking about the increased need for food assistance in our community for a year now. Our neighbors continue to struggle to pay their rent, high utility bills left from winter or new ones from this summer, gas for vehicles, and even car payments or repairs. Our numbers for food assistance remain at an increased level, and hygiene kits will hit a new high this year as well. Our neighbors are truly struggling with the most basic needs of life.

In the first 6 months of 2024 (compared to 2023):

Doorstep has spent \$190,352 on Direct Assistance to Clients (↑ \$79,721), we have provided 1,423 food orders (↑ 495), feeding 3,591 individuals (↑ 1,286) with 79,919 pounds of food (↑ 21,540), spending \$35,680 on food purchases to keep our shelves stocked to help our neighbors in need (↑ \$21,145). We have also provided 671 hygiene kits (↑ 200) spending \$4,941 purchasing those products.

Doorstep was built on neighbor helping neighbor, and we are a part of a caring and generous community. Thank you for all the ways you support Doorstep and your neighbors in need. Whether you have donated food, clothing and household items, monetarily, gifts for Christmas, participated in one of our events, or shared our information with someone who needed help, you are all very much a part of our Doorstep family and we appreciate your support.

Save the Date!

**Doorstep's 7th Annual Neighbor Helping
Neighbor Walk/5K Fun Run**

Saturday, October 12, 9:00am

at Lake Shawnee.

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
8am DIVINE SERVICE 9:20am COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP 9:45am BIBLE CLASS/SS 11am DIVINE SERVICE 1pm HOMEBOUND DIVINE SERVICE	5	6	7 6:30pm ELDER CALLING 7pm ELDERS	8	9	10 8:30am WORSHIP CONFERENCE
PROMOTION SUNDAY 8am DIVINE SERVICE & SS TEACHER INSTALLATION 9:20am MONTHLY BREAKFAST 9:45am SUNDAY SCHOOL 11am DIVINE SERVICE	12	13	14	15 7:30am BARGAIN & BAKE 6:15pm ECCLESIA BELLS 7:15pm KANTOREI	16 8am BARGAIN & BAKE	17
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Coming Up

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
Thur.	6:30	Elder Calling
	7:00	Elders
Sat.	8:30	Worship Conference
Sun.	8:00	Divine Service & SS Teacher Installation
	9:20	Monthly Breakfast
	9:45	Sunday School
	11:00	Divine Service

Daily Readings...

Monday (8/5): 1 Samuel 19:1-24; Acts 28:1-15

Tuesday (8/6): 1 Samuel 20:1-23; Acts 28:16-31

Wednesday (8/7): 1 Samuel 20:24-42; 1 Corinthians 1:1-25

Thursday (8/8): 1 Samuel 24:1-22; 1 Corinthians 1:26 – 2:16

Friday (8/9): 1 Samuel 25:1-22; 1 Corinthians 3:1-23

Saturday (8/10): 1 Samuel 25:23-44; 1 Corinthians 4:1-21

Sunday (8/11): Samuel 26:1-25; 1 Corinthians 5:1-13

Prayer of the Week

O God, You declare Your almighty power above all in showing mercy and pity. Mercifully grant us such a measure of Your grace that we may obtain Your gracious promises and be made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; 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 Eleventh Sunday after Trinity ~

Genesis 4:1-15 1 Corinthians 15:1-10 Luke 18:9-14



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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)