

# *In the Congregation*

*September*

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

**Our next monthly breakfast** will be potluck on Sunday, September 8. Join us after our early service for food and fellowship. Following our potluck, we will celebrate St. John's Classical Lutheran School turning 1 year with a birthday party. Bring your giftwrapped presents for the school and enjoy cake, fun activities, and fellowship as we celebrate classical Lutheran education.

**St. John's Classical Lutheran School begins their 2024-2025 school year on Wednesday, September 4.** A Divine Service will take place that evening at 6:30. Everyone is welcome to attend in worship and praise God for a new school year.

**Sounds Words Academy returns Wednesday, September 11.** A light meal will be served at 5:00 p.m. prior to our Adult Bible Study, Youth Catechism, Junior Lutherans and Rhythm of Faith classes. Evening Prayer will begin at 7:00 p.m. **Be sure to sign up for the meal by Monday each week** in order for the cooks to have enough prepared for everyone. Instead of a "freewill" donation, we encourage \$5/plate donation to cover the meal. Desserts will not be provided. If you are interested in providing desserts, there is a sign up spot available for each Wednesday on the SignUpGenius link.

**Volunteers are needed!** If you are interested in assisting with our Sound Words Academy meals, go to our SWA SignUpGenius link and select the dates you are able to help. All of the food will already be purchased, so no shopping! We just need people to help prepare, serve and clean up after the meal. Contact the church office for questions. The sign up link for the meal, dessert, and cooking is located on our St. John's website.

**SWA Adult Bible Study: The Church** We confess in the Creeds that we believe in the Church. The Church is an article of faith, to be sure, but it is also who we are as God's people now and into eternity. Beginning September 11, we will be studying the Church at Sound Words Academy. We will study what the Holy Scriptures teach us about who we are as God's people as the Church, life in the Church, and what place the Church has in this world along with some other related topics like our roles as citizens and "just war."

**St. John's 150th celebration** is just around the corner. We look forward to seeing many of you at the banquet, Divine Service, open house, and organ recital. The open house will include a walk through of the main spaces in our building with historical displays and information in each space. There will also be a tour of the nave that includes explanations of each stained-glass window and our church's architecture. See the flyer for more details on all of the celebrating events.

**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.

**Sound System Fundraiser:** Our sound system in the Nave is needing to be replaced. The Board of Stewardship asks for members to give prayerful consideration in donating toward the system. A matching fund of \$10,000 has been given toward the goal of \$25,000. Our updated figures show \$16,320 pledged and \$11,190 received so far.



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

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

ST. JOHN'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Oktoberfest

will not be held this year

We look forward to holding  
it again  
in October 2025

## From Our Missions

Greetings to you from Nairobi, Kenya. On behalf of the missionaries serving in Africa, I would like to personally thank you for your support for our seminaries here. Your mission hearts are greatly appreciated.

*Thank You*



Lutheran Theological Seminary in Pretoria, South Africa

# Organ Recital & Hymn Sing



**ORGANIST**  
**DR. JONATHAN RUDY**  
Cantor at Grace Lutheran Church, Clarksville, TN

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**  
**3:00 P.M.**  
St. John's Lutheran Church  
Topeka, KS  
(following an open house at 2:00 p.m.)



Hymns for the audience to sing, such as "For All the Saints," "Built on the Rock," "Praise the Almighty," and "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord"



Organ music, including pieces by Bach, Mulet, and Reger



Join with the church and community in celebration of 150 years at St. John's, and experience the beautiful Schantz pipe organ and architecture with stained glass windows

**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  
\*tickets required\*

**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



All events take place at St. John's,  
901 SW Fillmore, Topeka, KS

# ST. JOHN'S CLASSICAL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

*News & Notes*



## Hymn of the Year: Shepherd of Tender Youth

**LSB 864**

*by Bethany Johnson*

"Shepherd of Tender Youth," our hymn of the 2024-2025 school year, is found in the Christian Education section of the hymnal. The text is written by Titus Flavius Clemens (ca. 150-ca. 215), who was headmaster of a catechetical school in Alexandria.

While this hymn includes the terms "youth" and "children," it is meant to apply to all Christians, because God's Word (Christ Himself) is our instructor, and we, with all Christians, are His students. We are children of God (Romans 8:16) who are nourished and fed by Him in Word and Sacrament.

This hymn is bookended with stanzas that sing praise to Christ. The middle stanzas proclaim the death of Jesus, "the holy Lord," and the "feast of holy love" (the Lord's Supper) at which we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. Stanza 4 draws references to Psalm 23 by describing Jesus as "our shepherd" and "our staff and song." He is our true comfort who leads us where He has walked on His road of suffering to the cross.

We pray that with this hymn, among the many others we will sing at school, we continue to "make our faith strong" by God's Word. Our children join with us in being nourished by Christ Himself at church, home, and daily instruction in school. What a blessing to provide this to the baptized children of God!

## Prayer

"Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, since You have committed the care and nurture of children to Your people, graciously enlighten those who teach and learn at this school that they may know the truth and trust in You all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen."

## Verse of the Year

"He will tend His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs in His arms; He will carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young." Isaiah 40:11



## Join Us

**First Day of School Matins**  
Wednesday, September 4, 8:30 a.m.

**Opening Divine Service**  
Wednesday, September 4, 6:30 p.m.

**Birthday Celebration**  
Sunday, September 8, 9:45 a.m.

Join us for Matins every morning (8:30-9:00 a.m.) during the school year. Please enter Luther Hall doors by 8:30 to enter

**LWML:** Sarah and Dorcas Circles return in September.

Sarah Circle will take place Monday, September 9 at 6:30 p.m. and Dorcas will be on Tuesday, September 10 at 1:00 p.m.

LWML Sunday will be the first Sunday in October. We will celebrate with cookies between the services in the Courtyard.

*"Kind words are like honey, sweet to the soul, and healthy to the body." Proverbs 16:24*



## LWML TOPEKA ZONE FALL GATHERING



**Saturday, October 5th**

*Registration/Service Project: 9 - 10 am*

*Rally/Event: begins at 10am*

*Lunch is \$5 per person.*

**Redeemer Lutheran Church**

*2700 Lawrence Ave., Lawrence, KS*

*Gifts from the Heart for*

*Willow Domestic Violence Center*

*We will be collecting: shampoo, conditioner,  
body wash, body lotion, and deodorant.*



Year to Date Projected Contribution Receipts	\$421,564.00
Actual Year to Date Receipts	\$383,332.35
YTD Over (Under) Receipts	(\$38,231.65)



**Annual St. John's Golf Scramble:** Golfers, mark your calendars for Saturday, October 19 for a 10 a.m. shotgun. All proceeds from this year's tournament will benefit the St. John's Classical Lutheran School. We are returning to Forbes Golf Course this year, because they have graciously agreed to give us use of the entire facility for the full day. Registration is \$75/individual or \$275/team and sponsorship information will be available in the Courtyard kiosk.



Walkers & Runners are invited to participate in our 7th Annual

## Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Fun Run A Fundraiser for Doorstep, Inc.

**Location:** Lake Shawnee Shelter Houses 1 & 2, West Edge Road  
**Date:** Saturday, October 12, 2024  
**Check-In & Late Registration:** 8:30AM to 9:15AM  
**Time:** One Mile Walk & 5K Fun Run to begin at 9:30AM

### Celebrity Starter for the Walk/Run is:

**Chris Fisher ~ WIBW-TV**

Plan to join us at Lake Shawnee for fun & fellowship, raising funds for Doorstep!

Snacks & drinks will be provided at the finish of the Walk/5K Fun Run in Shelter House #1

Enjoy ~ Bagels, granola bars, fresh fruit, juice, coffee, & water

**One Mile Walk/5K Fun Run Registration is Due by September 18, 2024 to Guarantee an event t-shirt!**

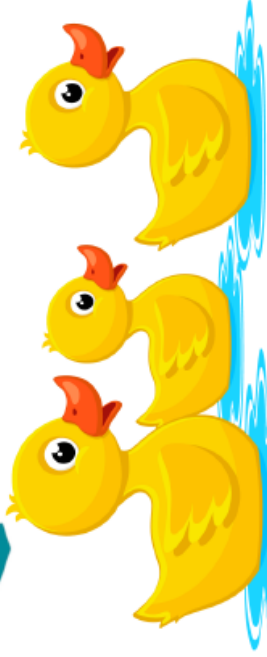
**Late & Event Day Registrations Accepted.** (T-shirt not guaranteed)

Registration is \$30 for individuals or pledges (\$30 minimum).

One registered child age 10 & under may walk for FREE with a paid adult. (T-shirt extra)  
T-shirt included with \$30 registration fee or on total pledges of \$100+. Registrations received after September 18th cannot be guaranteed a t-shirt.

Go to [www.DoorstepTopeka.org](http://www.DoorstepTopeka.org) (under the Events Tab) to register online or for registration/sponsor forms.

## Adopt A Duck For



Join Team "Ducks for Doorstep"!

The 29th Annual Sertoma Great Topeka Duck Race 2024

## Virtual Race!

September 14, 2024

## Win Prizes, Support Doorstep!

Visit [www.duckrace.com/topeka/teams/13004](http://www.duckrace.com/topeka/teams/13004)

You can also pick up a paper

adoption brochure from Doorstep or your Congregation Coordinator!



or scan me!

Entry forms are also available. See Cheri Berggren or

Chris Graversen for more details.

# September 2024 St. John's Lutheran Church Topeka, KS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 8am DIVINE SERVICE 9:20am COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP 9:45am BIBLE CLASS/ISS 11am DIVINE SERVICE 1pm HOMEBOUND DIVINE SERVICE	<b>2</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>3</b> 1pm LWML EXEC	<b>4</b> FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL for SJCLS 8:30am MATINS 6:30pm DIVINE SERVICE for SJCLS	<b>5</b> 6:15pm ECCLESIA BELLS 7:15pm KANTOREI	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 8am DIVINE SERVICE 9:15am MONTHLY BREAKFAST/CLS BIRTHDAY PARTY 9:45am BIBLE CLASS/ISS 11am DIVINE SERVICE	<b>9</b> 8:30am MATINS 6:30pm SARAH SARAH CIRCLE	<b>10</b> 8:30am MATINS 1pm DORCAS CIRCLE	<b>11</b> 8:30am MATINS 10am WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 5pm SOUND WORDS ACADEMY 7pm EVENING PRAYER	<b>12</b> 8:30am MATINS 6:15pm ECCLESIA BELLS 6:30pm ELDER CALLING 7pm ELDERS 7:15pm KANTOREI	<b>13</b> ST. JOHN'S 150 ANNIVERSARY 8:30am MATINS	<b>14</b> HOLY CROSS 5pm 150TH ANNIV BANQUET
<b>15</b> 10am DIVINE SERVICE 2pm OPEN HOUSE 3pm ORGANIST RECITAL & RECEPTION	<b>16</b> 8:30am MATINS	<b>17</b> 8:30am MATINS 4pm PARISH ED 4:30pm STJCLS BOARD 4:30pm TRUSTEES 5:30pm STEWARDSHIP 6pm MISSONS/EVANG	<b>18</b> 8:30am MATINS 10am WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 5pm SOUND WORDS ACADEMY 7pm EVENING PRAYER	<b>19</b> 8:30am MATINS 6:15pm ECCLESIA BELLS 7:15pm KANTOREI	<b>20</b> NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 8:30am MATINS	<b>21</b> ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE
<b>22</b> 8am DIVINE SERVICE 9:20am COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP 9:45am BIBLE CLASS/ISS 11am DIVINE SERVICE	<b>23</b> 8:30am MATINS	<b>24</b> 8:30am MATINS 6:30pm COUNCIL	<b>25</b> 8:30am MATINS 10am WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 5pm SOUND WORDS ACADEMY 7pm EVENING PRAYER	<b>26</b> 8:30am MATINS 6:15pm ECCLESIA BELLS 7:15pm KANTOREI	<b>27</b> 8:30am MATINS	<b>28</b>
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## *Coming Up*

<b>Sun.</b>	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
<b>Mon.</b>		<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Tues.</b>	1:00	LWML Exec
<b>Wed.</b>	8:30	Matins
	6:30	Divine Service for SJCLS
<b>Thur.</b>	8:30	Matins
	6:15	Ecclesia Bells
	7:15	Kantorei
<b>Fri.</b>	8:30	Matins
<b>Sun.</b>	8:00	Divine Service
	9:20	Monthly Breakfast/CLS Birthday Party
	9:45	Sunday School
	11:00	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 (9/2): 1 Kings 18:20-40; Ephesians 2:1-22

Tuesday (9/3): 1 Kings 19:1-21 (20:1-22:53); Ephesians 3:1-21

Wednesday (9/4): 2 Kings 2:1-18; Ephesians 4:1-24

Thursday (9/5): 2 Kings 2:19-25, 4:1-7; Ephesians 4:25-5:14

Friday (9/6): 2 Kings 4:8-22, 32-37; Ephesians 5:15-33

Saturday (9/7): 2 Kings 4:38-5:8; Ephesians 6:1-24

Sunday (9/8): 2 Kings 5:9-27; Philippians 1:1-20

### Prayer of the Week

O Lord, keep Your Church with Your perpetual mercy; and because of our frailty we cannot but fall, keep us ever by Your help from all things hurtful and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; 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 Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity ~

1 Kings 17:8-16      Galatians 5:25-6:10      Matthew 6:24-34



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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)