

In the Congregation

October

New Member Directory: Our new directories are now available for members to pick up. They are located in the breezeway and listed under your household name.

New *Portals of Prayer* booklets are available on the breezeway table. Pick one up and put it with your Bible in a place at home to remind you to have daily devotions. *Portals of Prayer* is offered to the entire congregation free of charge; take an extra copy to give to a friend.

LWML Sunday will be the first Sunday in October. Join us as we celebrate with cookies between the services in the Courtyard. Thank you to the LWML choir for singing in the services.

Homebound Divine Service will be Sunday, October 6 at 1:00 p.m. in the Courtyard. We welcome you to worship and fellowship.

New Adult Bible Study will begin on Sunday, October 6. We will begin study on worship and learn about a theology of worship and why we do what we do in our services.

Adult Catechesis: Our next Adult Catechesis class begins Monday, October 14 at 6:00 pm. This class introduces those interested in membership at St. John's—or those just interested—to our Scriptural, Evangelical-Lutheran faith, and provides a wonderful review for those who are long-time Lutherans. If you'd like to join the class or have questions, please contact Pr. Wright.

Our next monthly breakfast will be potluck on Sunday, October 13. Join us after our early service for food and fellowship. After the breakfast, our board of Stewardship will be presenting the congregational budget hearing.

Stewardship pledge card details have been sent to all members. The Board of Stewardship requests that you turn in your 2025 pledge cards by Sunday, October 6. This is very helpful information that will be used to formulate the 2025 budget that will be presented at the congregational budget hearing on October 13 between services.

We pray for those who have been affected by Hurricane Helene. More information on how you can support those in need, you can go to LCMS disaster response website at <https://www.lcms.org/how-we-serve/mercy/disaster-response>.

Sign up for the Sounds Words Academy meal no later than Monday evening each week. This helps the cooks know how much to prepare. Instead of a "freewill" donation, we encourage \$5/plate donation to cover the meal. If you are interested in providing desserts, there is a sign up spot available on the SignUpGenius link found on our church website. Volunteers are also in need to help cook and clean up. Please consider signing up to help. Many hands make light work!

Luther Classical College publishes two magazines: *Christian Culture* and *Ad Fontes*, which feature articles pertaining to classical education and the promotion of Christian culture in the world. Both magazines are available in digital format, and can be found at www.lutherclassical.org under the Media tab. *Christian Culture* is also available in print at no charge. Subscription information to both print and digital formats can be found at www.cc.lutherclassical.org/subscribe. St. John's has received a few copies of recent issues of *Christian Culture*, which may be found in the breezeway.

St. John's Youth and families are invited to Gary's Berries Pumpkin Patch on Saturday, October 12. Tickets are \$5 each and should be bought in advance. Tickets are good for the entire day, but we will meet at Campfire #3 for a hotdog dinner and devotion at 5:30.

Altar flowers are given by the Women's League/LWML in thanksgiving to God for all the support from its members and friends of St. John's and for all of our missions projects both local and abroad.

ST. JOHN'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

Oktoberfest

will not be held this year

We look forward to holding
it again
in October 2025



International Lutheran Center
at the Old Latin School
Lutherstadt Wittenberg

From Our Missions

This month the Lutherland-Tour 2024 with President Matthew Harrison came to the Old Latin School. Together with missionary James Krikava and Rob Bourassa they played up a storm.

People joined in singing and we just had a great time. Touring Luther's land together with faithful friends, things don't get much better than that.



Divine services continue here both in English and Ukrainian. We are grateful for this safe place for refugees and a place, where God's Word and Luther's teaching can be proclaimed without political intimidation or social restrictions. Yes, a safe place, where we can have fun and good fellowship. Very precious indeed.

Thanks be to God for this and thanks also to the gracious support by the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. We are confident, that God's Word does not return empty, but brings forth much fruit, because He is faithful and surely does, what He promises. (cf. Isaiah 55,1)

So we thank You for Your contributions. Your donation make a huge impact. Please continue supporting this ongoing mission, **"so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen."** (1. Peter 4,11)

ST. JOHN'S CLASSICAL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

News & Notes



Thank you!

from SJCLS teachers

Our first birthday party was a huge success! Many of the gifts we received are already being used and appreciated by the students. But even more than that, we are so thankful for your continued support, prayers, and love that is constantly being shown for St. John's Classical Lutheran School. Thank you for your generosity and willingness to provide whatever it takes to provide a great education for our students!



Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name...

Join Us

- Memorizing the Lord's Prayer (petitions and meanings) from Luther's Small Catechism
- Office of Matins every morning (8:30-9:00 a.m.) during the school year. Please enter Luther Hall doors by 8:30 to enter



Highlights

- Learning about Pentecost, the Apostles, repentance, the Church and Divine Service, and Apostolic Authority
- Memorizing the New Testament books
- Singing for the 150th anniversary banquet and service
- celebrating SJCLS' first birthday
- Writing fables, memorizing timeline facts, learning astronomy (4/5)
- Reading Johnny Appleseed (2nd)
- Learning from Jonathan Rudy about the organ
- Identifying instruments by sound (K/1)
- Making Latin calendars and learning days of the week in Latin (K-2)



"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.*



Doorstep



Our neighbors are really struggling to make ends meet this year. From 2023 to 2024 the number of food orders we have provided in 8 months has increased by 34%! Keeping food on our shelves has been a challenge again this year! Doorstep has already spent over \$43,000 on food purchases through August, and we have been buying food nearly every 2 months. The statistics below show the real need of our neighbors, and Doorstep as we try to provide a full food order each time. Our neighbors are already struggling to make ends meet, keeping their rent and utilities paid, and dealing with the crisis that life throws at them... having money to keep food on the table and personal hygiene items continues to be a challenge. In the first eight months of 2024, we have spent over \$200k on rent, utilities, dental vouchers, prescriptions, Topeka Metro passes, gas vouchers, hygiene products, auto services, and more.

Food Assistance: (Doorstep)


Jan – August 2024

Food Orders: 2,032
Individuals: 5,158
Pounds Given: 113,708
\$ Spent on Food: \$43,168

Jan – August 2023

Food Orders: 1,465
Individuals: 3,598
Pounds Given: 85,135
\$ Spent on Food: \$29,364

We can provide this assistance because of our donors and funders who believe in neighbors helping neighbors and give where they can. We are grateful for every donation, large or small, and we appreciate our donors sharing our mission with us! If you are in need, or know someone who is, please tell them about Doorstep.



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 (under the Events Tab) to register online or for registration/sponsor forms.



Doorstep is participating in the Great Topeka Duck Race again this year! We have a goal of 200 ducks! You can buy your ducks through our link on their website to support Doorstep and try to win prizes! Look for **Ducks for Doorstep!**

The **“Virtual Race”** is **Saturday, September 14th** at 10am.
Visit www.duckrace.com/topeka/teams, select Doorstep, Inc. and adopt a Duck, a Family, Flock or an Oodle with a credit card payment. It's as easy as that!
We also have paper forms this year, email lisa@doorstepinc.com

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 ST. MICHAELS & ALL ANGELS 8am DIVINE SERVICE 9:20am COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP 9:45am BIBLE CLASS/ISS 11am DIVINE SERVICE	30 8:30am MATINS 1pm LWML EXEC	1 8:30am MATINS	2 8:30am MATINS 10am WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 5pm SOUND WORDS ACADEMY 7pm EVENING PRAYER	3 8:30am MATINS 7:15pm CHOIR	4 8:30am MATINS	5
6 LWML SUNDAY 8am DIVINE SERVICE 9:20am COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP 9:45am BIBLE CLASS/ISS 11am DIVINE SERVICE 1pm HOMEBOUND DIVINE SERVICE in Courtyard	7 KS DISTRICT PASTORS CONFERENCE 8:10am PASTORS CONFERENCE DIVINE SERVICE	8 KS DISTRICT PASTORS CONFERENCE 8:15am MATINS PASTORS CONFERENCE 1pm DORCAS CIRCLE	9 8:30am MATINS 10am WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 5pm SOUND WORDS ACADEMY 7pm EVENING PRAYER	10 8:30am MATINS 6:30pm ELDER CALLING 7pm ELDERS 7:15pm CHOIR	11 8:30am MATINS	12
13 8am DIVINE SERVICE 9:15am MONTHLY BREAKFAST 9:45am NARRATIVE BUDGET PRESENTATION 9:45am SUNDAY SCHOOL 11am DIVINE SERVICE	14 8:30am MATINS 5:30pm STEWARDSHIP 6:00pm ADULT CATECHESIS 6:30pm SARAH CIRCLE	15 8:30am MATINS 4pm PARISH ED 4:30pm TRUSTEES 6pm MISSIONS/EVANG	16 8:30am MATINS 10am WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 5pm SOUND WORDS ACADEMY 7pm EVENING PRAYER	17 8:30am MATINS 7:15pm CHOIR	18 ST. LUKE 8:30am DIVINE SERVICE	19 GOLF TOURNAMENT
20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 8am DIVINE SERVICE 9:20am COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP 9:45am BIBLE CLASS/ISS 11am DIVINE SERVICE	21 8:30am MATINS 6:00pm ADULT CATECHESIS	22 8:30am MATINS 6:30pm COUNCIL	23 8:30am MATINS 10am WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 5pm SOUND WORDS ACADEMY 7pm EVENING PRAYER	24 8:30am MATINS 7:15pm CHOIR	25 8:30am MATINS	26
27 8am DIVINE SERVICE 9:20am COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP 9:45am BIBLE CLASS/ISS 11am DIVINE SERVICE	28 ST SIMON & ST JUDE 8:30am DIVINE SERVICE 6:00pm ADULT CATECHESIS	29 8:30am MATINS	30 8:30am MATINS 10am WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 5pm SOUND WORDS ACADEMY 7pm EVENING PRAYER	31 REFORMATION DAY 8:30am MATINS 7pm DIVINE SERVICE in NAVE	1 ALL SAINTS DAY COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED 7pm DIVINE SERVICE in Courtyard	2 DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS

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
Mon.	8:10	Pastors Conference Divine Service
Tues.	8:15	Pastors Conference Matins
	1:00	Dorcas Circle
Wed.	8:30	Matins
	10:00	Women's Bible Study
	5:00	Sound Words Academy
		Meal: Hotdogs/Chilidogs
	7:00	Evening Prayer
Thur.	8:30	Matins
	6:30	Elder Calling
	7:00	Elders
	7:15	Choir
Fri.	8:30	Matins
Sun.	8:00	Divine Service
	9:15	Monthly Breakfast
	9:45	Narrative Budget Presentation
	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 (10/7): Deuteronomy 6:10-25; Matthew 9:18-38

Tuesday (10/8): Deuteronomy 7:1-19; Matthew 10:1-23

Wednesday (10/9): Deuteronomy 8:1-20; Matthew 10:24-42

Thursday (10/10): Deuteronomy 9:1-22; Matthew 11:1-19

Friday (10/11): Deuteronomy 9:23 - 10:22; Matthew 11:20-30

Saturday (10/12): Deuteronomy 11:1-25; Matthew 12:1-21

Sunday (10/13): Deuteronomy 11:26 - 12:12; Matthew 12:22-37

Prayer of the Week

Almighty and merciful God, of Your bountiful goodness keep from us all things that may hurt us that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish whatever You would have us do; 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 Twentieth Sunday after Trinity ~

Isaiah 55:1-9

Ephesians 5:15-21

Matthew 22:1-14



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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)