

## *In the Congregation* *November*

Join us Thursday, October 31 for **The Feast of Reformation** with a Divine Service at 7:00 p.m. in the Nave. **The Feast of All Saints** with the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed will be held Friday, November 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courtyard.

**Homebound Divine Service** will be Sunday, November 3 at 1:00 p.m. in the Courtyard. We welcome you to worship and fellowship.

**Reminder! Our Thanksgiving Divine Service will be Thanksgiving Eve**, on Wednesday, November 27 at 7:00 p.m. Join us in the nave as we worship and give thanks to God for all of our blessings.

**Turn your clocks back before Sunday.** Daylight saving time will take place this weekend, so set your clocks back before going to bed Saturday evening.

**Have you turned in your pledge card?** The Board of Stewardship requests that you turn it in as soon as possible. Remember, you can email our bookkeeper, Coleen Akers, at [cakers@stjlcms.org](mailto:cakers@stjlcms.org) with your pledge. Printed copies of the cards are also available in the church office.

**Are you a voting member?** Our constitution defines “voting member” as a communicant member who has reached the age of 18 years and been received as a voting member upon application for such privilege and approval of the voters of the assembly. We encourage all eligible St. John’s members to join the voters 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 scheduled voter’s meeting** is set for Sunday, December 1 at 12:30 p.m. in the Nave. Items of business will include:

Reports from Treasurer, Financial Secretary, and Board Chairs

Presentation of the Proposed 2024 Congregational Budget for voter approval

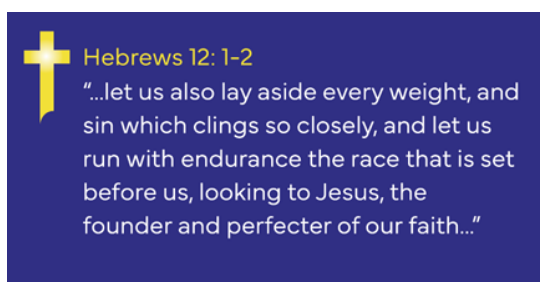
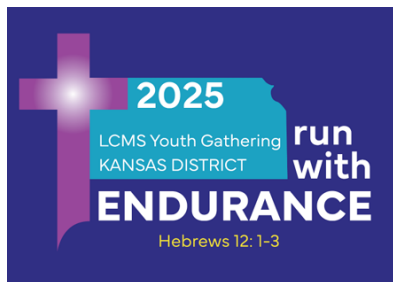
Presentation of the ballot of nominees for congregational officers and board members for 2025

**Our next monthly breakfast** will be biscuits and gravy provided by the LWML on Sunday, November 10. Join us after our early service in Luther Hall for food and fellowship.

**At Thanksgiving time**, the Welfare Fund provides gift card assistance to members who have needs. If you wish to contribute to this cause, please make your check payable to St. John’s Ev. Lutheran Church with “Welfare” on the memo line. If you would be willing to deliver poinsettias during the Christmas season, contact the church office.

**Share the Harvest:** St. John’s members will again have the opportunity to “Share their Harvest.” This donation goes to local agencies to assist the needy in the Topeka area. Use the “Share the Harvest” designated offering envelope from your contribution envelopes. Donations may be left in the offering plate or sent to the office by Sunday, November 24. The donations from “Share their Harvest” will be split 25% to each of these local agencies Door Step, Let’s Help, Topeka Rescue Mission and St. John’s Human Care fund.

One of our St. John's youth was selected as the designer for the t-shirt that the KS District attendees will be wearing for the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans next summer. The design was to incorporate Kansas and the theme "Endure". Congratulations!



### St. John's Women's League (LWML)

**Sarah Circle** meets every 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Next meeting will be take place on November 11. **Dorcas Circle** meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. Next meeting will be on November 12.

**Thank you!** Endless thanks to our members of St. John's for the generous amount of donated items for the health & school kits. The Mission Committee sent 105 Health Kits and 100 Schools Kits to the Orphan Grain Train in October. This is the most ever assembled & sent! This could not have been done without the generosity of the members, thank you!

**Join us for our Annual Christmas Luncheon, Bazaar and Bake Sale** on Friday, December 6. Tickets for the soup luncheon will be sold in Luther Hall during the biscuits and gravy monthly breakfast on Sunday, November 10. Tickets will also be sold in the courtyard on Sunday, November 17, 24 and December 1 between services. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under the age of 12. Congregation members are encouraged to donate pies and cakes for the luncheon, and cookies for the cookie walk. Volunteers are also needed.

**Quilters want to thank St. John's members** who have donated sheets and material for the quilts distributed between Organ Grain Train, Doorstep, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, and Haskell Light Ministries. Over 100 have been completed so far this year—thank you!

<b><u>Dates to Remember</u></b>	
November 10	LWML hosts Monthly Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast
December 6	Annual Christmas Bazaar and Soup Luncheon
June 26-29, 2025	LWML National Convention in Omaha, NE

	Monthly	YTD
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>		
Sept 2024 Total Income( General Fund)	\$62,284.61	\$517,841.14
Sept 2024 Total Expenses	\$65,831.90	\$686,664.63
Current Monthly Total	(\$3,547.29	(\$168,823.49)
<b>Financial Secretary's Report</b>		
Sept 2024 Contribution Receipts	\$60,150.53	\$507,143.94
Sept 2024 Projected Monthly Receipts	\$61,652.00	\$554,868.00
Over/Under Budgeted Contribution	\$1,501.47	\$47,724.06

## 150th Anniversary Ornaments Available

Consider getting one for a Christmas gift or another for your Christmas tree.

There are also 7 souvenir cups available for purchase if you did not get a chance to get one.

Don't miss out!

**Ornaments and cups are available in the church office for \$10 each.**



**Did you get your member directory?** If you did not receive a member directory, contact the church office. We have ordered more for those who did not receive one.

# ST. JOHN'S CLASSICAL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

*News & Notes*



## Timeline

by Andrea Kosmicki

*The fourth and fifth graders have a new class that they started this year: Timeline. During this course, they are learning about and memorizing important dates in world history. This program will take them three years to complete. This year we have nearly 30 events to learn about. In all, they will have 60 world events that they will have memorized. What makes this program unique to Classical Lutheran Education is that it incorporates Biblical history into world history. The first event that they study is "Creation and the Fall." We have learned about how the Great Pyramids in Egypt were built before the Call of Abraham. It is so interesting to know what was going on at the same time in the world as what we learn about in the Bible. So often our 21st century minds consider world history and Biblical history as two different things, but we shouldn't. Scripture is set in world history. Luke's gospel includes important details about when in time Christ was born.*



## Prayer

Thy Kingdom Come  
Thy Will be Done

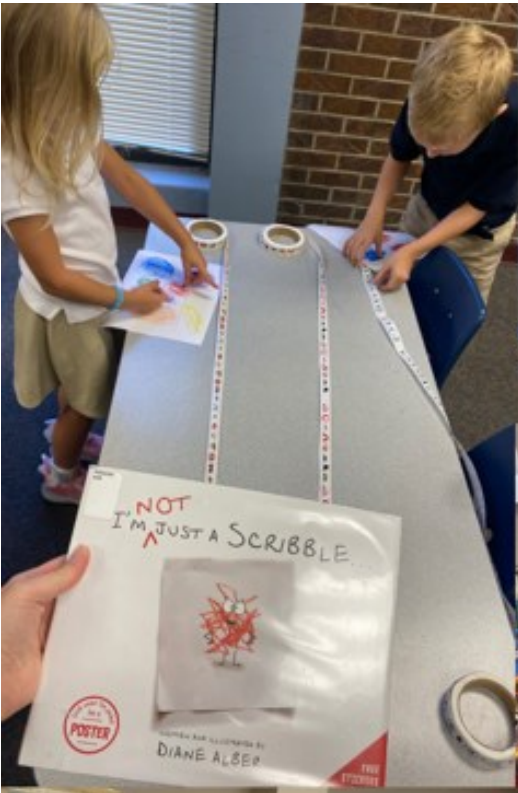
## Join Us

- 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 the Apostles remaining faithful and rejoicing in their persecution for the sake of the Gospel.
- Memorizing the Petitions of the Lord's Prayer.
- Memorizing Poetry
- Reading the Blue Fairy Book (4/5)
- Learning about the American Revolution (4/5)
- Making a map of the world while learning the continents and oceans (K/1)
- Learning about Insect Homes in science (2)
- Learning about the different constellations in Latin (K-2)



## St. John's Youth Events

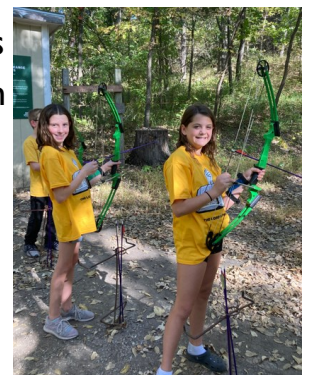
Late November-Early December	Shop for adopted family in need
Sunday, December 8	Wrap presents for adopted family during Sunday School
Sunday, January 12	Help serve & clean up Monthly Breakfast
Weather dependent	Fun in the snow
Friday, February 21	LEAP trampoline park
Saturday, March 8	Watch <i>The Sound of Music</i> youth edition at Helen Hocker Theater

Our St. John's youth had a great time with family and friends at Gary's Berries.

Thank you to all who attended!



Some of our youth attended the LCMS Kansas District annual confirmation retreat in Junction City. Growing together while learning more about the Lord's Prayer and camping fun!



## Doorstep Newsletter Article ~ November 2024

It is that time of year when we begin to focus on our Christmas Adoption Project. By now, the Christmas Bureau is taking applications from families & individuals who need help providing Christmas this year. Before Thanksgiving, we will have our 260 households and we'll be preparing their letters, schedules and compiling wish list items for 821 individuals!

We ended 2023 with little or no inventory on blankets, towels, and hygiene items for the health kits we give to each household. We provide each household Christmas gifts, food, blankets, hygiene items, a household item, school supplies & toys for the children, a puzzle and game, and gift cards. This is quite an undertaking, and we cannot do all of this without the help of our member congregations, individuals, and community groups.

Hopefully you know by now, through our newsletter articles, how much need there is in our community. The increased need for food has remained a constant for a year and half now, and our neighbors are struggling to make ends meet, often needing a hand up with bills, or the very least with food to feed their families. In the first three quarters of 2024, we have already exceeded the food numbers from all of 2023. Doorstep provided 2,031 food orders, providing meals for 5,872 individuals with nearly 130,000 pounds of food!

### Items we currently need donated for Christmas are: (NEW not used)

**Queen & King Size Blankets (New):** Please NO THROWS.

We need a total of 260 to provide at least one to each household!

**Full-Size Hygiene Items:** Shampoo, Conditioner, 2-in-1 Shampoo + Conditioner, Bar Soap, Body Wash, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Brushes and Combs

**Household Items:** Griddles, Silverware Sets, Dish Sets, Cookware – Saucepans, Sheet Sets (Queen & King), Small Laundry Baskets with cleaning supplies (All-purpose cleaner, laundry soap & softener, dish soap, rags, scrubbing pads, window cleaner) (new)

**Gifts:** Tool Sets, Cologne & Perfume Sets, Body Care Sets (men/women)

**Toys & Games:** Nerf Guns, Lego Sets, Action Figures, Dinosaur toys, Family Board Games, Puzzles,

**Hoodies:** Men/Women/Teens – Varying sizes (Medium – 4X), colors, designs, sports teams, or plain

**Monetary Donations:** to purchase food, gift cards and items we're lacking.

### Christmas Distribution Volunteer Opportunities

(We will start scheduling volunteers in mid-November)

**Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>** there will be several opportunities from 8:30am – 12:30pm and 12:30pm – 5:30pm. (Lunch provided)

**Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>** opportunities are available from: 8:30am – 1:30pm and 1:30pm – 7:30pm. (Lunch and dinner provided)

**Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>** opportunities are available from 8:30am – 12:30pm and 12:30pm – 5:30pm. (Lunch provided)

Monetary donations are greatly appreciated to purchase the gift cards, food, and any of the above items not donated.

You can mail your tax-deductible donations to:

Doorstep, Inc., 1119 SW 10<sup>th</sup>, Topeka, Ks 66604  
or go to our website [www.doorsteptopeka.org](http://www.doorsteptopeka.org) to donate by credit card.

Please be sure to mention you are a member of St. John's.

# November 2024 St. John's Lutheran Topeka, KS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>27</p> <p>8am DIVINE SERVICE 9:20am COFFEE &amp; FELLOWSHIP 9:45am BIBLE CLASS/SS 11am DIVINE SERVICE</p>	<p>28</p> <p>St. Simon &amp; St. Jude 8:30am DIVINE SERVICE</p>	<p>29</p> <p>8:30am MATINS</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8:30am MATINS 10am WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 5pm SOUND WORDS ACADEMY 7pm EVENING PRAYER</p>	<p>31</p> <p>REFORMATION DAY 8:30am MATINS 7pm DIVINE SERVICE in NAVE</p>	<p>1</p> <p>ALL SAINTS DAY NO SCHOOL COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED 7pm DIVINE SERVICE in Courtyard</p>	<p>2</p> <p>DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS</p>
<p>3</p> <p>8am DIVINE SERVICE 9:20am COFFEE &amp; FELLOWSHIP 9:45am BIBLE CLASS/SS 11am DIVINE SERVICE 1pm HOMEBOUND DIVINE SERVICE</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8:30am MATINS 1pm LWML EXEC</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8:30am MATINS</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8:30am MATINS 10am WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 5pm SOUND WORDS ACADEMY 7pm EVENING PRAYER</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:30am MATINS 7:00pm KANTOREI</p>	<p>8</p> <p>8:30am MATINS</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10</p> <p>LUTHER'S BIRTHDAY 8am DIVINE SERVICE 9:15am MONTHLY BREAKFAST 9:45am SUNDAY SCHOOL 11am DIVINE SERVICE</p>	<p>11</p> <p>VETERANS DAY 8:30am MATINS 6:30pm SARAH CIRCLE</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8:30am MATINS 1pm DORCAS CIRCLE</p>	<p>13</p> <p>8:30am MATINS 10am WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 5pm SOUND WORDS ACADEMY 7pm EVENING PRAYER</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8:30am MATINS 6:30pm ELDER CALLING 7pm ELDERS 7:00pm KANTOREI</p>	<p>15</p> <p>8:30am MATINS</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p> <p>8am DIVINE SERVICE 9:20am COFFEE &amp; FELLOWSHIP 9:45am BIBLE CLASS/SS 11am DIVINE SERVICE</p>	<p>18</p> <p>8:30am MATINS 5:30pm STEWARDSHIP</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8:30am MATINS 4pm PARISH ED 4:30pm TRUSTEES 6pm MISSIONS/EVANG</p>	<p>20</p> <p>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 8:30am MATINS 10am WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 5pm SOUND WORDS ACADEMY 7pm EVENING PRAYER</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:30am MATINS</p>	<p>22</p> <p>8:30am MATINS</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p> <p>8am DIVINE SERVICE 9:20am COFFEE &amp; FELLOWSHIP 9:45am BIBLE CLASS/SS 11am DIVINE SERVICE</p>	<p>25</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>26</p> <p>NO SCHOOL 6:30pm COUNCIL</p>	<p>27</p> <p>NO SCHOOL 7pm THANKSGIVING EVE DIVINE SERVICE</p>	<p>28</p> <p>THANKSGIVING OFFICE CLOSED NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>29</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>30</p> <p>SAINT ANDREW, APOSTLE</p>



## *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>	8:30	Matins
	1:00	LWML Exec
<b>Tues.</b>	8:30	Matins
<b>Wed.</b>	8:30	Matins
	10:00	Women's Bible Study
	5:00	Sound Words Academy
		Meal: Spaghetti
	7:00	Evening Prayer
<b>Thur.</b>	8:30	Matins
	7:00	Kantorei
<b>Fri.</b>	8:30	Matins
<b>Sun.</b>	8:00	Divine Service
	9:15	Monthly Breakfast
	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 (11/4): Jeremiah 5:1-19; Matthew 22:23-46  
Tuesday (11/5): Jeremiah 7:1-29; Matthew 23:1-12  
Wednesday (11/6): Jeremiah 8:18-9:12; Matthew 23:13-39  
Thursday (11/7): Jeremiah 11:1-23; Matthew 24:1-28  
Friday (11/8): Jeremiah 20:1-18; Matthew 24:29-51  
Saturday (11/9): Jeremiah 22:1-23; Matthew 25:1-13  
Sunday (11/10): Jeremiah 23:1-20; Matthew 25:14-30

### Prayer of the Week

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; 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.

~ Twenty-fifth Sunday after Trinity ~

Exodus 32:1-20      1 Thessalonians 4:13-18      Matthew 24:15-28



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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)