

In the Congregation

April 2025

New Portals of Prayer booklets are now 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.

Adult Bible Study will be meeting in the Nave on Sunday.

March is St. John's month at Doorstep. Thank you to everyone who has donated and/or volunteered with Doorstep during our volunteer month. If you haven't already, please consider donating toward their food pantry. Some items in need include spaghetti sauce, canned beans, ramen noodles, boxed potatoes (scaloped), and pancake mix.

Save the Date! Annual Church Cleaning will be on Saturday, April 12 starting at 8 a.m. This is the time we work at preserving all the beautiful woodwork in the church and give the pews their annual treatment. Help is also needed to dust, change batteries, and clean other areas of our church. Many hands make light work! Come to Luther Hall to sign in and decide which "spot" fits your need to clean.

Friendly reminder there will be **no Sound Words Academy on Wednesday, April 16** during Holy Week. Classes will resume on April 23 and finish the season with last classes on April 30. We welcome you to the Choral Evening Prayer service on Wednesday, April 30 at 7:00 p.m., which will feature Schola Cantorum, SWA children's handbell choirs, and St. John's Music Academy students.

During Holy Week, we will be offering a few opportunities for Confession and Absolution – either in a group setting and/or privately. **Corporate Confession and Absolution Service Wednesday, April 16 at 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.** This service has a general confession of sins, like on Sunday morning, and an individual absolution kneeling at the communion rail. **Private confession will be available on Wednesday, April 16, from 11:00 – 11:45 a.m. and 6:00 – 6:45p.m.** These will be 15 minutes each and are available by signing up via SignUp Genius through the link found on our website. As always, you can schedule confession and absolution with a pastor anytime throughout the year.

Holy Week Services:

Wednesday, April 16

Private Confession and Absolution is available. See the sign up genius for available times.

Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution 12:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 17

Divine Services at 12:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 18

Chief Service will be at 12:00 and Tenebrae at 7:00 p.m.

Vigil of Easter, Saturday, April 19, 8:00 p.m.

Resurrection of Our Lord, Sunday, April 20

Divine Services at 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Monthly Breakfast will take place on Sunday, April 20. Join us for pastries and fellowship in Luther Hall between services. **Easter egg hunt for Sunday School children:** On Easter, we'll have a shortened Sunday School lesson starting at 9:45. This will be followed by an Easter Egg Hunt. High school students are encouraged to attend their class as they will be helping to hide the Easter eggs. Sunday School students are welcome to bring their Easter baskets or other bags for the Egg Hunt.

Are you a voting member of St. John's? 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 quarterly voters meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 27.

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

Sarah Circle's next meeting will be April 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Dorcas Circle next meeting will be on April 8 at 1:00. p.m

Mission Statement *Led by the Holy Spirit, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Kansas District will equip women to proclaim Christ, support missions and serve the Lord with gladness.*

Dates to Remember

June 26-29, 2025

LWML National Convention in Omaha, NE

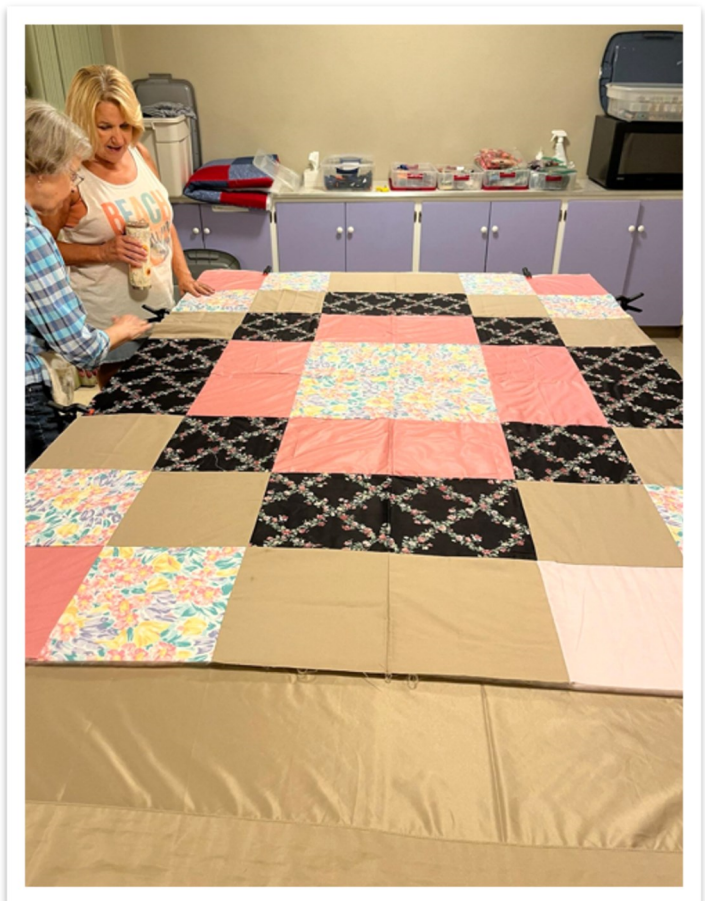
A great opportunity to volunteer and enjoy fellowship with other sisters of St. John's.

Many helping hands and hours volunteered have gone into making, tying, and binding the mission blankets at St. John's.

In 2024, a total of 113 blankets were donated to local organizations including Doorstep-8, Orphan Grain Train-10, Haskell Light Students (Lawrence)-18, Sleep in Heavenly Peace-74, Sold at the Bazaar-1, and given as gifts (Pastor Lange & church member)-2

Rose Addington continues to sew amazing quilt tops that are layered with batting and a sheet. Then volunteers gather downstairs near the old kitchen every first and third Thursdays at 9 a.m. to tie the quilts together. **All are welcome to join in the fellowship and helping with this mission project!**

We appreciate donations of clean flat sheets of any size and most types of material for the quilt tops.



	Monthly	YTD
Treasurer's Report		
Feb 2025 Total Income(General Fund)	\$53,736.19	\$128,091.02
Feb 2025 Total Expenses	\$81,459.97	\$141,338.99
Current Monthly Total	(\$27,723.78)	(\$13,247.97)
Financial Secretary's Report		
Feb 2025 Contribution Receipts	\$47,960.62	\$117,092.88
Feb 2025 Projected Monthly Receipts	\$64,967.00	\$130,764.00
Over/Under Budgeted Contribution	(\$17,00.38)	(\$13,671.12)



**2025
WORSHIP
CONFERENCE**

Learning to Speak Liturgically:
The Grammar of the Psalms

Saturday, August 16 | 8:30am-4:00pm



Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Boyle
Keynote Speaker

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church
901 SW Fillmore, Topeka, KS

For more information and registration:
<https://stjohnlcmstopeka.org/worship/worship-conference/>




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**The 11th Annual Luke Savage Memorial Golf Tournament
Saturday, June 7, 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 \$400 per team with Luke Superpowers included. 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 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!

This year’s proceeds will go to the newly established **The Luke Squad Foundation**. The Foundation’s Mission Statement is; *Provide faith-illed 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).*



St. John's
Classical Lutheran School

Choral Evening Prayer Service

Wednesday, April 30, 7:00 p.m.
preservice begins
6:50 p.m.

featuring the Schola Cantorum, the children's handbell choir, and St. John's Music Academy students

Save the Date for our Summer Camps

Music Camp will take place 9-11:30 a.m. on June 9-13 for children in 1st-5th grade.

VBS — June 23-27 from 9-12:00 p.m. 27 for children preK-5th grade. Older children are encouraged to volunteer!



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



June 9-13
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/



St. John's

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News & Notes

Making Bread, Making Connections

by Andrea Kosmicki

Just prior to the beginning of Lent, we made bread at school!

The last week of February, the Kindergarteners and First graders were reading "Walter the Baker" by Eric Carle. In this book, Walter is a fantastic baker. He makes bread every day for the Duke and Duchess. One day, Walter runs out of milk and has to change his recipe. The Duke does not like this bread recipe. He challenges Walter to make a roll in which he can see the sunrise three times or else Walter will be banished. Through trial, error, and luck, Walter invents the pretzel.

Pretzels have a historical and symbolic connection to the season of Lent. Their shape resembles an ancient position for prayer in which the arms were folded across the chest. Their simple ingredients also reflect the Lenten practice of fasting.

We could have made pretzels at school, but instead we made yeast bread. By doing so, we were able to notice the chemical reactions that occur when you make bread. We also had been learning about Lent throughout the week. Making bread takes time. It takes time for the yeast to activate and the bread to rise. This process brought about the great discussion about Passover and why the Israelites would have needed to make unleavened bread.

Making connections to theology, science, and everyday skills though a picture book is such a blessing.

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, you have blessed us with wonderful teachers at our school. By Your gracious will, send us another teacher who is also committed to teaching Your children in love and truth. Amen.

Join Us

- Memorizing the Table of Duties 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
- **Wednesday, April 30 at 7:00 p.m.** for our special Choral Evening Prayer service featuring the Schola Cantorum, SWA bell choir, and other musicians!



Highlights

- Learning about the Transfiguration of our Lord and Holy Week events
- Making bread after reading "Walter the Baker" (K-2)
- Reading *My Side of the Mountain* (4/5)
- Reading *Brambly Hedge* (2)
- Reading *Billy and Blaze* and *Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie* (1)
- Learning about gladiators and making Roman helmets and shields in Latin (K-2)
- Learning about St. Patrick and Irish instruments in music
- Touring the Water Treatment Plant and hiking
- Singing for the Ash Wednesday service



2025 Doorstep Events

April 29th

Appreciation Banquet & Quilt Drawing ~

Host: St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Program: Sleep in Heavenly Peace Topeka

Entertainment: St. John's Ev Lutheran Brass Quartet

Quilt Drawing ~ \$2 individual chances for theme quilts
(KU, K-State, KC Chiefs, KC Royals)

\$1 chances to win our other amazing quilts.

June 7th

(Saturday)

8th Annual Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Fun Run

Lake Shawnee Shelter Houses 1 & 2 ~ Start time 9 A.M.

A Kick-off to our 60th Anniversary in June 2026!!

July

(Tentative)

Christmas in July collection of items for adopted families.

Summer Cash Bash donations with matching funds.

Re-Imagined Jewelry purchased from Café Quetzal with the funds going to Doorstep.

Sept 13th

Sertoma Duck Race ~ Our Goal = 60 donors buying ducks!

Friday Oct 3rd

2nd Annual Putt Out Hunger Golf Tournament

Tentative date until a course is reserved.

Nov & Dec

Collection of items for Christmas Adoption Project.

Doorstep adopts 260 households from the Christmas Bureau each year. We need help providing gifts, food, health kits, blankets, toys, school supplies, and gift cards for 800+ individuals. Gifts needed by Wed, December 10th.

Dec 16th - 18th Christmas Adoption Project distribution days.

Volunteers will be needed!

Doorstep Newsletter Article ~ April 2025

Make plans to attend Doorstep's **Appreciation Banquet and Quilt Drawing** on **Tuesday, April 29th** at 6:30pm. St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church will be our hosts this year, and their brass quartet will provide musical entertainment.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace Topeka will share information on their program after a wonderful dinner of taco bake, chips, salad and dessert.

We will also honor our volunteers and celebrate the work we did in 2024!

RSVP to Doorstep 785-357-5341 (M-F, 8am-3pm) by April 24th.

There are some exciting changes to our Quilt Drawing this year!

We have queen-size, themed quilts for KU, K-State, Kansas City Royals & the Kansas City Chiefs, that were made and donated just for this event! Do you want chances for a specific quilt? You can buy tickets for one of these themed quilts for \$2 each, and your chances will only go in the collection container for that quilt. Winners will be drawn at the banquet, but you do not have to be present to win.

We have several other amazing quilts available for \$1 chances, and drawing for those winning tickets will be at the banquet. You do not have to be present to win.

The **8th Annual Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Fun Run** is scheduled for Saturday, June 7th at Lake Shawnee, start time is 9am! This will also be the kick-off to Doorstep's 60th Anniversary!

Doorstep is **looking for one or a few donors** who would be willing to donate the **matching funds** for this year's **Summer Cash Bash**. Our previous anonymous donor is no longer able to provide this donation, but we know people love to give when their money can be matched to benefit Doorstep. We are seeking matching funds of \$10,000 or more... With this year being the year to our 60th, wouldn't it be great to have \$60,000 in matching funds? If you are interested, please contact Lisa Cain, Executive Director at lisa@doorstepinc.com or 785-357-5341.

April 2025

St. John's Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 LAETARE 8am DIVINE SERVICE 9:20am COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP 9:45am BIBLE CLASS/SS 11am DIVINE SERVICE	31	1	2 12pm LENTEN VESPERS 5pm SOUND WORDS ACADEMY 7pm LENTEN COMPLINE	3 8:30am MATINS 6:15pm ECCLESIA BELLS 7:15pm KANTOREI	4 8:30am MATINS	5
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13 PALMARUM 8am DIVINE SERVICE 9:20am COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP 9:45am BIBLE CLASS/SS 11am DIVINE SERVICE	14 8:30am MATINS 6:30pm SARAH CIRCLE	15 8:30am MATINS 4pm PARISH ED 4:30pm SJCLS BOARD 4:30pm TRUSTEES 6pm MISSIONS/EVANG	16 11am PRIVATE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION 12pm SERVICE OF CORPORATE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION 6pm PRIVATE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION 7pm SERVICE OF CORPORATE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION	17 MAUNDY THURSDAY 12pm NOON DIVINE SERVICE 7pm EVENING DIVINE SERVICE	18 GOOD FRIDAY 12pm CHIEF SERVICE 7pm TENEBRAE	19 VIGIL OF EASTER 8pm VIGIL OF EASTER DIVINE SERVICE
20 RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD 8am DIVINE SERVICE 9:20am PASTRIES & FELLOWSHIP 9:45am SUNDAY SCHOOL 11am DIVINE SERVICE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	21 OFFICE CLOSED 6pm ADULT CATECHESIS 5:30pm STEWARDSHIP	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	25 ST. MARK, EVANGELIST 8:30am DIVINE SERVICE	26
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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
- Wed.** 12:00 Lenten Vespers
5:00 Sound Words Academy
7:00 Lenten Compline
- Thur.** 8:30 Matins
6:15 Ecclesia Bells
7:15 Kantorei
- Fri.** 8:30 Matins
- Sun.** 8:00 Divine Service
9:20 Coffee & Fellowship
9:45 Sunday School/Bible Study
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 (3/31): Genesis 42:1-34, 38; Mark 12:1-12

Tuesday (4/1): Genesis 43:1-28; Mark 12:13-27

Wednesday (4/2): Genesis 44:1-18, 32-34; Mark 12:28-44

Thursday (4/3): Genesis 45:1-20, 24-28; Mark 13:1-23

Friday (4/4): Genesis 47:1-31; Mark 13:24-37

Saturday (4/5): Genesis 49:29 - 50:7, 14-26; Mark 14:1-11

Sunday (4/6): Exodus 1:1-22; Mark 14:12-31

Prayer of the Week

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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

~ Fifth Sunday in Lent – Judica ~

Genesis 22:1–14

Hebrews 9:11–15

John 8:42–59



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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)