



11th Sunday after Trinity
31 August 2025

In the Congregation

Position of Administrative Assistant: St. John's Staff Support Committee of the Board of Elders is accepting applications for the position of Administrative Assistant. This position is a part-time (currently 24 hrs/week) position with salary based on qualifications and experience and a benefit package. Those who are interested are encouraged to contact the church office for more information.

Catechism families will meet with Pastor Wright this Sunday in Luther Hall at 9:45 a.m. to discuss the details for the year. There will be no adult Bible Study.

You are invited to attend the installation of Rev. Avery Hjulberg at Christ Lutheran Church this Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p.m.

The first day of school for SJCLS is Wednesday, September 3. You are invited to join us for chapel at 8:30 a.m. and the Opening Divine Service for the school year later that day at 6:30 p.m.

Sound Words Academy will continue on Wednesdays during school weeks, beginning on Wednesday, September 10. There will be a meal from 5:00–5:30. Junior Lutherans, Rhythm of Faith, and YCAT I, II, and III will take place from 5:30–6:30. A closing devotion will occur at 6:30.

Choir rehearsals will begin soon! Middle school handbells—Wednesdays, 6:50-7:10 (beginning September 10); High school and adult Ecclesia Bells—Thursdays, 6:15-7:00 and Kantorei—Thursdays, 7:15-8:15 (beginning September 4).

Wish list items for our school are posted on the display board in the courtyard. You are welcome to grab those, purchase and wrap the gifts, and then bring those gifts to the school's birthday party at the September monthly breakfast on September 14.

Confirmation Retreat, October 3-4: Calling all 5th - 8th graders for a weekend at camp! Learn more about baptism and have fun climbing, canoeing, and more with your friends! Cost is \$15; sign up on the youth board or see Rachel Kathman by September 12.

Altar flowers are given by the school staff with thanksgiving and prayers to God for the upcoming school year.

Coming Up

Sunday

8:00 Divine Service
9:20 Coffee/Fellowship
9:45 Sunday School/Bible Class
11:00 Divine Service
12:30 Adult Catechesis

Monday

OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday

1:00 LWML Exec

Wednesday

8:30 Chapel
6:30 Opening Divine Service for SJCLS

Thursday

8:30 Chapel
6:15 Ecclesia Bells
7:15 Kantorei

Friday

8:30 Chapel

Sunday

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Psalm of the Week... Psalm 50:7-23

Hymn of the Week... LSB 559 "Oh, How Great is Your Compassion"

Daily Readings...

Monday (9/1): 1 Kings 18:1-19; Ephesians 1:1-23
Tuesday (9/2): 1 Kings 18:20-40; Ephesians 2:1-22
Wednesday (9/3): 1 Kings 19:1-21; Ephesians 3:1-21
Thursday (9/4): 2 Kings 2:1-18; Ephesians 4:1-24
Friday (9/5): 2 Kings 2:19-25; 4:1-7; Ephesians 4:25—5:14
Saturday (9/6): 2 Kings 4:8-22, 32-37; Ephesians 5:15-33
Sunday (9/7): 2 Kings 4:38—5:8; Ephesians 6:1-24

Prayer of the Week...

Almighty and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than we either desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things that we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Looking Forward to Next Week...

~ The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity ~
Isaiah 29:17-24; 2 Corinthians 3:4-11; Mark 7:31-37

Special Service

Saturday, September 3, 6:30 p.m.

Opening School Year

Divine Service

Monthly Breakfast

Sunday, September 14, 9:15 a.m.

Potluck

Served by the SJCLS Board

Our school's birthday celebration and
games included!

Reminders:

Please remember to fill out your attendance cards each Sunday and circle your name if you will receive communion. This helps the office keep records and prepare for future Sundays.

Coffee Clean-up Volunteers are needed for the next couple of months.

Please sign-up on the kiosk.

Financial Update

	Monthly	YTD
Treasurer's Report		
July 2025 Total Income(General Fund)	\$55,069.01	\$456,723.45
July 2025 Total Expenses	\$67,195.46	\$490,463.78
Current Monthly Total	(\$12,126.45)	(\$33,740.33)
Financial Secretary's Report		
July 2025 Contribution Receipts	\$51,422.51	\$418,976.53
July 2025 Projected Monthly Receipts	\$65,382.00	\$457,674.00
Over/Under Budgeted Contribution	(\$13,959.49)	(\$ 38,697.47)

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study resumes on **Wednesday, September 10 at 10:00 a.m.** We will be studying the book of Revelation. Come join us and see the great comfort in Christ this book of the Bible gives us.

He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior

St. John's Women's League

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.

Meetings

Tuesday, September 2, 1pm: LWML Exec
Monday, September 8, 6:30pm: Sarah Circle
Tuesday, September 9, 1pm: Dorcas Circle

Health Kits

Items needed:
Soap Holders
Combs
Band-aids

Bargain & Bake Sale

Thank you to all who helped with the Bargain & Bake Sale this year!

Profits were \$2,672.10, about \$300 more than last year. We will have a financial donation for Doorstep as well as clothing and household items reserved for Doorstep. We are so grateful for the items donated, the volunteers who helped with the sale and shoppers.

It is a team effort.



Topeka Zone Fall Event

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.
-Philippians 4:6

Faith Lutheran Church
September 20th
9:00AM registration
\$8 for lunch



LWML
Lutheran Women in Mission

Topeka Zone Fall Event includes a Servant project, Bible Study, and lunch following.

If interested, please let Nancy Taylor know by September 5.



Fundraisers

St. John's Scramble

Saturday, October 4, 9:00 a.m.

Attention Golfers! Now is the time to register for the St. John's Scramble golf tournament! You'll find that this event is a great opportunity for a day of fun and fellowship on the golf course, followed by lunch and an awards ceremony. Skills contests will also be offered throughout the day. This is a fundraiser for St. John's Classical Lutheran School.

QUESTIONS? Contact Dakota Sorensen — 785-640-2376 or sorensendak@gmail.com

Time: 9:00 AM
Shotgun

Registration opens at 8:00AM

Course:

Forbes Golf Course

700 Capehart Rd.

Topeka, KS 66619

Cost: \$65 per person/

\$250 per team

Golf Scramble Registration forms in the church office

Oktoberfest Menu*

Bierock

Brat

Hotdog

German potato salad

Mac 'n' Cheese

Green Beans

Applesauce

Chips

Dessert

Water, Lemonade, Beer

***each food and drink (beer) sold individually at a reasonable price**

NO entry ticket required

Schedule

4:00 Outdoor & Indoor games begin

4:30 Polka Dancing & German

Costume Relay

5:00 Performance by St. John's Brass

5:30 German Song Sing-a-long

6:00 Oktoberfest Bingo

Volunteers welcome!

**Sign up on kiosk
or contact Bethany Johnson**



Oktoberfest

hosted by
St. John's Classical Lutheran School
Fundraiser & Fellowship



Live Music | Food | Activities

Saturday, October 4, 4-8 p.m.

901 SW Fillmore, Topeka, KS



Doorstep

At the risk of sounding like a broken record, **the need for food assistance is still high** this year with totals nearly equal to last year's amounts through July. With all of the changes happening in our country right now with programs and funding being cut that many of our neighbors need to survive, the need for our services is going to be greater and more important to help families and individuals stay afloat. For our neighbors who are already struggling to make ends meet, keeping their rent and utilities paid, having kids out of school and home this summer, and dealing with the crisis that life can throw at us... keeping food on the table has and will continue to be a challenge. We have already spent \$38,500 purchasing food to meet the need, and keep our neighbors fed. In the first seven months of 2025, we spent \$150,252 on rent, utilities, dental & prescription vouchers, Topeka Metro passes, gas vouchers, hygiene products, auto services, and more.

Food Assistance:	Jan – July 2024	Jan – July 2025
(Doorstep)	Households: 1,718	Households: 1,715
	Individuals: 4,369	Individuals: 4,290
	Pounds Given: 96,869	Pounds Given: 95,835
	\$ Spent on Food: \$38,210	\$ Spent on Food: \$38,500

Doorstep 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 who join us in this 59-year mission! If you are in need, or know someone who is, please tell them about Doorstep.

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## **Doorstep is participating in the Great Topeka Duck Race again this year!**

As we waddle towards our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we have a goal this year of 600 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 13<sup>th</sup> at 10am.**

Visit [www.duckrace.com/topeka/teams](http://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 will also have paper forms this year, email [lisa@doorstepinc.com](mailto:lisa@doorstepinc.com).

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There is still time to get your family, friends and golf buddies together and register for **Doorstep's 2nd Annual Putt Out Hunger Golf Tournament on Friday, October 3rd!** Have fun doing what you love while helping your neighbors in need by supporting Doorstep!



The Hymn of the 2025-2026 School Year:

LSB 589 “Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens”

Verse of the Year:

John 5:24 “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment but has passed from death to life.”

Each year the staff picks the hymn and verse of the year. This has been a great way to focus on certain themes from God’s Word that we can meditate on through word and song.

LSB 589 is found in the “Word of God” section of the hymnal and flows very nicely into the next section of the hymnal, which is “Baptism.” The words “newborn life and spirit give me” teaches us that the Word of God works through this means of grace to give us eternal life. Our life as baptized children is one of confidence that even when we encounter “death’s dread power,” and the “inward strife” between our Old Adam and God’s Word, God’s words give us life and light and are our “sword prevailing.”

The theme that we especially want to draw from this hymn and teach the children is the act of hearing God’s Word and keeping it. This means that both Law and Gospel are important for us in our daily life. It is a blessing to listen to God each day in chapel, in the classroom, and in the home.

Prayer

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.



Join us

- First Day of School Chapel:
Wednesday, September 3 at 8:30 a.m.
- Opening Divine Service:
Wednesday, September 3 at 6:30 p.m., which includes the installation of our new part-time teacher, Rachel Kathman
- Daily chapel beginning at 8:30; enter Luther Hall doors
- Memorizing the 10 commandments and their meanings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11th SUNDAY after TRINITY 31 8am DIVINE SERVICE 9:20am COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP 9:45am BIBLE CLASS/SS 11am DIVINE SERVICE 12pm ADULT CATECHESIS	1 OFFICE CLOSED	2 1pm LWML EXEC	3 8:30am CHAPEL 6:30pm OPENING DIVINE SERVICE for SJCLS	4 8:30am CHAPEL 6:15pm ECCLESIA BELLS 7:15pm KANTOREI	5 8:30am CHAPEL	6
12th SUNDAY after TRINITY 7 8am DIVINE SERVICE 9:20am COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP 9:45am BIBLE CLASS/SS 11am DIVINE SERVICE 12pm ADULT CATECHESIS	8 8:30am CHAPEL 6:30pm SARAH CIRCLE	9 8:30 CHAPEL 1pm DORCAS CIRCLE	10 8:30am CHAPEL 10am WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 5pm SOUND WORDS ACADEMY 6:30pm SWA DEVOTION	11 8:30am CHAPEL 6:15pm ECCLESIA BELLS 6:30pm ELDER CALLING 7pm ELDERS 7:15pm KANTOREI	12 8:30am CHAPEL	13 ST. JOHN'S ANNIVERSARY
HOLY CROSS DAY 14 8am DIVINE SERVICE 9:15am MONTHLY BREAKFAST 9:45am SUNDAY SCHOOL 11am DIVINE SERVICE 12pm ADULT CATECHESIS	15 8:30am CHAPEL 5:30pm STEWARDSHIP	16 8:30am CHAPEL 4pm PARISH ED 4:30pm SJCLS BOARD 4:30pm TRUSTEES 6pm MISSIONS/EVANG	17 8:30am CHAPEL 10am WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 5pm SOUND WORDS ACADEMY 6:30pm SWA DEVOTION	18 8:30am CHAPEL 6:15pm ECCLESIA BELLS 7:15pm KANTOREI	19 8:30am CHAPEL	20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
14th SUNDAY after TRINITY 21 8am DIVINE SERVICE 9:20am COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP 9:45am BIBLE CLASS/SS 11am DIVINE SERVICE 12pm ADULT CATECHESIS	22 8:30am CHAPEL	23 8:30am CHAPEL 6:30pm COUNCIL	24 8:30am CHAPEL 10am WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 5pm SOUND WORDS ACADEMY 6:30pm SWA DEVOTION	25 8:30am CHAPEL 6:15pm ECCLESIA BELLS 7:15pm KANTOREI	26 8:30am CHAPEL	27
15th SUNDAY after TRINITY 28 8am DIVINE SERVICE 9:20am COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP 9:45am BIBLE CLASS/SS 11am DIVINE SERVICE 12pm ADULT CATECHESIS	29 ST. MICHAELS & ALL ANGELS 8:30am CHAPEL 6:30pm DIVINE SERVICE	30 8:30am CHAPEL	1 8:30am CHAPEL 10am WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 5pm SOUND WORDS ACADEMY 6:30pm SWA DEVOTION	2 8:30am CHAPEL 6:15pm ECCLESIA BELLS 7:15pm KANTOREI	3 8:30am CHAPEL	4



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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)