

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.

St. Michael and All Angels Divine Service will be on Monday, September 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the courtyard. Join us as we celebrate the presence and protection of God's holy angels, whom God sends to help us in the strife.

Attention Golfers! Now is the time to register for the St. John's Scramble golf tournament on Saturday, October 4 at 9:00 a.m. at Forbes Golf Course. Lunch will follow afterwards with an awards ceremony. The cost is \$65 per person and \$250 per team. Registration forms are in the church office. This is a fundraiser for our school.

Oktoberfest will occur later in the day on Saturday, October 4 from 4-8 p.m. with inside and outside games, live music, German songs, and bingo. Food and drinks will be sold a la carte and can be purchased by card, cash, or check. We welcome any volunteers before, during, or after the event. Food will be served between 5-7 p.m. If you are able to help, a volunteer sign-up sheet is near the kiosk in the courtyard.

Our next monthly breakfast will be biscuits and gravy, served by LWML, on Sunday, October 12. Join us after our early service for food and fellowship. A brief program by the LWML will take place.

Stewardship pledge card details will be sent soon to all members. The Board of Stewardship requests that you turn in your 2026 pledge cards by Sunday, October 19. On that day we will have a special "stewardship pledge card collection" during the offering. This is very helpful information that will be used to formulate the 2026 budget that will be presented at the congregational budget hearing on November 9 between services.

St. John's Youth and families are invited to Gary's Berries Pumpkin Patch on Saturday, October 18. Tickets are \$5 each and should be bought in advance from Rachel Kathman. Tickets are good for the entire day, and we will meet at the corral (new location) for food and devotion at noon.

Altar flowers are given by the church office in thankfulness for God's many blessings.

Coming Up

Sunday 8:00 Divine Service

9:45 Sunday School/Bible Class

11:00 Divine Service 12:30 Adult Catechesis

Monday 8:30 Chapel

6:30 St. Michael and All Angels Divine Service

Tuesday8:30 ChapelWednesday8:30 Chapel

10:00 Women's Bible Study

5:00-7:00 SWA with Closing Devotion

Thursday 8:30 Chapel

6:15 Ecclesia Bells

7:15 Kantorei

Friday 8:30 Chapel

Saturday 9:00 Golf Scramble

4-8pm Oktoberfest

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Psalm of the Week... Psalm 146

Hymn of the Week...LSB 760 "What God Ordains Is Always Good"

Daily Readings...

Monday (9/29): Deuteronomy 1:19-36; Matthew 5:21-48

Tuesday (9/30): Deuteronomy 1:37 – 2:15; Matthew 6:1-15

Wednesday (10/1): Deuteronomy 2:16-37; Matthew 6:16-34

Thursday (10/2): Deuteronomy 3:1-29; Matthew 7:1-12

Friday (10/3): Deuteronomy 4:1-20; Matthew 7:13-29

Saturday (10/4): Deuteronomy 4:21-40; Matthew 8:1-17

Sunday (10/5): Deuteronomy 5:1-21; Matthew 8:18-34

Prayer of the Week...

O Lord, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church; and because she cannot continue in safety without Your aid, preserve her evermore by Your help and goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Looking Forward to Next Week...

~ The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity ~ 1 Kings 17:17-24; Ephesians 3:13-21; Luke 7:11-17

Special Services

Monday, September 29, 6:30 p.m.

St. Michael and All Angels
Divine Service

Thursday, October 23, 8:30 a.m.

St. James of Jerusalem Divine Service (spoken)

Tuesday, October 28, 8:30 a.m.

St. Simon and St. Jude the Apostles Divine Service (spoken)

Friday, October 31, 6:30 p.m.

Festival of the Reformation Divine Service

We will observe All Saints Day on Sunday, November 2 for both services.

Monthly Breakfast

Sunday, October 12, 9:15 a.m.

Biscuits and Gravy served by LWML
A short program will follow, along with a display
of their project quilts.

Thank You

We had fun at our 2nd Birthday Party. Your participation in our trivia game made for good competition. We are greatly blessed by your financial donations and presents. Thank you for your continuous support of St. John's Classical Lutheran School.

~ SJCLS Board

Thank you to those who donated items for the school and health kids. The ladies assembled 106 school kits and 50 health kits. They are a blessing to many!

~ LWML ladies

Financial Update

	Monthly	YTD
Treasurer's Report		
Aug 2025 Total Income(General Fund)	\$46,630.92	\$453,051.56
Aug 2025 Total Expenses	\$87,535.33	\$577,999.11
Current Monthly Total	(\$40,535.81)	(\$72,276.14)
Financial Secretary's Report		
Aug 2025 Contribution Receipts	\$43,353.02	\$462,329.55
Aug 2025 Projected Monthly Receipts	\$65,382.00	\$523,056.00
Over/Under Budgeted Contribution	(\$22,028.98)	(\$ 60,726.45)

Bible Studies and Classes

Women's Bible Study on Wednesdays at 10am, studying the book of Revelation Adult Bible Study on Sundays at 9:45 a.m., studying the theology of worship Adult Catechesis Class on Sundays at 12:30 p.m., studying our Christian faith



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

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Cash, card, or check accepted

BIEROCK	.4.00
BRAT	.4.00
HOT DOG	. 2.00
GERMAN POTATO SALAD	2.00
MAC 'N' CHEESE	2.00
GREEN BEANS	. 1.00
CHIPS	. 1.00
BEER	.5.00

Schedule

4:00 Outdoor & Indoor games begin 5:00-7:00 Food available 5:00 Performance by St. John's Brass and German Song Sing-a-long 6:00 Oktoberfest Bingo

Volunteers welcome!
Sign up on kiosk
or contact Bethany Johnson

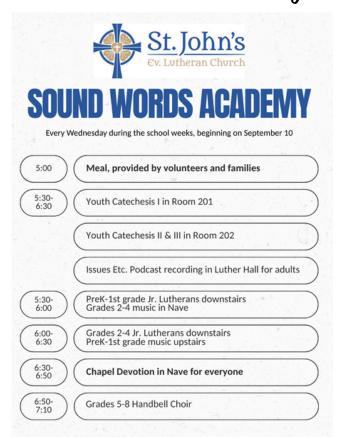




Live Music | Food | Activities

Saturday, October 4, 4-8 p.m. 901 SW Fillmore, Topeka, KS

Sound Words Academy



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

Monday, October 6, 1pm: LWML Exec Monday, October 13, 6:30 pm: Sarah Circle Tuesday, October 14, 1pm: Dorcas Circle



INML Sunday

Women's choir will sing in church Biscuits and Gravy for breakfast short program following projects quilts displayed Mite boxes collecting money

Youth activities

Upcoming Dates:

Saturday, October 18Gary's Berries Pumpkin Patch

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CONFIRMATION RETREAT



WATER DOES GREAT THINGS

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

The 2025 Fall
Confirmation Retreat will
be held **Oct. 3-4, 2025**, at
Rock Springs Ranch near
Junction City. The theme
will be "Baptism," and we'll
also have time for fun
camp activities. The
Confirmation Retreat is
designed for youth in
grades 5-8.

Doorstep

Doorstep Newsletter Article - October 2025

In 2025, the increased need for food assistance continues, nearly equal to last year. The difference this year is the many changes and canceled programs and services which have begun and still to come. Our neighbors continue to struggle and to make ends meet, and we know it can get worse in the future. Below you can see our numbers are not that different this year compared to 2024. Keeping food on our shelves has still been a challenge this year as we purchase food nearly every 2 months, spending on average \$6,000 to \$8,000 each time. In 2025, Project Topeka awarded Doorstep \$9,000 to purchase food at Seabrook Applemarket, and we have used those funds in addition to the \$39K+. 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 2025, we have spent over \$171k on rent, utilities, dental vouchers, prescriptions, Topeka Metro passes, gas vouchers, hygiene products, auto services, phone bills and more.

Food Assistance: Jan – August 2024 Jan – August 2025 (Doorstep) Food Orders: 2,032 Food Orders: 1,998 Individuals: 5,158 Individuals: 4,993

Pounds Given: 113,708 Pounds Given: 110,814 \$ Spent on Food: \$43,168 \$ Spent on Food: \$39,612

Our Faith Community Mission Members and Partners are the reason we can provide for our neighbors who are struggling to make ends meet or are experiencing a crisis in their lives. Doorstep truly is 'neighbors helping neighbors', and we are grateful for every donation that furthers our mission! If you are in need, or know someone who is, please tell them about Doorstep.

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!



Classical Learning Test

Our third through sixth grade students have recently finished taking the Classical Learning Test for the first time. This is a standardized test that other classical schools across the country also take. The Classical Learning test is different from other standardized tests. because it is normed based on what our students learn and specifically made for classical schools. According to the Classical Learning Test, "The CLT exists to reconnect knowledge and virtue by providing meaningful assessments and connections to seekers of truth, goodness, and beauty." Many of the literature selections on the reading portion are from passages that the students will or have read. It will be exciting to get these first results back.

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.



Highlights

- Memorizing the 10 commandments and their meanings
- Learning about creation, the Trinity, creation of Adam and Eve, and the fall into sin, Satan, and the first promise
- Reading "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" (5/6)
- Reading "Farmer Boy" (3)
- Reading "Amelia Bedlia" and "Prairie School" (2)
- Tea Party and Manners (K/1),
- Learning about Camille Saint-Saens and his music
- Making stained glass Bible verses with wax paper
- Fairy-tale read-alouds for Latin story time
- Enjoying this beautiful weather outside
- Learning about Famous Men of Rome (5/6) and Greek Mythology (3)

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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)