



St. John's
Ev. Lutheran Church

Palmarum
29 March 2026

In the Congregation

The annual church cleaning will be this Saturday, March 28 at 8:00 a.m. Come to Luther Hall first to sign in and decide which “spot” fits your need to clean. There will also be donuts to snack on.

Every Sunday, the Opening Devotion will be held in Luther Hall at 9:45 a.m. Pastor Wright will lead everyone in a prayer and short devotion before everyone splits off into Sunday school and Bible class. Please note that this will replace our Sunday School opening that used to be upstairs. (Parents will send their children to Luther Hall instead of upstairs).

Pastor Wright is available for private confession and absolution on Wednesday, April 1. Contact him to set up a time to come. As always, you can schedule confession and absolution with Pastor Wright anytime throughout the year.

Please note that there is no meal or SWA during Holy Week. Also, there will be no Adult Catechesis on Easter Sunday or the following Sunday, April 12.

The last Sound Words Academy of the school year is Wednesday, April 29. Confirmation Sunday is on May 3.

Altar flowers this week are given by David and Charlotte Frampton in thanksgiving to God for all of His blessings over the last 46 years of marriage, and in thanksgiving for our family.

In our prayers: All those who are hospitalized along with our homebound members.

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Wednesday Service of Corporate Confession & Absolution at 6:30 p.m. on April 1

Maundy Thursday Divine Service with Stripping of the Altar at 6:30 p.m. on April 2

Good Friday Tenebrae at 6:30 p.m. on April 3

Holy Saturday Vigil of Easter Divine Service at 8:00 p.m. on April 4

Easter Sunday Divine Service for the Resurrection of Our Lord
at 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on April 5

On Easter Sunday, join us for **pastries and fellowship** in Luther Hall between services. For children, 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.

Coming Up

Sunday, March 29

PALMARUM

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

Monday, March 30

8:30 a.m. Chapel

Tuesday, March 31

8:30 a.m. Chapel

Wednesday, April 1

8:30 a.m. Chapel
6:30 p.m. Service of Corporate
Confession and Absolution

Thursday, April 2

MAUNDY THURSDAY

9:00 a.m. LWML Mission Blankets
6:30 p.m. Divine Service with Stripping
of Altar

Friday, April 3

GOOD FRIDAY

6:30 p.m. Tenebrae

Saturday, April 4

HOLY SATURDAY

8:00 p.m. Vigil of Easter Divine Service

Sunday, April 5

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

8:00 a.m. Divine Service
9:20 a.m. Pastries and Fellowship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School and Egg Hunt
11:00 a.m. Divine Service

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Family Prayer
For the Week of March 30–April 5*

Psalm of the Week

Psalm 118:19–29, antiphon v. 26

Hymn of the Week

“A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth” (*LSB* 438)

Daily Readings

Monday (3/30): Exodus 9:1-28;
Hebrews 2:1-18

Tuesday (3/31): Exodus 9:29–10:20;
Hebrews 3:1-19

Wednesday (4/1): Exodus 10:21–11:10;
Hebrews 4:1-16

Thursday (4/2): Exodus 12:1-28;
Hebrews 5:1-14

Friday (4/3): Exodus 12:29-32; 13:1-16;
Hebrews 6:1-20

Saturday (4/4): Exodus 13:17–14:9;
Hebrews 7:1-22

Sunday (4/5): Exodus 14:10-31;
Hebrews 7:23–8:13

Prayer of the Week

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Looking Forward to Next Week

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Job 19:23–27; 1 Corinthians 5:6–8, 15:51–57; Mark 16:1–8

Sound Words Academy

5:00	Meal, provided by volunteers and families
5:30-6:30	Youth Catechesis I in Room 201
	Youth Catechesis II & III in Room 202
	Issues. Etc. podcast recording in Luther Hall for adults
5:30-6:00	PreK-Kindergarten Jr. Lutherans downstairs Grades 1-4 music in Nave
6:00-6:30	Grades 2-4 Jr. Lutherans downstairs PreK-1st grade music upstairs
6:30	Chapel Devotion in the Nave for everyone
6:50-7:10	Grades 5-8 Glockenchor (On break from rehearsals during Lent)

Bible Study

Women's Bible Study on **Wednesdays at 10 a.m.**, studying the book of Revelation

Adult & High School Bible Study on **Sundays at 9:45 a.m.**, studying the book of Romans

Adult catechesis is on **Sundays at 12:30 p.m.**

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped Lutheran Braille Workers host March's monthly breakfast!
-Eileen Klumpp

Save the date!

SJMA Music Camp will be held 9-11:30 a.m. on June 8-12 for children in 1st-5th grade.

VBS will be held 9-12:00 p.m. on June 22-26 for children PreK-5th grade. Older children are encouraged to volunteer!

The **next Voters' Meeting** will be held on Sunday, April 26, following a **single Divine Service** at 10:00 a.m. A **potluck lunch** will be served at 11:30 a.m. (in between the service and the meeting). This schedule of a single Divine Service, potluck lunch, and Voters' Meeting will occur on a quarterly basis.

Financial Update

Monthly YTD

Treasurer's Report

Feb 2026 Total Income(General Fund)	\$59,032.65	\$116,935.93
Feb 2026 Total Expenses	\$58,559.53	\$127,649.71
Current Monthly Total	\$ 473.12 (\$10,713.78)	

Financial Secretary's Report

Feb 2026 Contribution Receipts	\$56,852.86	\$112,670.94
Feb 2026 Projected Monthly Receipts	\$66,670.92	\$133,521.84
Over/Under Budgeted Contribution	(\$ 9,818.06)	(\$20,850.90)



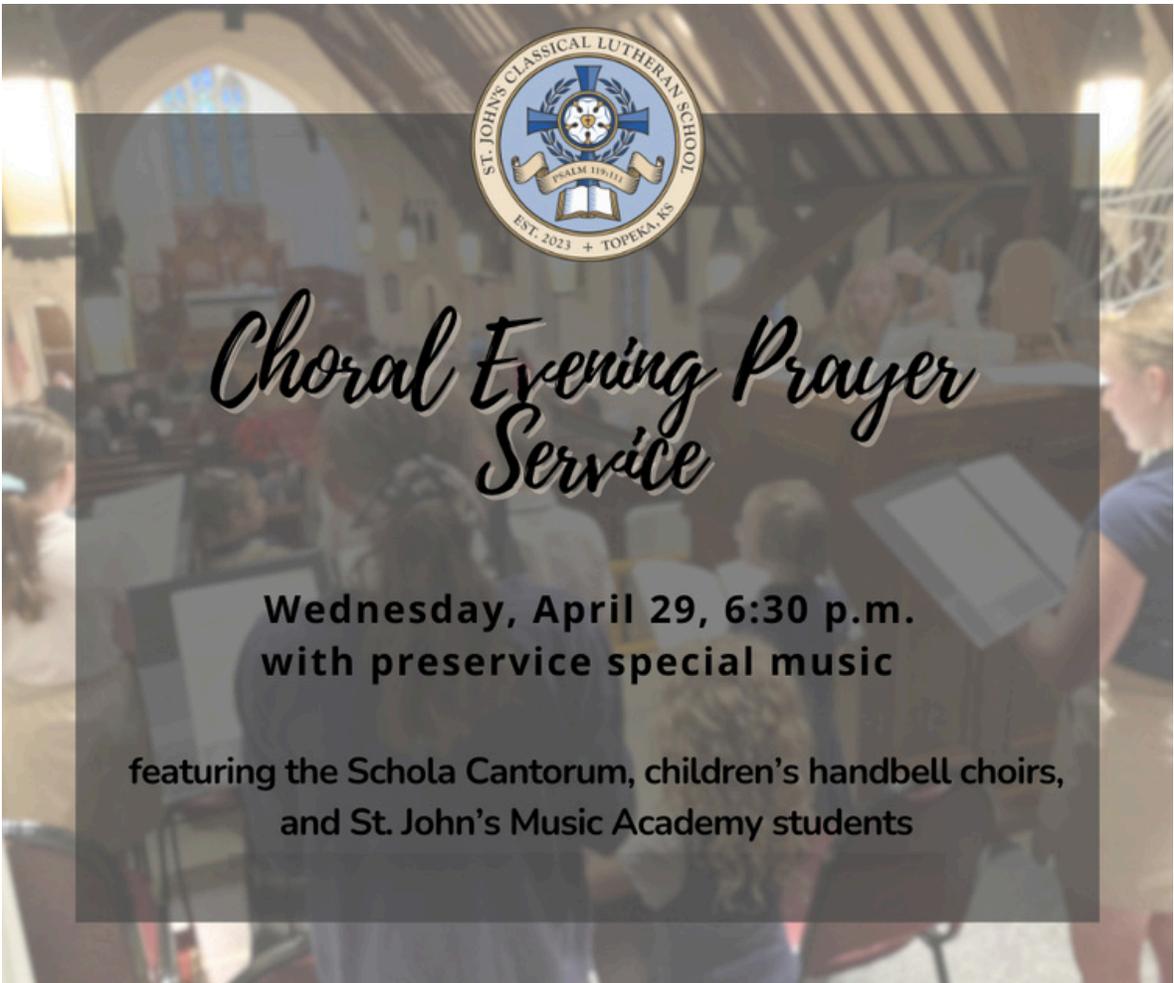
St. John's Music Academy
presents

Spring Recital

featuring piano and violin

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 4:00 P.M.

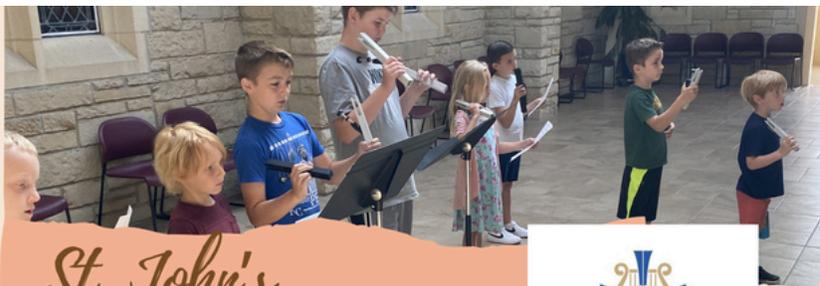
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Choral Evening Prayer Service

**Wednesday, April 29, 6:30 p.m.
with preservice special music**

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



St. John's Music Camp

SPONSORED BY
ST. JOHN'S MUSIC ACADEMY



June 8-12

9:00-11:30 a.m.

901 SW Fillmore, Topeka

Ages: entering 1st-5th grades

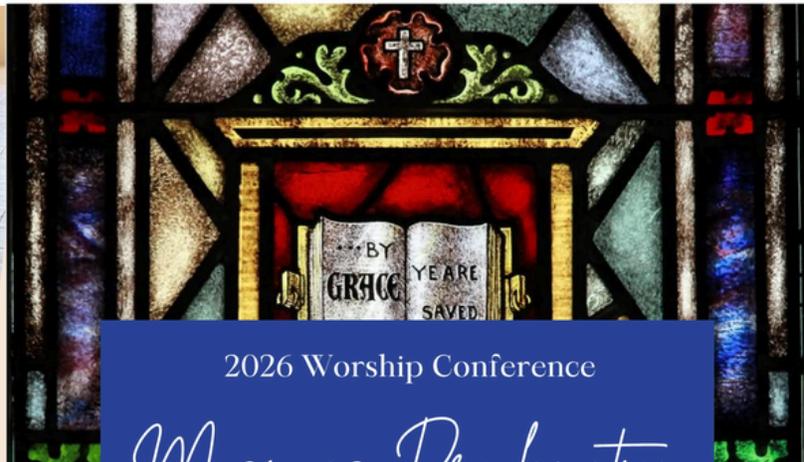
**Cost: \$30 per child
music, snacks, crafts, & games
gathered around God's Word**



Led by Bethany Johnson and Erin Grass

Questions? Contact Bethany Johnson (bjohnson@stjlcms.org)

Register: stjohnlcmstopeka.org/learning/music-camp/



2026 Worship Conference

Music as Proclamation

**Rev. Tim Frank,
presenter & organist**

Saturday, August 29, 2026

8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

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

Organ recital included, celebrating 500 years of
Luther's Deutsche Messe

Musicians, pastors, and lay members
are welcome to attend!

More information and registration:

[https://stjohnlcmstopeka.org/
worship/worship-conference/](https://stjohnlcmstopeka.org/worship/worship-conference/)



St. John's Classical Lutheran School
presents

Fine Arts Showcase

featuring students' art displays, poetry and
other recitations, and music performances

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 6:00 P.M.

901 SW Fillmore, Topeka
south entrance

St. John's Women's League

LWML Mission Quilts

Join LWML for quilting Mission Blankets on the **first and third Thursdays of each month at 9:00 a.m.**



All women of the congregation (teens are welcome too!) may join. There is no need to know how to sew or bring any supplies—needles, scissors, needle threaders, etc. are all provided. If anyone has any questions, contact Nancy Scheuerman.

Save the date!

Topeka Zone Spring Event
April 11

41st Biennial Convention
of the LWML Kansas District
April 17–19, 2026

Meetings

Monday, April 6, 1:00 pm:
LWML Exec

Monday, April 13, 6:30 p.m.:
Sarah Circle

Tuesday, April 14, 1:00 pm:
Dorcas Circle



Lutheran Women in Mission

Topeka Zone Spring Event

Immanuel Lutheran Church
2104 Bob Billings Pkwy, Lawrence KS 66049

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen" 2 Peter 3:18

SATURDAY

9 AM REGISTRATION &
SERVICE PROJECT

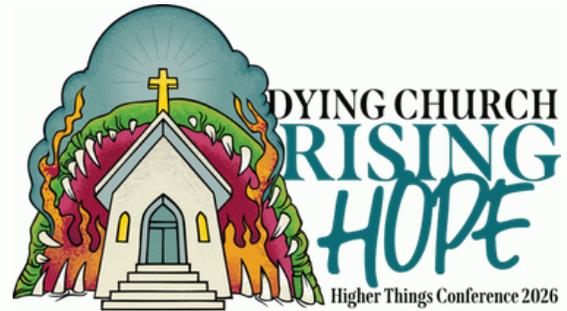
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APRIL

10 AM EVENT
BEGINS

Lunch to follow for \$8

*Rsvp your group's attendance number by April 6th
to Kristie at standingwater@midco.net*

We will be collecting Gifts from the Heart to benefit Willow Domestic Violence Center: full sized toiletries for adults and children.



Higher Things 2026
St. Louis, Missouri
June 30 - July 3

Register with the church office by March 30!
Conference, all meals, and lodging covered for \$120
Inquire about scholarships if needed!

Who may attend? Higher Things conferences are geared toward those already confirmed (approx. 8th - 12th grade).

What can I expect at a Higher Things conference?

- Spend four days immersed in the Gospel
- Be equipped to talk about your faith to others
- Participate in large worship services
- Get to know hundreds of other Lutheran youth
- Have fun and explore St. Louis!



DOORSTEP
Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Doorstep News: April 2026

We have another busy month at Doorstep filled with celebrations, fundraisers, and helping our neighbors in the community!

April is Doorstep's month to receive proceeds from the sale of **Re-Imagined Jewelry sold at Café Quetzal** (2111 SW Belle). It is a great way to treat yourself or gifts for birthdays, Mother's Day, graduations, etc. and help your neighbors at the same time!

Make plans to attend Doorstep's **Appreciation Banquet and Quilt Drawing on Tuesday, April 21st** at 6:30pm. St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church will be our hosts again this year, and their brass quartet will provide musical entertainment. We are still working on the program (at this writing), dinner will be lasagna, garlic bread, salad and desserts brought by our volunteers! Each year during our Banquet we take time to acknowledge all our volunteers and honor a few with awards for Outstanding Dedication! Anyone is welcome to attend, but **we do need your RSVP by April 17th** ~ Call Doorstep @ 785-357-5341 (M-F, 8am-3pm).

In conjunction with the Banquet every year is the **Quilt Drawing!** We have four (4) full-size, themed quilts for K-State, Kansas City Royals, Washburn University and the Kansas City Chiefs. Thank you to **Brenda Strobel** for making these each year! Tickets for these quilts are \$2 and go towards a specific quilt! We also have another 15 wall hangings, throws and larger quilts you can take your chances on for \$1 a ticket. Winners will be drawn at the banquet, but **you do not have to be present to win.**

Do you enjoy **Classic Car Shows**? Penwell-Gabel Funeral Home at 10th & Lane is having one on **Saturday, April 25th** as a benefit for Doorstep. They will have live music, craft vendors, a food truck, and of course cars, trucks & motorcycles will be on display. Are you interested in participating? Contact Misty @ 785-354-8558.

The 9th Annual Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Fun Run & 60th Anniversary Celebration will be Saturday, June 6th @ Christ the King Catholic Church. With the walk/run through the neighborhood we will have our own Car Show, Bouncy Houses, Food Trucks and more... We will also announce Doorstep's plans for the future at the event. Save the date and join us for some exercise, good fun, classic cars, and family fun!



A Fine Arts Showcase for All

By Bethany Johnson

Education is worth sharing, because it is closely tied to our humanity and need for truth, goodness, and beauty found in Christ. Art is a wonderful avenue into educating a child, as it is the expression and application of human skill and imagination. Art takes many forms. We teach our children the art of poetry, the art of public speaking, visual art, the art of music, and more, all through the art of teaching. Art connects us to historical time periods and cultures, familiarizes us with famous artists, composers, and writers, and reminds us of human values, ideals, and emotions that are imbedded within creation.

Come join us on Wednesday, May 6 at 6:00 p.m. as our students have an opportunity to showcase their various works of art, which are meant to be heard and shared with a community. As you walk in the courtyard, we will have artwork displays by all of our students. (Some of the artwork was entered in local and state contests this past year.) A light reception will take place as you have time to enjoy the artwork and talk with the “artists.” Shortly after that, you will sit back and relax to enjoy the rest of the program!

We will have poetry recitations performed individually and in groups. The upper grades will recite poetry by Emily Dickinson and Elizabeth Barrett Browning, and the younger grades will recite “The Grasshopper and the Elephant” and “The Young Lady of Niger, along with “Wild Beasts” by Evaluen Stein.

In celebration of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, the upper grade students will recite a selection from that document. All students will also perform patriotic music, such as “You’re a Grand Old Flag” and “America the Beautiful.”

We hope you can join us and participate in this wonderful time together surrounded by God’s gift of art that brings us all together in appreciation and wonder.

Prayer

Dear Jesus, we pray that you would help us obey our earthly masters with respect and fear and with sincerity of heart, just as we also seek to obey you and your commandments. Give us grace when we fail and grant us faith to trust in your will in all things. Amen.



Highlights

- Memorizing the Table of Duties to Workers of All Kinds
- Learning about Gideon, the Judges, Ruth, Naomi, and Samuel
- Reading *Lassie* (5/6) and drinking tea
- Reading *A Bear Called Paddington* (3) and eating Marmalade
- Reading *Sea Story* (2)
- Reading *Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie* (1)
- Learning about St. Patrick
- Visiting the Combat Air Museum and enjoying the creek in the Ted Ensley Gardens
- Learning about John Williams’ music and about world instruments
- Creating glow-in-the-dark constellations and wooden Resurrection eggs (3-6)
- Writing friendly letters and notes (1)
- Learning about Henri Matisse (K-2)
- Writing variations and paraphrases of “The Foolish Rich Man” (5/6)
- Learning about Amelia Earhart (K-2)
- Learning about Confession & Absolution from Pastor Wright

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April 2026

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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)