



TRINITY XIII
30 August 2026

Pastor Chris Kellogg's installation will be this Sunday, August 30, at the 8:00 a.m. service. Afterwards we will have Opening Devotion and Sunday School as usual. There will be a cake reception in Luther Hall in lieu of Bible Study. Please join us in welcoming Pastor Kellogg.

St. John's Worship Conference is this Saturday, August 29 from 8:30a.m.-3:30p.m. The Rev. Timothy Frank will serve as the presenter and organist. This conference is suited for lay members as well as pastors and musicians. For more information, visit St. John's website.

Join us for the Office of Vespers and Organ Recital at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 29. This event concludes the Worship Conference, and admission is free. All are welcome to attend Vespers and the recital, even if you didn't attend the conference.

Confirmation Retreat: Calling all 5th-8th graders for a weekend at camp, October 2nd and 3rd! Learn more about confession and absolution and have fun climbing, canoeing, and more with your friends! Registration is now open. The cost is \$20 (helps cover meals and one overnight); sign up on the youth board or contact Rachel Kathman by August 30. We had a great time at Rock Springs Ranch in Manhattan the last two years, and met Lutherans from all over Kansas.

A Divine Service will be held at 6:30 p.m. on September 2 for St. John's Classical Lutheran School's first day of school. We encourage everyone at St. John's to attend!

On Sunday, September 6 at the 11:00 service, we will have four adult confirmations: Randy and Janet Manderino and Taylor and Aubrey Endicott. We give thanks to God for the gift of faith He has given to them through Word and Sacrament.

Sound Words Academy will begin on Wednesday, September 9.

A new adult catechesis class will begin on Sunday, September 13, after the 11:00 service. Please let Pastor Wright know if you would like to attend this class or if you have a conflict with this time. Adult catechesis is a time for us to gather and study God's word together and ask the important question, "what does this mean?" There is no obligation to be confirmed and join St. John's by attending the class but this catechesis is the path to adult confirmation and membership, if that is one's desire. As always, members of St. John's are also welcome to sit in on the class.

The next monthly breakfast will be a potluck on September 13, hosted by Ecclesia Bells and Kantorei.

Volunteer for Oktoberfest! St. John's annual Oktoberfest will be held on Saturday, September 26 from 4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Sign up slots include preparation of food, serving food, and clean-up afterwards. The sign-up sheet is in the Courtyard.

Altar flowers this week are given by Roger and Donna Barr in thanksgiving for St. John's school teachers and church staff.

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

Coming Up

Sunday, August 30

TRINITY XIII

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with
Installation of Pastor Chris Kellogg
9:20 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
9:45 a.m. Bible Class/Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Divine Service

Wednesday, September 2

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

8:30 a.m. SJCLS Chapel
6:30 p.m. Divine Service in Nave

Thursday, September 3

8:30 a.m. Chapel

Sunday, September 6

TRINITY XIV

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 with Adult
Confirmation

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Family Prayer

For the Week of August 31-September 6

Psalm of the Week

Psalm 32, antiphon v. 2

Hymn of the Week

“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me” (LSB 683)

Daily Readings

Monday (8/31): 1 Kings 16:29-17:24;
2 Corinthians 9:1-15

Tuesday (9/1): 1 Kings 18:1-19;
Ephesians 1:1-23

Wednesday (9/2): 1 Kings 18:20-40;
Ephesians 2:1-22

Thursday (9/3): 1 Kings 19:1-21;
Ephesians 3:1-21

Friday (9/4): 2 Kings 2:1-18;
Ephesians 4:1-24

Saturday (9/5): 2 Kings 2:19-25; 4:1-7;
Ephesians 4:25-5:14

Sunday (9/6): 2 Kings 4:8-22, 32-37;
Ephesians 5:15-33

Prayer of the Week

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and charity; and that we may obtain what You have promised, make us love what You have commanded; 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

Trinity XIV

Proverbs 4:10-23; Galatians 5:16-24; Luke 17:11-19

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-1st grade Jr. Lutherans downstairs
Grades 2-4 music in Nave

6:00-6:30 Grades 2-4 Jr. Lutherans downstairs
PreK-1st grade music in the Nave

6:30 Chapel Devotion in the Nave for everyone

6:50-7:10 Grades 5-8 Handbell Choir

**SWA starts up again on
Wednesday, September 9.**

Bible Study

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

A new adult catechesis class
will begin on September 13
after the late service

*Birthday blessings
are extended to...*
Irene Weinkauff



Volunteer to help clean the church

St. John's needs a few more **cleaning volunteers**. Volunteers
would serve once a month for a couple of hours on a
Thursday, Friday, or Saturday.

We also need someone to help **launder the albs** once a month.
The albs can be washed in the machines at church.
It takes about an hour.

Contact Jeff Lacrone if you are interested in serving.

Financial Update

Treasurer's Report

	Monthly	YTD
July 2026 Total Income (General Fund)	\$47,461.63	\$419,698.75
July 2026 Total Expenses	\$68,168.72	\$450,350.51
Current Monthly Total	(\$20,707.09)	(\$30,651.76)

Financial Secretary's Report

	Monthly	YTD
July 2026 Contribution Receipts	\$45,149.40	\$401,338.85
July 2026 Projected Monthly Receipts	\$66,760.92	\$467,326.44
Over/Under Budgeted Contribution	(\$21,611.52)	(\$ 65,987.59)



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September 13-27

Dates

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items with **20% off** and **FREE**
shipping to the church.



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CALL FOR MUSICIANS

Consider offering your time
and musical talents to serve and
grow in faith and fellowship



ECCLESIA BELLS

- 3+ Spots open
- Plays once a month according to
players' schedules
- Rehearsals on Thursdays at 6:15 p.m.

KANTOREI

- We always welcome new choir members!
- Sings once a month and on feast days
- Rehearsals on Thursdays at 7:15 p.m.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

- Men and women's choirs, sing 1-2 times a year
- Cantor or small choir for chanting, as needed
- Instrumentalists, as needed

Rehearsals begin September 10
Contact Kantor Bethany Johnson
if you are interested!

4TH ANNUAL

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Rev. Dr. David Petersen

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SEPTEMBER 10-12, 2026

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REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH



Oktoberfest

School Fundraiser

for St. John's Classical Lutheran School
Proceeds go towards Classroom Enhancements



Live Music | German Food | Activities

Saturday, September 26

Doors open at 4:30, Food Served at 5

901 SW Fillmore, Topeka, KS



DOORSTEP
Neighbors Helping Neighbors

September 2026

Summer went by quickly... again this year! The kids are back in school; schedules start getting busy with activities again, and at Doorstep we are just trying to keep up with the increased demand for food assistance! Each year since 2022, the need has grown, the number of food orders has increased each year, and so has our budget trying to keep food on our shelves to feed our neighbors in need!

This month, to continue our 60th anniversary, we are asking each of our Mission Member Faith Communities to focus on collecting one, two or a variety of items to help stock our pantry, hygiene area, clothing room, etc. for our neighbors who are struggling seeking assistance at Doorstep. We're calling it **"60 for 60"**.

St. John's is participating in Doorstep's 60th anniversary '60 for 60 Community Challenge.' **St. John's is collecting 60 boxes of cereal to support families and individuals in our community.** Bring a box of cereal to the Doorstep corner by Luther Hall by September 27. Thank you for helping us celebrate 60 years of compassion in our community.

Also happening this month is the **31st Annual Sertoma Duck Race** on September 26th. The virtual race will start at 10am, and we have a team again this year, "Ducks for Doorstep"! Our goal is to have 600 ducks adopted. Doorstep will receive half of each adoption, and the Sertoma Club will receive the other half to help charities in our community. You can adopt one duck, a family, a flock or an oodle. You have a chance to win one of the 10 prizes, all while helping our community! One of Doorstep's supporters won a prize last year... so you never know!!! Go to: www.duckrace.com/topeka/teams/13004 and support Doorstep in this year's Great Topeka Duck Race!

Mark your calendars for our **2nd Starlight Online Auction** this year! The site will be live for bids October 18th @ 10am until October 24th @ 10pm.

Our 60th Anniversary Building a Better Doorstep Capital Campaign is underway, and we need your donations to help renovate our building to improve accessibility and dignity; create a safer and more efficient facility; and increase our capacity to serve. Visit: www.DoorstepTopeka.org to donate.

DOORSTEP
Neighbors Helping Neighbors

60 FOR 60

COMMUNITY CHALLENGE

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

60 BOXES OF CEREAL

SEPTEMBER 2026

Please place your cereal boxes in the Doorstep area by Luther Hall

All Donations are due at church by Sunday, September 27th!

QUESTIONS? CHRIS GRAVERSEN: 785.256.1105

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT: YVONNE BERRY 785.221.5508

DUCKS FOR DOORSTEP

Goal: 600 Ducks

31st Annual SERTOMA GREAT TOPEKA DUCK RACE

VIRTUAL RACE DATE: SEPT 26, 2026

Adopt a Duck Today!

Saturday, Sept. 26th 10am - ONLINE

<https://www.duckrace.com/topeka/teams/13004>

DOORSTEP
Neighbors Helping Neighbors



Hymn of the Year:

"Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide" (LSB 585)

by Bethany Johnson

Each year we choose a hymn that will be a constant guide for us throughout the year as we learn this hymn by heart. This year the teachers and Pastor Wright chose "Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide," since it is, as Nikolaus Selnecker titled it, "a psalm of thanksgiving for God's particular grace that there has at all times been a place where God's Word can be rightly preached, taught, and learned." We thank God that St. John's Classical School provides this place for our children!

Selnecker, who wrote the stanzas following Philip Melancthon's first stanza, wanted them to accompany the message of Psalm 122. "Let us go to the house of the Lord" is a message that we pray our children will continue to desire throughout their lives. We pray that they will always abide in Jesus. This is the same prayer that the disciples on the road to Emmaus also prayed when it looked like Jesus was going to leave them.

The words "night" and "eventide" refer to the Church at the end of time. As the Church heads toward Judgement Day, our sinful nature is tempted to lose hope, turn cold with our hearts, surrender our faith (apostasy), and trust in our human pride and "man-made thoughts or things." Through these temptations, the Church must pray to God that He would "spurn Satan" and give us strength and boldness to continue unified while abiding in God's Word.

What does it mean to "abide in Jesus"? It means to receive God's gifts through His Word and Sacrament. Receiving Jesus in the Divine Service and throughout the week is the heart and center of our education. It is from Jesus that everything good, true, and beautiful shines forth in our world. We pray for faithfulness and boldness to always use His pure Word as a light and a sword amidst the sin and darkness of this world.

God's blessings to this next school year as we pray for His guidance in all things!

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for another great school year to learn more about You in Your Word and in Your creation. Grant us grace to continue to live in Your Word through faith in You. In your name we pray, Amen.



Highlights

- Moving into the classrooms upstairs and setting up our new location.
- Schola Cantorum (older children) sang in a Hymn Festival at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Kansas City
- First day of school September 2.
- Sixth and Seventh graders starting a new class - Logic!

*Join us September 2 at 6:30pm
for our Opening Divine Service.*

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church

September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
TRINITY XIII 30 8am DIVINE SERVICE with Installation of Pastor Kellogg 9:20am COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP 9:45am BIBLE CLASS/SS 11am DIVINE SERVICE	31	1	2 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL 8:30am CHAPEL 6:30pm DIVINE SERVICE in Nave	3 8:30am CHAPEL	4	5
TRINITY XIV 6 8am DIVINE SERVICE 9:20am COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP 9:45am BIBLE CLASS/SS 11am DIVINE SERVICE	7 OFFICE CLOSED 1pm LWML EXEC	8 8:30am CHAPEL 4pm SJCLS BOARD	9 8:30am CHAPEL 5pm SWA 6:30pm DEVOTION	10 8:30am CHAPEL 6:15pm ECCLESIA BELLS 6:30pm ELDER CALLING 7pm ELDERS 7:15pm KANTOREI	11	12
TRINITY XV 13 ST. JOHN'S ANNIVERSARY 8am DIVINE SERVICE 9:15am MONTHLY BREAKFAST 9:15am PARISH ED 9:45am SUNDAY SCHOOL 11am DIVINE SERVICE 12:30pm ADULT CATECHESIS	14 HOLY CROSS 8:30am DIVINE SERVICE 1:30pm SARAH CIRCLE	15 8:30am CHAPEL 1pm DORCAS CIRCLE 4:30pm TRUSTEES 6pm MISSIONS/ EVANGELISM	16 8:30am CHAPEL 5pm SWA 6:30pm DEVOTION	17 8:30am CHAPEL 6:15pm ECCLESIA BELLS 7:15pm KANTOREI	18	19
TRINITY XVI 20 8am DIVINE SERVICE 9:20am COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP 9:45am BIBLE CLASS/SS 11am DIVINE SERVICE 12:30pm ADULT CATECHESIS	21 ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE 8:30am DIVINE SERVICE 5:30pm STEWARDSHIP	22 8:30am CHAPEL 6:30pm COUNCIL	23 8:30am CHAPEL 5pm SWA 6:30pm DEVOTION	24 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 8:30am CHAPEL 6:15pm ECCLESIA BELLS 7:15pm KANTOREI	25	26 4:30-7:30pm OKTOBERFEST
TRINITY XVII 27 8am DIVINE SERVICE 9:20am COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP 9:45am BIBLE CLASS/SS 11am DIVINE SERVICE 12:30pm ADULT CATECHESIS	28 8:30am CHAPEL	29 ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS 8:30am DIVINE SERVICE	30 8:30am CHAPEL 5pm SWA 6:30pm DEVOTION	1 8:30am CHAPEL 6:15pm ECCLESIA BELLS 7:15pm KANTOREI	2	3



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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)