



St. John's  
Ev. Lutheran Church

## In the Congregation

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ALL SAINTS DAY + November 1, 2026

**This Sunday is All Saints Day.** The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed will be held at both services.

**Turn your clocks back before Sunday.** Daylight saving time will take place this weekend, so set your clocks back before going to bed Saturday evening.

**Pledge cards are available in the church office** and should be returned by Sunday, November 1. You can also email our bookkeeper, Coleen Akers, with your pledge. You are invited and encouraged to attend the Narrative Budget and Budget Hearing Presentation on Sunday, November 8, at 9:45 a.m., following our normal Opening Devotion. Consideration of the 2027 budget will take place at the Voters Meeting on November 22.

**The next Voters' Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 22**, 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. The lunch will be hosted by the church council. Please note that the potluck lunch will take the place of the monthly breakfast in November.

**The Thanksgiving Eve Divine Service** is on Wednesday, November 25 at 6:30 p.m. Join us in the Nave as we give thanks to God for all of our blessings.

**A Divine Service for St. Andrew, apostle**, will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, November 30 during daily chapel in the Nave. This will be a short, spoken Divine Service.

**Two volunteers are needed to lead the kitchen** for the annual Christmas Luncheon, Bazaar, and Bake Sale on Friday, December 4. These volunteers will heat up the soup to serve at the luncheon. If you are interested in helping, please contact Nancy Taylor.

**The Church Council has approved offering CPR/EMD training** for our members. The church will cover the cost of the classes, however, we would gladly accept donations (\$40 per person, mark checks as CPR/EMD in memo line). Classes are about 3 hours long; several classes will be scheduled based on interest (dates/times to follow). Certification is included. If you are interested, call or email the church office to let us know how many in your family will attend.

**Advent midweek service schedule:** Evening Prayer on Wednesday, December 2 at 6:30 p.m., Evening Prayer on Wednesday, December 9 at 6:30 p.m., and the Children's Christmas Service on Wednesday, December 16 at 6:30 p.m.

### Altar Flowers

are given by Chase and Jessi Briggs in thanksgiving for 15 years of marriage and for all the faithful departed, especially Hannah Briggs.

### In Our Prayers

All those who are hospitalized along with our homebound members.

### Sound Words Academy Meals

Use the Sign-Up Genius link below to RSVP and volunteer to bring a side dish, dessert, or help clean up.

[Sign Up for November 4](#)

## Coming Up

### Sunday, November 1

#### ALL SAINTS DAY

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

### Monday, November 2

8:30 a.m. Chapel  
1:00 p.m. LWML Exec

### Tuesday, November 3

8:30 a.m. Chapel

### Wednesday, November 4

8:30 a.m. Chapel  
5:00 p.m. Sound Words Academy  
6:30 p.m. Devotion

### Thursday, November 5

8:30 a.m. Chapel  
9:00 a.m. LWML Mission Blankets  
6:15 p.m. Ecclesia Bells  
7:15 p.m. Kantorei

### Sunday, November 8

#### THIRD LAST SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Divine Service  
9:45 a.m. Budget Presentation  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Divine Service  
12:30 p.m. Adult Catechesis



Give to the  
St. John's  
General Fund  
via [Vanco](#)

## The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Family Prayer*

*For the Week of November 2–November 8*

### Psalm of the Week

Psalm 116, antiphon v. 13

### Hymn of the Week

“For All the Saints” (LSB 677)

### Daily Readings

Monday (11/2): Jeremiah 1:1-19; Matthew 21:23-46

Tuesday (11/3): Jeremiah 3:6-4:2; Matthew 22:1-22

Wednesday (11/4): Jeremiah 5:1-19;  
Matthew 22:23-46

Thursday (11/5): Jeremiah 7:1-29; Matthew 23:1-12

Friday (11/6): Jeremiah 8:18-9:12; Matthew 23:13-39

Saturday (11/7): Jeremiah 11:1-23; Matthew 24:1-28

Sunday (11/8): Jeremiah 20:1-18; Matthew 24:29-51

### Prayer of the Week

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; 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

*Third Last Sunday*

Exodus 32:1-20; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18;  
Luke 17:20-30

# 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

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

## Bible Study

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

Adult Catechesis at **12:30 p.m.**

## Thank You

The family of Mary Roever  
wishes to express their  
heartfelt gratitude for the  
cards and prayers sent to  
Mary and Bill during  
Mary's illness.  
~ Bill Roever

The St. John's Classical  
Lutheran School Board  
would like to thank the  
women of the LWML for their  
continued support of St.  
John's Classical Lutheran  
School. We greatly  
appreciate your recent  
donation to the school from  
the funds made at the  
Bargain and Bake Sale. Thank  
you for your generosity and  
continued support of our  
school.  
~STJCLS School Board

## Share the Harvest

This year, St. John's members will again have the opportunity to "Share their Harvest." This donation goes to local agencies to assist the needy in the Topeka area. The Harvest will be gathered at services on Thanksgiving Day and the following Sunday. Please use the "Share the Harvest" Designated Offering envelope from your contribution envelopes. Additional "Share the Harvest" envelopes and canisters are available in the narthex.

Through "Share the Harvest" we direct those in need of assistance to a local agency that we support. Last year, \$1277 was distributed in support of Topeka Rescue Mission (25%), Let's Help (25%), Doorstep, Inc. (25%), and St. John's Human Care (25%). We deeply thank you for your contribution to this human care effort. "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His love endures forever." Psalm 107:1

## Financial Update

### Treasurer's Report

|                                       | Monthly      | YTD           |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Sept 2025 Total Income( General Fund) | \$49,875.80  | \$553,598.77  |
| Sept 2025 Total Expenses              | \$58,616.32  | \$636,615.43  |
| Current Monthly Total                 | (\$8,740.52) | (\$83,016.66) |

### Financial Secretary's Report

|                                      | Monthly       | YTD            |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Sept 2025 Contribution Receipts      | \$46,229.30   | \$508,558.85   |
| Sept 2025 Projected Monthly Receipts | \$65,382.00   | \$588,438.00   |
| Over/Under Budgeted Contribution     | (\$19,152.70) | (\$ 79,879.15) |

## A Reminder from the Board of Stewardship

Reminder! With 2026 ending soon, we want to remind you that your charitable contributions are allowed only in the year in which the contribution is actually paid, regardless of when the contribution was pledged. If the contribution is paid by a charge to a credit card, it is deemed paid at the time the amount is charged to the card. If payment is made by check, the contribution is deemed made on the date the check is postmarked with a stamp date of December 31 or earlier, or delivered to the church office by December 31st (provided the check clears the bank).

## St. John's Women's League

### Meetings

**Monday, November 2, 1:00 pm:** LWML Exec  
**Monday, November 9, 1:30 p.m.:** Sarah Circle  
**Tuesday, November 10, 1:00 pm:** Dorcas Circle

### Christmas Bazaar

Join us for our Annual Christmas Luncheon, Bazaar and Bake Sale on Friday, December 4.  
Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under the age of 12.

Congregation members are encouraged to donate pies and cakes for the luncheon, and cookies for the cookie walk. Volunteers are also needed.

## Children's Christmas Service

The PreK-8th grade Children's Christmas program "Ancient Cradle Songs" will be on Wednesday, December 16 at 6:30 p.m. Special music will also be provided by St. John's Music Academy students.



Ancient Cradle Songs is a program built around the beloved and familiar hymns of the Christmas season. It highlights the meaning and celebrates the joy of our Savior's birth through seven time-treasured carols.

## Upcoming Youth & Family Events

### Late November/ Early December

Shop for adopted family in need

### December 19

5th-12th grade progressive dinner and caroling

### Sunday, December 20

Wrap presents for adopted family



# Around St. John's

Top to bottom, left to right: Pastor Kastner's Presentation for Missions Sunday, class at STJCLS, Molly Didde's confirmation, and LWML card game afternoon.

*Welcome to:*  
**ETERNITY**  
*Sharing the Gospel  
with the Non-Churched*

Free Event | Everyone Welcome  
Snacks & Drinks Provided  
Witnessing Resources For All Attendees

**Sat, Nov. 7th | 1-3PM**  
Redeemer Lutheran Church  
2700 Lawrence Ave, Lawrence KS

Join us as we discuss ways we can  
confidently and faithfully confess  
Jesus to our friends, neighbors,  
co-workers, and family

*Guest Speaker:*  
**Rev. Dr. Heath Trampe**  
LCMS Office of National Mission



**60th  
Anniversary  
of Immanuel  
Lutheran  
Church's  
Building**



Immanuel Lutheran Church and University Student Center (2104 Bob Billings Parkway, Lawrence) will be celebrating the 60th anniversary of their building in a Rededication Worship Service on Sunday, November 8 at 9:00 AM. Dr. Sharon Hettinger will be the guest organist for this service, using the original 1966 Dedication Service. A reception will be held immediately following the service in the church's Activity Center.



## Make Haste ... Slowly?

*Festina Lente* means to make haste slowly. This seems paradoxical, but it is a principle of classical education. So how can something so seemingly contrary make sense and be a tenant of education? To make haste slowly means to master each step rather than to rush through content. Often, school administrations require that teachers rush through content, to try to get through the curriculum regardless of if the students are understanding and mastering what is being taught.

So what steps do we put in place to make sure that we are making haste slowly? Our math curriculum from kindergarten on up is designed to constantly be reviewing previous skills that have been taught. In kindergarten through second grade, the students have a book for the week. That book is read, reread, and taught every day for that week with different skills being focused on for each day (those same skills return week after week with different books.) Then by the end of the week that book has been mastered. We continuously review our jingles and facts for recitation time until they are memorized. Only after memorizing a set of facts is another set added.

## Prayer

Almighty God, heavenly Father, You have blessed us with the joy and care of children. Give us calm strength and patient wisdom that, as they grow in years, we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



## Highlights

- Reading *Indian Captive* (6/7)
- Learning the *ad fontem* fallacies in Logic (6/7)
- Reading *Ben and Me* and *Mr. Revere and I* (4)
- Reading *Meet Christopher Columbus* and *The Cabin Faced West* (3)
- Learning the states and capitals of the Southeast Region (3/4)
- Writing and editing paragraphs (3-7)
- Reading *Miss Twiggley's Tree* (K-2)
- Studying hurricanes and doing hurricane experiments (K-2)
- Studying Christopher Columbus and making boats (K-2)
- Reading *Prairie School* (2)
- Reading *Little Bear* (1)
- Reading our first stories after learning short a CVC words (K)
- Learning the elements of art (3-7)

# St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church

November 2026

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                         | Monday                                                                       | Tuesday                                                                                               | Wednesday                                                                | Thursday                                                                                                                      | Friday    | Saturday  |
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| <b>ALL SAINTS DAY</b> <b>1</b><br>8am DIVINE SERVICE<br>9:20am COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP<br>9:45am BIBLE CLASS/SS<br>11am DIVINE SERVICE<br>12:30pm ADULT CATECHESIS                                 | <b>2</b><br>8:30am CHAPEL<br>1pm LWML EXEC                                   | <b>3</b><br>8:30am CHAPEL                                                                             | <b>4</b><br>8:30am CHAPEL<br>5pm SWA<br>6:30pm DEVOTION                  | <b>5</b><br>8:30am CHAPEL<br>9am LWML MISSION<br>BLANKETS<br>6:15pm ECCLESIA BELLS<br>7:15pm KANTOREI                         | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>  |
| <b>THIRD LAST SUNDAY</b> <b>8</b><br>8am DIVINE SERVICE<br>9:20am COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP<br>9:45am BUDGET PRESENTATION<br>9:45am SUNDAY SCHOOL<br>11am DIVINE SERVICE<br>12:30pm ADULT CATECHESIS | <b>9</b><br>8:30am CHAPEL<br>1:30pm SARAH<br>CIRCLE<br>5:30pm<br>STEWARDSHIP | <b>10</b><br>8:30am CHAPEL<br>1pm DORCAS CIRCLE<br>4pm SJCLS<br>4:30pm TRUSTEES<br>6pm MISSIONS/EVANG | <b>11</b><br>VETERANS DAY<br>8:30am CHAPEL<br>5pm SWA<br>6:30pm DEVOTION | <b>12</b><br>8:30am CHAPEL<br>6:15pm ECCLESIA BELLS<br>6:30pm ELDER CALLING<br>7pm ELDERS<br>7:15pm KANTOREI                  | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b> |
| <b>SECOND LAST SUNDAY</b> <b>15</b><br>8am DIVINE SERVICE<br>9:20am COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP<br>9:45am BIBLE CLASS/SS<br>11am DIVINE SERVICE<br>12:30pm ADULT CATECHESIS                            | <b>16</b><br>8:30am CHAPEL                                                   | <b>17</b><br>8:30am CHAPEL<br>6:30pm COUNCIL                                                          | <b>18</b><br>8:30am CHAPEL<br>5pm SWA<br>6:30pm DEVOTION                 | <b>19</b><br>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE<br>8:30am CHAPEL<br>9am LWML MISSION<br>BLANKETS<br>6:15pm ECCLESIA BELLS<br>7:15pm KANTOREI | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b> |
| <b>LAST SUNDAY</b> <b>22</b><br>10am SINGLE DIVINE SERVICE<br>11:30am POTLUCK<br>12:30pm VOTERS MEETING                                                                                        | <b>23</b>                                                                    | <b>24</b>                                                                                             | <b>25</b><br>6:30pm<br>THANKSGIVING<br>EVE DIVINE<br>SERVICE             | <b>26</b><br>THANKSGIVING<br>OFFICE CLOSED                                                                                    | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b> |
| <b>AD TE LEVAVI</b> <b>29</b><br>8am DIVINE SERVICE<br>9:20am COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP<br>9:45am BIBLE CLASS/SS<br>11am DIVINE SERVICE<br>12:30pm ADULT CATECHESIS                                  | <b>30</b><br>SAINT ANDREW,<br>APOSTLE<br>8:30am DIVINE<br>SERVICE            | <b>1</b><br>8:30am CHAPEL                                                                             | <b>2</b><br>8:30am CHAPEL<br>5pm SWA<br>6:30pm EVENING<br>PRAYER         | <b>3</b><br>8:30am CHAPEL<br>9am LWML MISSION<br>BLANKETS<br>6:15pm ECCLESIA BELLS<br>7:15pm KANTOREI                         | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b>  |



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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)*