



The Messenger

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To Live
and Teach
Jesus' Love.



Connie Vantuyl,
Office Manager

Sunday Services
8:30am & 11:00am

Sunday School
9:45am

Messiah Lutheran
Church
1101 Neosho St
Emporia, KS
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November 30
One unified
worship service at
10:30am

"Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord." Luke 2:11

The hustle and bustle of the holiday season has started. I drive around town and see lights decorating homes, signs of the coming of Christmas all around us. In the next few weeks many of you will be decorating your homes and some of you decorating our sanctuary for the celebration of Christmas. This time of the year can be and many times is rather hectic.

I can't imagine Joseph and Mary's life as the day of Jesus birth approached. Instead of cars or planes, they road a donkey to their Christmas destination. And as they arrived in Bethlehem the time came for the baby to born. For those of you who are moms and dads maybe you remember the day of your child's birth. I remember it as a hectic yet very exciting day, a day that I will always remember.

So, that's my prayer for each of us as well. Those words of the angel from Luke chapter 2, are still meant for us today. In the midst of all the excitement, all the preparations, I pray we remember the gift of the Christ child, the gift that changed the history of the world, the gift that has changed our lives and filled our hearts with joy, with peace, with the promise of life with our Lord. As we gather with family and friends, I pray, we keep the gift of the Savior at the center of all our Christmas celebrations. May this gift bring joy and peace to our hearts and our homes this Christmas and always!!!



Merry Christmas to all of you!!!!

Pastor T and Renae



Service Schedule

Wednesday, December 3—Service: 7:00pm

Sunday, December 7— 8:30am & 11:00am

Wednesday, December 10—Service: 7:00pm

Sunday, December 14— 8:30am & 11:00am

Wednesday, December 17—Service: 7:00pm

Sunday, December 21— 8:30am & 11:00am

Wednesday, December 24—Christmas Eve Services: 4:00pm & 6:00pm



"Tree of Love" coming on December 3rd!

Shine your light this Christmas...

select a tag from the tree or make a donation @ the church office and we can do the shopping for you. If you have a Thrivent card and would like to use it for the Tree of Love that would be appreciated as well.

All gifts will be due back to the church Fellowship Hall by December 14th.

Please pray for these families and children that through these gifts they see Jesus and feel His love.

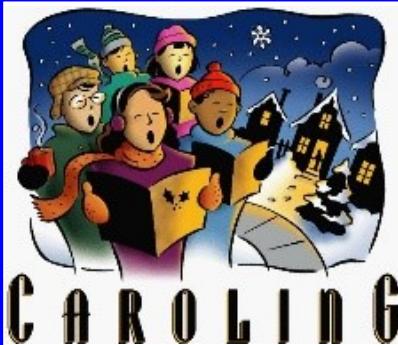
Thank you, Natalie Schnakenberg

If you have any questions call or text me 620-757-1156

Children's
CHRISTMAS
Service

Join us Saturday, December 20th at 6:00 P.M. for our Children's Christmas Service. Cookies and juice to follow.

Scan the QR code to let us know that your child will participate!



December 7th @
3:00pm

Join us for
Christmas caroling
**Meal at the church
to follow**

Wednesdays @ 5:45pm

LOGOS

Dinner and Christian education.

All youth 1st grade through high school welcome!

If you would like to make a donation to help fund our meals during this year's Logos, please contact the church office. Donations may also be placed in Sunday's offering with a "LOGOS" designation.

December 3—Chili, crackers, carrot sticks/ranch, peaches, cinnamon rolls



December 10—Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, salad, garlic bread, angel food cake/strawberries

December 17—Sandwich night, meat & cheese tray, peanut butter, chips, peaches, cupcakes



Plants that will not stay at church can be picked up

Saturday, December 6,
between noon and 1 p.m.

OR between church services
on Sunday, December 7.

Listen to the Lutheran Hour every Sunday morning at 10:00 am on 96.1FM or 580AM

December 7

"Chosen for What?"

Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
(Romans 15:7)

December 14

"Pictures of Patience"

Pastor Ryan Tinetti
(James 5:7-8)

December 21

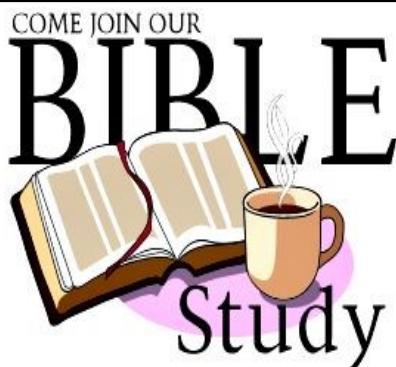
"Everybody Is Somebody"

Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
(Romans 1:7)

December 28

"Get Ready for the Best"

Rev. German Novelli Oliveros
(Luke 12:36-37)



Sundays: "Joining Jesus on His Mission" led by Pastor Tegtmeier

Women's Bible Study by Melissa McCormick

Mondays: Meets in the Youth House at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesdays: Meets the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm in the Youth House.

Wednesdays: Starting Nov. 12th "Miracles of Jesus".

Meets in the Fellowship Hall at noon. Led by Brenda Mawdsley.

Thursdays: Group meets in the fellowship hall at 8:00 a.m (Group Led)

**Church Council Meeting
Making God's House a Home
November 3rd, 2025 6:00 p.m.**

Ministry Support Team – Terry Rhoads & Alice Elkins

Fellowship hall HVAC: Modern Air is awaiting the delivery of the AC unit. They have the furnace and coils. Wyatt at Modern Air says the expected delivery is Nov 4th. They plan on installation sometime next week (10-14th).

Security system: slowly in the process of implementing

Carpet in Narthex: awaiting installation by Carpet & More. All tax exempt docs and material payments have been made.

Landscaping Subcommittee: Planted mums

Financial Resources:

Thrivent: Scholarship	\$72,210.20
Thrivent: Endowment	\$70,932.70
LCEF: Scholarship	\$20,000.00
Total as of 9/30/25	\$163,142.90

Outreach Team Report – Amy Rhoads

Community Outreach- No Report

Missions – No report

Social Concerns – Blessing Box food drive. LOGOS participants are being encouraged to participate and each week a different class is put in charge of filling the box.

Spiritual Life Team – Tracy Karcher – No Report

Adult & Family Life – Melissa McCormick – No Report

Children and Youth Education Team – Jackie Koch

Sunday School:

We have approximately 18-20 children each week for preK-6th and 6 students for junior and senior high school.

Invitations for Sunday school were printed out and put in the pews.

The winter curriculum will be available at the beginning of November and we hope to order just the digital teacher editions.

The Sunday school has requested a line budget of \$4,000 for the 2025-2026 year.

Melissa Powers asked Jackie about cleaning the floor in the Sunday school room next to the kitchen downstairs. Jackie asked Terry to look at it and to give suggestions as the floor is in really bad shape.

LOGOS:

We have 14 children attending who are new to LOGOS or have returned after several years away.

We have 60 children and youth coming to LOGOS this year

LOGOS has requested a \$1,000 line budget for materials for crafts and special activities.

VBS: no report

Youth Faith Growth Team – Cindy Hadicke

We are closing out the year with a poinsettia fundraiser. All proceeds go into the youth activities account. Order deadline is Wednesday, Nov. 19 for delivery the weekend of Dec. 5-6.

We are seeking volunteers to help plan activities for three youth groups: Grades 5-6 (Cool Kids), Junior High (Grades 7-8), High School (Grades 9-12)

Treasurer Report-Susan Menke

**Reconciled ESB Accounts

General Checking

Beginning Balance 10/31/2025	\$77,598.98
Revenue	+34,969.22
Expenses	-29,721.97
<u>Journals (EFTs & transfers to/from savings)</u>	<u>-16,662.01</u>
Ending Balance 10/31/2025	\$66,184.22

Dedicated Savings

Beginning Balance 10/1/2025	\$506,919.87
Receipts	+194.56
Expenses	\$0.00
Journal Entries	+16,619.49
Ending Balance 10/31/2025	\$523,733.92

Committee Reports:**Loving Hands** – No Report**Pastoral Call Team** Congregational Assembly is November 5th at 7:30 after logos.**Long Range Planning**- No report.**Health & Wellness** –No Report**Harvest Home-**

Harvest Home committee will be needing helpers for Friday morning beginning at 8am at the Anderson Building to help with set up and at 8:30 at the church to help load/haul items from the garage to the Anderson building.

Celebration Sunday will be November 23 with one service at 10:30 am, followed by a Celebration meal. The meal will be catered by Gary Croucher again. The Congregation is asked to bring desserts to share.

Harvest home bought new garland and lights for sanctuary for Christmas.

This year's beneficiaries include Paws for Addi, Radical Life, and LCMS Seminary

2026 Harvest Home beneficiaries are Orphan Grain Train, Emporia Senior Center, and Shiloh House.

Membership Changes: No changes**Old Business:** No old Business**New Business:** End of year bonuses for Connie and Pastor Tegtmeier

Announcement - Next meeting: December 1st at 6:00 p.m. with Elders and their wives for dinner. Congregational Assembly November 16th at 9:45 a.m.

Closing - Meeting adjourned at 8:00p.m. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Sheila Duncan- Secretary

The 3rd weekend of December our LWML will be gathering mites to support missions around the world. Bring your loose change and watch the Gospel grow.



CHRISTMAS BRUNCH: Messiah Fellowship Hall
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6 AT 9:30AM

[Executive Board](#)– Wed., Dec. 3 @ 11am

[Ruth Circle](#)— Wed. Dec. 3 @ 1:30pm

[Dorcas Circle](#)—Thu., Dec. 18 @ 1:30pm

Quilt Ministry

LWML quilt ministry is looking for volunteers. On Tuesday mornings from 9:00am to 11:00am a few ladies join together to assemble the quilts. Questions? Beth Hanschu will be glad to get you started. Email: bethhanschu1951@yahoo.com and cell phone: 620-794-0939



6 DECEMBER

Birthdays

1st	Sandy Graham	10th	Callie Lowry	18th	Traci Arndt
	Nick Hensley		Rachel Stubbs		Christopher Birk
	Reece Hines	11th	Brandon Hansen	19th	Dee Williams
2nd	Jayden Birk	12th	Tammy Corum	20th	Jacob Lewis
	Dennis Kasten		Gunner Powers		Alissa Menke
	Dennis Schroeder	13th	Audrina Barry	21st	Kylee Ballard
3rd	Glenda Miller		Klowie Gooch		Adrick Burenheide
	Jenna Redeker		Collin Pankratz		Michele Wells
	Matthew Weidner	14th	Sandy Lahr	22nd	Ed Rathke
4th	Brittani Davis		Brandon Penry	23rd	Brynn Powers
5th	Jessica Parks		Adriana Perez	24th	James Meyer
	Lacey Rust		Bonnie Thomas		Bennett Wacker
6th	Kayla Bauer		Anthony Weidner		Noah Weidner
	Addilyn Owen	15th	Tracy Bernhardt	25th	Brayden Rethman
	Jim Young		Kathryn Elkins		Betty Sharp
8th	Taylor Botkin		Donna Grannan	26th	Emily Cyphers
	Marcy Neff		Courtney Smith		Matt Krause
	Gabriel Shaver	16th	Michael Smith		Gayle Woodhouse
9th	Marilyn Luginbill	17th	Jody Bryant	27th	Sebastian Barry
	Ryan Osage		Travis Cisneros	29th	Ashton Edwards
10th	Callie Lowry		Hudson Duncan	30th	Karly McDougald
	Rachel Stubbs		Juli Heitman		Laurele Graham
			Lorena Mains		Amie Mize
			Trent Olson		Sophia Rethman
			Floyd Thomas		Karen Scheer
					Ethan Schweinler

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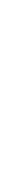
Anniversaries

1st	Matthew & Jennifer Duncan	19th	Rick & Rita Cates	31st	Cailyn Edwards
	Clyde & Denise Wolford	21st	Jordan & Amy Jenkins		
8th	Don & Teresa Bauck	23rd	Kurt & Vicki Schweinler		
	Betty & Don Sharp	26th	Andrew & Jordan Reynolds		
13th	David & Tammy Handke	28th	Adam & Kimberlee Smith		
14th	Jeffrey & Michelle Shepherd	29th	Brian & Misty Lawson		





D·E·C·E·M·B·E·R 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
	12pm Campus AA 6pm Church Council 6-8pm Square Dance Lessons 6:30pm Bible Study in Youth House	9am Quilting 12pm Campus AA 5pm TOPS 5:30pm Bible Study in Youth House	11am LWML Exec. Board 12pm Bible Study 5:45pm LOGOS 7pm Advent Service	8am Bible Study/ 12pm Campus AA 5:40pm Handbells 7:30pm Square Dancing	9am-12pm LWML Christmas Brunch		
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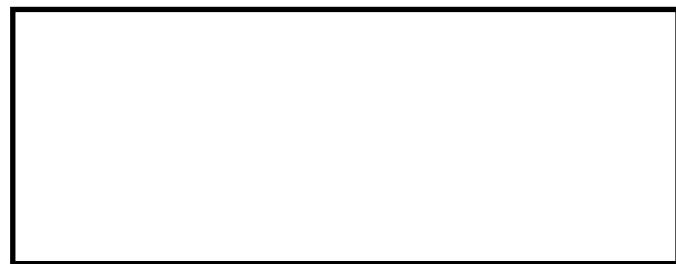
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