



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

“The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow Me!”

Where does the time go? Here we are at the beginning of another month and I'm not sure what happened to the last one. This month, on the 31st, we observe Reformation Day. We remember our forefather in the faith Dr. Martin Luther, how God used him to refocus the church on the good news of Jesus Christ. We focus on passage like Ephesians 2:8 where it says, **“By grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.”** We thank God for that precious message of the Gospel, the gift of the Good News that we are saved not because we have been holy people, but because we have a holy God who loves us enough to send His Son to die our death and rise again to give us life. The message of the Reformation is that we are saved totally and completely because of God's grace in Christ Jesus. We rejoice in that gift, take comfort in God's forgiveness and live every day in the assurance that we belong to Jesus.

So, what does this mean? Does this mean that if we believe in Jesus as our Lord and Savior we can live however we want to live? If we believe in Jesus we can come to worship when we feel like it? If we believe in Jesus we can follow our own selfish wants and desires? It would appear that sometimes God's people live with those convictions. But look again at the passage I quoted at the beginning. Jesus said, “Come follow Me!” As people of God Jesus calls us to follow Him. Here so here again is that good old Lutheran question, “What does this mean?” Jesus calls us to pattern our life after His, to do what He did, to love as He loved, to honor the Father as He honored the Father. “Follow Me!”

So, as you and I live by the grace of God, as we rejoice in God's love and forgiveness, as we look forward to life with our Lord in the glories of heaven, let us also grow to follow Jesus today. Come and gather in His house with brothers and sisters in Christ to worship and honor and praise this amazing God. Pattern your life after that of Jesus. Visit the sick, the lonely! Reach out to those who need to know Jesus' love! Share your physical blessings with those who are in need! “Follow Jesus!”

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Take comfort in His sacrifice for you on the cross of Calvary! Take comfort in His promise of forgiveness and life! And then 'follow Him!' I pray this time of the Reformation is all about Jesus, His grace and mercy that gives us life. And I pray also that every day we grow in our faith and follow Him in all of life!

Jesus said, "Come, follow Me!"

By God's amazing grace!

Pastor T

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.



JOIN US AT
Messiah Lutheran Church
for our
trunk or TREAT

FRIDAY
OCTOBER 31
5:00PM-7:00PM

DECORATE YOUR TRUNK, WEAR YOUR COSTUMES AND JOIN US FOR FAMILY FUN!

Get there early to get your spot in the church's parking lot south of 11th street.

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NEXT Second
Sunday Potluck
October
12th!



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

OCTOBER 5TH-
LWML SUNDAY



Executive Board—

Wed., October 1 @ 11am;
@ 11am

Wed., Nov. 5

Ruth Circle— **Wed., Oct. 1 @ 1:30pm;**

Wed., Nov. 5 @ 1:30am

Dorcas Circle— **Thu., Oct. 16 @ 1:30pm;**

Thu., Nov. 20 @ 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



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

October 5

"Every Age Has a Stage"

Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola
(Numbers 8:23-26)

October 12

"When a Cakewalk Becomes a Crucible"

Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
(Numbers 14:30-31)

October 19

"God's Help Dwells in Us"

Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Sanchez
(Numbers 11:29)

October 26

"Worn In"

Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
(Numbers 20:13)



Our annual **Harvest Home Festival** is Saturday, November 22nd.

Want to make a difference? You can support **multiple** great causes by doing **one** thing!

For a generous donation you can sponsor a specific auction item purchased to benefit local businesses that will also support a special cause through the Harvest Home Festival.

The committee is looking for interested congregational members who would be willing to sponsor a specific package that will be used in the silent auction.

Contact Kary Johnson or Jennifer Rethman to find out more!

We are needing volunteers for set-up on Friday and working the festival on Saturday morning. There will be a sign up sheet in the fellowship hall for volunteers and people bringing items.

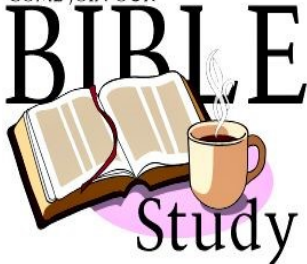
If you have items for the silent auction and/or jams, jellies, candy, bake sale, please have your items to the church or Kary Johnson no later than Sunday, November 16th.

Homemade breads and/or baked goods are needed. Please contact Kristen Way at 620-340-5353 with any questions.

Get donations for the Flea Market in the garage, before it fills up!



COME JOIN OUR



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: 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)

Would you like to help reduce Messiah's costs?



By receiving Messiah's monthly newsletter by email rather than paper mail, you're helping to reduce our printing and mailing costs each month. If you're interested in our E-Newsletter, please contact the church office @ 620-342-8181.

**Church Council Meeting
Making God's House a Home
September 8th, 2025 6:00 p.m.**

Ministry Support Team – Terry Rhoads & Alice Elkins

Waiting on a start date from Modern Air to install new air conditioning unit.

Financial Resources:

Thrivent: Scholarship	\$70,453.73
Thrivent: Endowment	\$67,000.23
LCEF: Scholarship	\$20,000.00
Total as of 6/30/25	\$157,453.96

Outreach Team Report – Amy Rhoads

Community Outreach- Blood drive last month took in approximately 30 units.

Missions – No report

Social Concerns – No Report

Spiritual Life Team – Tracy Karcher –No Report

Adult & Family Life – Melissa McCormick

We blessed 93 students and faculty at the Blessing of the Backpack.

We will be starting the Cookie Ministry back up for visiting church guests

LSO had 15 students and 2 sponsors

Children and Youth Education Team – Jackie Koch

LOGOS: LOGOS staff met August 27th to finalize plans for the upcoming year. The starting time has been moved to 5:45 as some families had a hard time getting to dinner at 5:30. Dismissal remains at 7:30. Invitations were sent to all students.

The Leadership Team is Brenda Taylor and Linda Sadowski. David Johnson will be taking over as the head cook with help from Tamie Vahsholtz, Teresa Bauck, Susan Menke, and Karen Crouch. Grocery Shopper is Vicki Brooks. 7th - high school cooks are Donna and Alan Spain and Beth Hanschu. Dessert Divas are Linda Morgan, Kathy Weidner, Brenda Mawdsley, and LaDonna Mel-drum. HomeBound Delivery Guy is Ken Taylor. Dinner Dean is Bill Huth. Activity/Game Leader is Megan Campbell. Matt and Jennifer Esau are the Closing Leaders.

Teaching Staff: 1st Kristen Way and Shannon Schumann; 2nd and 3rd Cindy Jackson and Lori Fleming; 4th Jane Schneider and Bridget Hensley; 5th Nancy Meinholdt and Sheryl Wiemers; 6th Jackie Koch, Rita Anderson, and Virginia Higgins; 7th Cindy Hadicke and Carol Mains (substitute); 8th through High School Pastor Tegtmeier and Ben Ortstadt.

Sunday School: The Sunday school teachers, helpers, and administrators met to finalize the upcoming year on August 24th. The material is all online, as well as the schedule for teachers and helpers to sign up. Megan will send out texts on Saturdays to all, so those who are to teach the next day will be reminded. Teachers are: Ben Oststadt and Jenna Redeker 7th-12th; Ashley Mawdsley, Katie Rhodes, Megan Powers 3rd-6th; Brenda Mawdsley and Megan Powers K-2nd; Carly Cooper, Jennifer Whaley, Alex Vahsholtz, Geneva Anders Preschool. Helpers are Melissa McCormick, Kendra Shaw, Clara Heitman, and Sheila Duncan. The helpers fill in different grade levels to try to have one teacher and one helper in each class.

Post cards were sent to children of each family affiliated with the church encouraging the children to attend Sunday school. There were 23 children in attendance the first Sunday back. Ben and Jenna are using materials based on *The Chosen* video series and had six in attendance.

A meeting was held on August 25th with Tracy Karcher, Ken Taylor, Megan Powers, Brenda Mawdsley, and Jackie Koch to plan for the upcoming Sunday school year. It was agreed that Megan, along with Linda Sadowski's input, should compile a job description for the superintendent. (This has been done.) Jackie was asked to do the same for her position.

The plan for purchasing and using the brand-new materials was shared with Tracy and Ken. We are purchasing teaching materials literally as they are being published. There are three years of materials that will be taught and then started over so that there will be no cost after the three years of purchases. We are almost half-way finished purchasing the materials. Year A was purchased in 2024-2025 at a cost of \$1,359. Year B's fall materials have been purchased and winter and spring will be purchased as they become available. The cost for this year and next (Year C) will be \$1,296 per year. This is a total of \$3,951, unless prices change. After these payments, there will be no more expense for the materials because all materials will be available online to be printed as needed for as many years as these materials are used. The teachers like the materials and foresee them being used for a long time. Megan handed out a scope and sequence chart to show how the lessons build upon what has been taught. Brenda suggested that we budget \$4,000 this year to cover the cost of the materials along with crafts, snacks, special holiday items, and food for teacher trainings. Tracy stated that we need to present this at the next council meeting since we will be setting the budget during the next two meetings. This should become a line item.

VBS: No report

Youth Faith Growth Team – Gwen Larson – No Report

Treasurer Report-Susan Menke

**Reconciled ESB Accounts

General Checking

Beginning Balance 8/1/2025	\$71,924.62
Revenue	+31,651.79
Expenses	-26,874.88
Journals (EFTs & transfers to/from savings)	-15,373.04
Ending Balance 8/31/2025	\$61,328.49

Dedicated Savings

Beginning Balance 8/1/2025	\$488,349.67
Receipts	+378.65
Expenses	\$0.00
Journal Entries	+15,329.45
Ending Balance 8/31/2025	\$504,057.77

Committee Reports:

Loving Hands – No Report

Pastoral Call Team- Special Congregational Assembly September 18 at 6pm to vote on calls for 3 pastors: George Morris, Benjamin Perkins, and Christopher Weber

Long Range Planning- No report.

Health & Wellness –No Report

Harvest Home-

Alley sale September 12th & 13th

Organizing spaghetti supper drive-thru fundraiser September 22nd 4:30-6:30pm

Membership Changes:

Deaths: Lloyd Davidson (8/2/25)

Old Business:

Church sign repairs - AAA had enough Plexiglas for 1 side. They are awaiting new shipment, then will replace the Plexiglas on the sign.

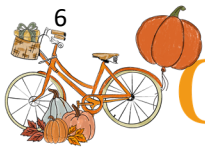
New Business:

Connie will be out of the office October 6-10, October 24 & 27, & ½ day October 31.

Announcement - Next meeting: October 6th at 6:00 p.m. Special Congregational Assembly September 18 at 6pm

Closing - Meeting adjourned at 7:01p.m. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Sheila Duncan- Secretary



OCTOBER

birthdays

1st Grant Carson
David Krause
Ashley Storrer

2nd Brad Demler
CaLee Hoyt
Patti Sporing
Sadie Weidner

3rd Marian Gilmore
Olivia Hamlin
John Metcalf

4th Sheila Duncan
Kim Parks

6th Derek Gifford
Shirley Smith

7th Cindy Hadicke
Madison Riles
Emily Schumann

8th Candice Brecht
Leonhard Graham
Aaron Krause
Michele Wiemers

9th Donna Gillmore
Leo Rathke

10th Linda Morgan
Vicki Schweinler

11th Connor Hoyt
Greg Larson
Charlotte Pinick

12th Aubrey Foye

13th Nolan Heitman

14th Cara Demler

15th Douglas Bernhardt
Joshua Brecht
Westley Handke
Conner Kreitzer
Tracie Schroeder
Brittany Weakley
David Whitson

16th Jessica Lang

18th Ashley Bollinger
Claire Boucher

19th Blake Whitson
Garrett Whitson

20th Carolyn Davis
Tim Hensley

21st Grace Anderson
Andrea Karcher
Tom Miller

22nd Angie Childears

23rd Kayden Barrett
Lynnette Bollinger
Vickie Price

25th Leo Rathke, Jr.

26th Jim Belford

27th Lisa Decker
Lacie Hamlin
Denise Wolford

30th Eva Hannigan
Jeff Illk



OCTOBER

anniversaries

2nd David & Dee Williams

5th Justin & Chrissy Farr

7th Wayne & Tamie Vahsholtz

9th Patrick & Jamie Granado
Paul & Brittany Weakley

10th Nick & Whitney Hensley
Christ & Alex Vahsholtz

15th Jeff & Lisa Bessmer

17th Woody & Gayle Woodhouse

19th Craig & Victoria Conley
Gale & Sandy Graham
Brandon & Ashley Miller

20th Trent & Amy Olson

21st Todd & Riley Fritch

27th Tony & Alissa Menke
Terry & Karla Textor





OCTOBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 11am LWML Exec. Board 12pm Bible Study 1:30pm Ruth Circle 5:45pm LOGOS	2 8am Bible Study 9am Noodles 12pm Campus AA	3 1pm F.H. Reserved 7:30pm Sq. Dancing	4
5 <i>LWML Sunday</i> 8:30am Early Service 9:45am Sunday School 11am Late Service 6pm LSO Dinner	6 12pm Campus AA 6pm Church Council 6-8pm Square Dance Lessons 6:30pm Bible Study in Youth House	7 9am Quilting 12pm Campus AA 5pm TOPS 5:30pm Bible Study in Youth House 6pm Elders	8 12pm Bible Study 5:45pm LOGOS	9 8am Bible Study 9am Noodles 12pm Campus AA	10	11 6pm Square Dancing
12 8:30am Early Service 9:45am Sunday School 11am Late Service <i>2nd Sunday POTLUCK</i>	13 12pm Campus AA 6-8pm Square Dance Lessons 6:30pm Bible Study in Youth House	14 9am Quilting 12pm Campus AA 5pm TOPS 6:30pm Quilting Guild	15 12pm Bible Study 5:45pm LOGOS	16 8am Bible Study 9am Noodles 12pm Campus AA 1:30pm Ruth Circle	17	18
19 8:30am Early Service 11am Late Service <i>Mite box Sunday</i>	20 12pm Campus AA 6-8pm Square Dance Lessons 6:30pm Bible Study in Youth House	21 9am Quilting 12pm Campus AA 5pm TOPS 5:30pm Sertoma Club	22 12pm Bible Study 5:45pm LOGOS	23 8am Bible Study 12pm Campus AA	24	25 6pm Square Dancing
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