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HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:



Joel Ada is graduating from The Lutheran High School of Kansas City. He plans to attend the University of Kansas where he was accepted into the Honors Program and will pursue a degree in Architecture. Joel is the Class Salutatorian, a member of the National Honor Society, and recipient of the KU Traditions Scholarship.

Brady Bean is graduating from The Lutheran High School of Kansas City. He plans to attend Kansas State University, Manhattan and pursue a degree in Business Management. Brady was accepted in to the University Honors Program.

Leonard Bertels is graduating from St. James Academy High School. He plans to attend the University of Missouri and pursue a degree in business.

Carter Clark is graduating from Mill Valley High School. He plans to attend the University of Central Missouri and pursue a degree in nursing with hopes of continuing on to graduate school in a Nurse Anesthetist program. He has received the UCM Red and Black Scholarship, the UCM Kansas City Residency Scholarship, the UCM Out of State Visitor Scholarship, and the UCM Dual Enrollment Scholarship.

Nicholas Grams is graduating from The Lutheran High School of Kansas City. He plans to attend the University of Central Missouri and pursue a degree in Kinesiology followed by physician's assistant school with an emphasis in Orthopedics. He graduates with 18 college credits and has received the Red and Black Academic Scholarship Award from UCM.

Sydney Hughey is graduating from Blue Valley High School. She plans to attend Johnson County Community College this fall as she explores career opportunities related to math. After deciding on a career path, she plans to transfer to a four-year university to complete her degree.

Derek Lahey is graduating from Olathe South High School. During high school, Derek participated in the Olathe OATC welding program, was an active member of SkillsUSA, and competed in welding competitions. During his senior year, he also completed an internship with the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers. Derek plans to continue his career in the union as a welder.

Shayla McKay is graduating from Spring Hill High School. She plans to attend Concordia University, Nebraska and pursue a degree in Elementary Education. Shayla has committed to continuing her dance career as a member of the Concordia University, Nebraska Competition Dance team.

Harrison Neuschafer is graduating from Olathe West High School. He plans to attend Kansas State University, Manhattan and pursue a degree in Accounting. Harrison received the KSU Business Scholarship, the Limestone Award, and the Herbel Family Foundation Fellowship for Accounting. Harrison has joined the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity.

Cooper Olson is graduating from Spring Hill High School. She plans to attend The Bronco Ties Program at Spring Hill High School as well as the Clear Program at Johnson County Community College.

Riley Olson is graduating from Olathe East High School. She plans to attend Pittsburg State University and pursue a degree in Biology/Pre-Med. Riley was accepted into the AMP-UP accelerated Pre-Med path at Pitt State. She received a merit scholarship and music scholarship from Pitt State.

Kaylana Schepmann is graduating from Olathe South High School. She plans to attend the University of Nebraska, Lincoln and pursue a degree in Actuarial Science. Kaylana was accepted into the Nebraska Honors Program and received the Legacy New Nebraskan Scholarship and the Godbout Family Scholarship from the University of Nebraska.

Thomas Torres is graduating from The Lutheran High School of Kansas City. He plans to attend the University of Missouri, Columbia in the fall.

Peter Yarnell is graduating from Olathe North High School with an Endorsement in Sports Medicine and a 4.02 GPA. He plans to attend Johnson County Community College and enroll in their Welding Technology/Metal Fabrication program.

COLLEGE/VOCATIONAL GRADUATES:

Rachel Ada is graduating from Concordia University Nebraska with a Bachelor of Science in Education. She is graduating with high distinction, majoring in Elementary Education with a Lutheran Teaching Diploma and ESL endorsement. Rachel has received a call to teach at Hope Lutheran School, Shawnee, KS.

Olivia Bodenstab is graduating from the University of Central Missouri with a Bachelor of Science degree in Digital Media Production and a minor in Communications. She plans to pursue a digital media/marketing career.

Nicholas Chiappetta is graduating from Concordia University Wisconsin with a Bachelor of Science in Business Management and will be working at Open Road Harley-Davidson in Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin.

Kellan Mahnken graduated from Missouri State University in December 2025 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religious Studies and Media, Culture, and Literature.

James Schultz is graduating from Concordia University Wisconsin with a Bachelor of Arts in Secondary Education – History. He plans to teach history at Living Word Lutheran High School in Jackson, Wisconsin.

Jeremiah Schultz is graduating from Ralston College, Savannah, GA with a Masters in Humanities. He plans to teach Greek and English at The Classical School in Wichita, KS.

Andrew Yarnell is graduating from Johnson Community College with an Associate's Degree in Liberal Arts. He plans to attend Emporia State University in the fall to complete his Bachelor of Science Degree in Secondary Education-Mathematics. Andrew is a recipient of the Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship, Presidential Scholarship, Smart 21 Scholarship, and the Larry and Kitty Huntley Scholarship from Emporia.



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Volunteers are needed to help teach Summer Sunday School. There are multiple age groups, all materials and lessons are prepped and ready, and you can sign up for as little as one Sunday or for the whole summer. Please consider how you can help and sign up in the breezeway. Thank you!!



VBS



VBS SIGN UP



Scan the QR code or click on the links below:

Volunteer sign up:

[VBSMate.com](https://www.vbsmate.com) — Your online VBS registration tool



Preschool 3s, 4s & PreK sign up:

[VBSMate.com](https://www.vbsmate.com) — Your online VBS registration tool

Kdg - 5th grade sign up:

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VBS DONATIONS



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SUNDAY SCHOOL

This week, we study "A Jail Bail." King Herod launches attacks on the Church, killing James, the brother of John. When Herod sees how much this pleases the Jews, he has Peter imprisoned. Peter is guarded by four squads of soldiers as the Church prays for him. That night, an angel appears and leads Peter past the guards and out of the prison. Peter knocks at the gate of the house where the others are gathered in prayer. A servant girl, Rhoda, answers. She is so excited that she runs to tell the others, leaving Peter to continue knocking. An angel of the Lord strikes Herod down for his pride.

WORSHIP RESOURCES

Lectionary Images for May 17th

<https://www.bslcks.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/2026.05.17-Lectionary-Images.pdf>

My Worship Notes for May 17th

<https://www.bslcks.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/2026.05.17-My-Worship-Notes.pdf>

FIELDSTONE

MAY FIELDSTONE FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Beautiful Savior is in partnership with Mission Southside to distribute food to families at Fieldstone Apartments here in Olathe. We meet every Friday at

2:45pm at Mission Southside 514 S. Kansas Ave. in Olathe to box groceries and then drive to Fieldstone Apartments where we deliver them to our families at their apartments. We are usually done by 4:15pm. If you would like to be part of this important ministry, please click on the link below to sign up. Thank You!

[Congregation: Fieldstone Food Distribution \(signupgenius.com\)](http://signupgenius.com)

YOUTH MINISTRY

GRADUATION SUNDAY

The Senior Youth and Youth Board would like to invite this year's graduating seniors and their families to a senior recognition and breakfast in the youth room during the Sunday school hour on May 17th. Seniors are invited to bring their favorite breakfast food to share while Pastor Ada recognizes each graduate. Parents, grandparents, siblings, and any other family members or friends are welcome to attend!

PRESCHOOL

THIS WEEK

This week we had our last week of Preschool and MDO for the 2025-2026 school year. The children sang for their families on Tuesday night during our two programs. Our Pre-K children were each given a certificate and a "Hear Me Read Bible" from BSLC to aid them in their faith and reading journeys as they leave our school. It is always bittersweet to say goodbye and launch off the future Kindergarteners to their new schools. Our teaching team had our annual cleaning day on Friday and then lunch out together with axe throwing and Andy's Custard afterwards. We thank God for another year of Connecting Children and Families to Jesus as We Gather, Grow, and Go!

BMEA

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Thank you for a strong start to sign-ups! We still have openings across most weeks and age groups and need a few more volunteers to make each Sunday special. Please sign up even if your summer schedule isn't finalized—if a conflict comes up, we'll gladly work with you to find a different date. Serving together helps our children grow in faith and

community. "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." — Proverbs 22:6. Please sign up today — your time makes a difference. Sign up in breezeway or contact Michelle Wibe.

PAYNE FAMILY UPDATE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
In March the SELVD Seminary finished its first semester of its second year, and the Payne family went to a regional reconnect in Egypt with the other OIM missionaries in Africa. We were excited to visit Mount Sinai! Many other exciting things happened in March as well including birthdays, but you'll have to click the link below to download the newsletter to read all about it.



If you'd like to know more about this picture and see how the Lord has been working in our lives over the past month, download our newsletter by clicking the link below. Thank you for your prayers and may God bless each of you. Click [here](#) to download the newsletter. Just in case you missed one of our past newsletters, we invite you to take a stroll down memory lane with us! There is a lot of fun to be found in these [past newsletters!](#)

KANSAS & MISSOURI LCMS

KS DISTRICT MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends in Christ,
"For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations." - Isaiah 61:11
There are a number of exciting activities taking place around the Kansas District! Be sure to check out this

month's *Workers Together* newsletter for important information and upcoming events! To view or print the *May Workers Together* issue, click/tap the following link:

[Workers Together, May 2026.](#)

WALK FOR LIIFE CELEBRATION AND FUNDRAISER

Make plans to join us on Saturday, May 30, 2026, at the Walk for Life Celebration and Fundraiser! With a goal of raising \$200,000, this is one of Two Lines Pregnancy Clinic's largest fundraisers of the year. All activities will take place at Two Lines Pregnancy Clinic, 10901 Granada Lane, in Overland Park, Kansas. The event is for all ages and is family friendly. Click [here](#) to register beginning April 1st.



8:00 AM Check-in and Kids' Activities

8:30 AM Program and 2-Mile Walk Begins

LH KC

HEAD GIRLS BASKETBALL COACH

Lutheran High School of Kansas City is currently in the process of collecting potential candidates for head girls basketball coach for next school year. Please feel free to reach out to Mr. Dan Bickel at athletics@lhskc.com if you have any potential candidates that might be interested in becoming part of our team at LHSKC.

THIS WEEK

THIS WEEK ^{AT} GLANCE



Sunday, May 17th

- 8:00am – Worship w/ Comm. with live stream
- 9:30am – Graduation Recognition Sunday
- 9:30am – Education Hour w/live stream
- 10:45am – Worship w/Communion
- 12:00pm – Council Meeting
- 12:30pm – Music Prep and recording

Monday, May 18th

- 7:30am – Monday Mornings with Psalms
- 4:00pm – Organist practice

Tuesday, May 19th

- 6:30pm – Happy Helpers 4H Club

Wednesday, May 20th

- 6:30am – Men's Bible Study

Thursday, May 21st

- 10:00am – LifeLight Bible Study
- 4:00pm – Organist practice
- 6:00pm – LifeLight Bible Study

Friday, May 22nd

Saturday, May 23rd

- 8:30am – Altar Guild Sunday Prep

Sunday, May 24th

- 8:00am – Worship w/ Comm. with live stream
- 9:30am – Education Hour w/live stream
- 10:45am – Worship w/Communion
- 12:30pm – Music Prep and recording
- 2:00pm – Happy Helpers 4H Club



BIRTHDAYS:

- May 17** Lexi Obermueller, Sherri Webb, and Marissa Lippe
- May 19** Chase Sears & Mike Wolgast
- May 20** Jerica Dunn
- May 21** Nathan Wibe & James Schultz
- May 22** Bob Newman
- May 23** Deanna Seiwert, Sharlene Sears, & Matthew Shiever



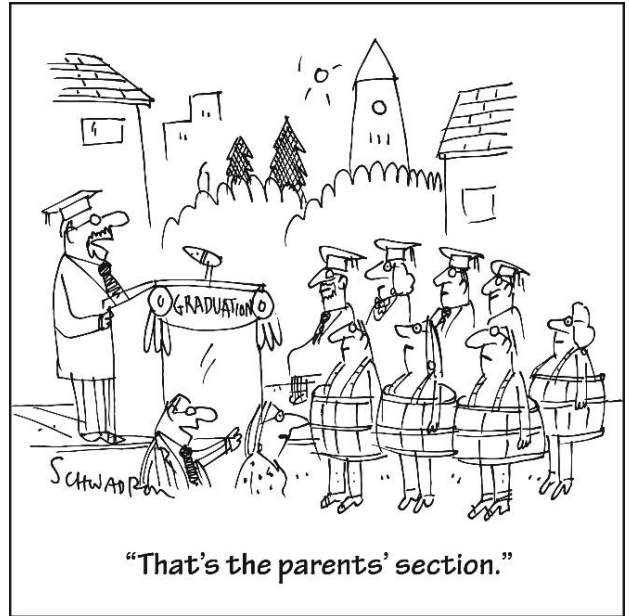
ANNIVERSARIES:

- May 17** Zach and Parker Mefrakis 1 year
- May 19** Bruce & Suzie Kempin 42 years

STEWARDSHIP

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Jesus said, "Go! I am sending you..." (Luke 10:3). You say, "Well, wait a minute, Don't we first have to have some training in witnessing?" Certainly, it's helpful to know about the teachings of certain cults and world religions and how various people think and the philosophies of our time in order to find entry points for the Gospel, but eventually, it all comes down to the fact that you have a story to tell, you have a King to proclaim. So don't shirk the duty because you don't feel you have specific training. The mission is urgent because people without knowing Jesus as their Lord and Savior will be separated from Jesus for an eternity.



JESUS' SACRIFICIAL LOVE DEFINES US, AND IT MAKES US PEOPLE OF PURPOSE.



"By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35).



Our Worship for 05-10-26

8:00 am	241
10:45am	165
Online	19
Total	425
Offering:	\$18,297
Sunday School in person	
Children	65
Adults	144
Total	209
SS Offerings	\$90
SS Offerings Recipient	LeadAChild

Offerings do not include any electronic contributions.



Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church,

I am now entering the last three months of vicarage, and it has been absolute blast up here in Wisconsin. My family has had a lot of fun, and we just love the relationships that we have been able to build. It is a little weird to be thinking that in one year, I will also be waiting for pastoral call service on call day. Vicarage has just flown by like you wouldn't imagine.

One of the best parts of vicarage has to be the regular schedule when it comes to preaching. Every time I preach, I get more confident in how I am writing sermons. Sometimes I can look back at a sermon and just see where the Holy Spirit was inspiring me. My favorite sermon has to be on John 10:1-10 for Good Shepherd Sunday. This sermon had a lot inspiration from the book *10 Lies that Satan Loves Tell* by Andrew Jones. I highly recommend this book as a personal or family devotional.

Annette has started walking and getting into everything that she can. She has gotten a lot more confident, and at the same time has learned how to throw more tantrums than ever. Learning how to be a good parent has been an exercise in patience, but I wouldn't trade it for the world.

Elise has started working at the daycare at Our Savior Lutheran Church. With some staff leaving the daycare, Elise decided that she wanted to help them out while she can. She took a leave of absence and looks forward to returning to other job in August. Elise has been a fantastic teacher for 6 two year old kids during the day.

Finally, we were sad to hear that we will not be able to return to on-campus housing. Due to some changes in planning, the seminary is planning on renovating the on-campus housing for married students. This will be a massive benefit to future students at the seminary. The good news is that God is always good. One week after we got this news, someone was able to offer us housing at cost. We are so thankful that God has been faithful to our family throughout this journey. Elise will be moving back to St Louis a month earlier than me, so that we are able to secure the year long lease.

Thanks be to God for how He has answered our prayers. A big thank you to you as well for all of your support and prayers. I appreciate everything that you have done for me and my family, so that I can finish seminary.

Blessings in Jesus Christ,

Danniel Christensen

