St. John Lutheran Church
October 2026 Newsletter

As a community of believers in Jesus Christ, inspired by the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit, the mission of St. John Lutheran Church is to:
WORSHIP, WITNESS, LEARN, SERVE and SUPPORT.

It never fails! Everytime I go to a conference emails and texts trying to solicit money on my behalf are received by church members. I will ***never*** text you or email you to assist me purchasing a gift card, play store card, Amazon card, send money by Venmo, etc. I am never that busy or in a meeting, to ask you to purchase anything for a person in the hospital, who has cancer, who is bored….

The Central States Synod, St. John Lutheran Church and Pastor Teri will NEVER call, text, email or contact you in anyway asking for money that involves you making a personal purchase on their behalf. If you are suspicious about an email, call or text claiming to be Pastor Teri or the Church DO NOT reply and please contact us through our phone number provided on the website.

Pastor Teri Out of the Office:

Pastor Teri is on vacation and attending two conferences the first two weeks in October. She will be out of the office from Monday September 28 through Monday October 12. Pastor Brenda Roger will be providing pastoral care coverage. During office hours (1:30 – 5:00 PM), requests to activate Pastor Brenda should go through Kelvie and after hours or morning hours, Lee Keffer (785-483-7793), Council President, will assist you in making contact with Pastor Brenda.

John Dumler, PMA will be leading worship on October 3 & 4 and Saturday October 10. There is no pulpit supply coverage for the 8:15 AM worship service on Sunday, October 11, so there will be only one worship service that Sunday at 10:30 AM which will be led by the 425 Youth Group.

Pastor Teri's Calendar

2026 — CALENDAR YEAR

OCTOBER — CALENDAR MONTH

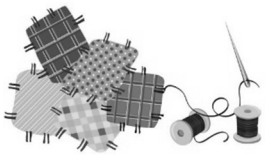
SUNDAY — FIRST DAY OF WEEK

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Worship- 8:15 & 10:30 am, Bell Choir	28 Pastor's Day Off- day of rest & renewal	29 Pay Roll, Vacation	30 Pay Day, Pastor at Fall Theological Conference in KC	01 Pastor at Fall Theological Conference in KC	02 Pastor at Fall Theological Conference in KC	03 Pastor on vacations. Worship Service 6:00 PM, John Dumler, PMA
04 Pastor on vacation. Worship 8:15 & 10:30 am, Communion,John Dumler, PMA	05 Pastor's Day Off- day of rest & renewal - pastor on vacation	06 Pastor on vacation	07 Pastor on vacation	08 Pastor at CEU Conference, KC	09 Pastor at CEU Conference, KC	10 Pastor at CEU Conference, KC. Worship Service 6:00 PM Communion, John Dumler, PMA
11 Worship Service 10:30 AM, No Communion, 425 Youth Group, NO 8:15 SVC. Quilts Displayed Care Home Worship 2-4 PM (John)Pastor on vacation	12 Pastor's Day Off- day of rest & renewal	13 Office hours 10:00 AM-12:00 PM, Record Clergy Comments (for Trinity), Sewing Group 1:30-4:00 PM, Exec Committee 5:30 PM	14 Pay Roll, Appt 10 AM Office hours 11:00 AM-12:30 PM, Worship & Music Comm 4:30 PM, 425 Youth Group 6:30 PM, Choir 7:30 PM	15 Pay Day. Office hours 10:00- 12:00 PM, Bible Study 1:30 PM,	16 Pastor's Sermon Writing Day. Appt 1:00 PM	17 Worship Service 6:00 PM no comm
18 8:15 & 10:30 worship, Communion, Choir, Quilt Blessing	19 Pastor's Day Off- day of rest & renewal	20 Office hours 10:00 AM-12:00 PM, Sewing Group 1:30-4:00 PM, City Council prayer 4:30 PM, Church Council 6:30 PM	21 WKS Regional Text Study - Load LWR Quilts 9 AM-2:00 PM, 425 Youth Group 6:30 PM	22 Office hours 10:00 AM-12:00 PM, Bible Study 1:30 PM	23 Pastor's Sermon Writing Day.	24 Worship Service 6 PM Communion
25 Worship Service WGAO 10:30 AM, Reformation, Confirmation, Communion, Bells	26 Pastor's Day Off- day of rest & renewal	27 Office hours 10:00 AM-12:00 PM, Sewing Group 1:30-4:00 PM, Record Clergy Comments	28 Office hours 10:00 AM-12:00 PM, 425 Youth Group 6:30 PM, Choir 7:30 PM	29 Pay Roll. Office Hours, 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM, Bible Study 1:30 PM	30 Pay Day. Pastor's Sermon Writing Day.	31 Halloween. All Saints Worship Service 6 PM no comm

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Knitters & Crocheters meet on Mondays at 10:00 AM in the Parish Hall. All who are interested in this ministry are welcome to come join in. Yarn and needles are supplied. You can participate in this ministry even if you cannot attend the group on Monday mornings.

Quilting Ministry



If it's October, it's time for QUILTS! Quilts will being being displayed in the Chapel and Sanctuary beginning October 10 and will be blessed on October 18. St. John members may purchase quilts for a minimum donation of $50.00 each. Reservation tags will be available in the ushers room and at the entry table by the Chapel and may be pinned to the quilt(s) you wish to keep for yourself or give as a gift! Please do not remove quilts until they have been blessed on October 18. On October 21, Western Kansas Pastors and church volunteers will gather at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hays to load a truck with quilts and care kits prepared by all the churches in our area to be sent to Lutheran World Relief and Lutheran Disaster Response.

The Sewing Circle meets on Tuesdays from 1:30 – 4:00 PM in the sewing room in the basement. There are many ways to participate in this ministry – cutting fabric squares, sewing quilt tops, donating fabric or monetary donations for the purchase of batting.

Pastor Office Hours

Pastor's morning office hours: Tuesday – Thursday from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM.
Please check the calendar for variations in time availability.

Prayer Shawl Group: Mondays at 10:00 AM
Sewing Group: Tuesdays 1:30 – 4:00 PM
Bible Study with Pastor: NO Bible Study October 1 & 8. Bible Study will resume on Thursday, October 15, at 1:30 PM in the Parish Hall.
Sunday School: Sundays 9:15 AM
425 Youth Group: Wednesdays at 6:30pm
Executive Committee: Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at 5:30 PM
Church Council: Tuesday, October 20, 2026, 6:30 PM
Women's Bible Study: Thursday, October 8, 2026, 10:00 AM
Worship & Music Committee: Wednesday, October 14, 2026, 4:30 PM
Alter Guild Meeting: January 27th, 2026

To be **included** in the **November Newsletter**, information must be submitted no later than **Oct. 19th**

A Willingness to Serve

***If you have any interest in the following please contact St. John Lutheran Church Council President Lee Keffer at* (785-483-7793). Your willingness is greatly appreciated!**

-Please prayerfully consider serving on the St. John Lutheran Church Council.

The 10:30 Worship Services on 2nd & 4th Sundays will be broadcast on KRSL (990 AM and 98.1 FM).
Sunday Services are streamed live at www.stjohnrussell.com
This outreach is made possible as a ministry of St. John Lutheran Church.

St. John Women of the ELCA 2026 Thankoffering services will be the weekend of November 14 and 15.

Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 1, 2026. Remember to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed Saturday!

Sunday School News

Sunday School resumed on September 13 and during the 10:30 AM worship service we celebrated the blessing of the backpacks and car keys. Bibles were awarded to our Second Graders and new Confirmands.

Our Second Graders who received Bibles:

Kennedy Brown
Everson Johnson
Henry Lofland
Alana Peck
Julien Robbins
Finely Ruggles
Liam Walker
Emersyn Williams
Claire Revell (4th Grade)

New Confirmation Students who received Bibles:

Wyatt Deatherage
Grace Hamel
Lydia Lofland
Brenlee Rainey
William Revell
Ari Robbins

The Christmas Tree will go up on Monday November 3rd, 2026, at 9:30AM. Anyone is welcome to come help put up the tree!

Reformation Sunday/Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation)

We will have a We Gather As One worship service on Sunday, October 25, 2026, at 10:30 AM to celebrate Reformation Sunday and the Confirmation of four of our students in a single service as the family of God!

There will be no worship service on Saturday, October 24 or at 8:15 AM on Sunday. Red is the color of the day!

Those students being Confirmed are:
Karrsyn Ross (Heather & Jon Ross)
Rogan Dumler (Stacie & Jody Dumler)
Alex M. Krug (Courtney & Tad Krug)
Morgan Olson (Brooke & Michael Olson)

(No 6:00 pm service Saturday, October 24; No 8:15 am service Sunday, October 25)

A very heartfelt thank you for all the beautiful cards and for attending my birthday reception!

God Bless! – Juanita Flegler ♡

October 2026 Worship Assistants

6:00 Sat	Greeter/Usher	Reader	Musician
October 3rd	Kelvie Reeves and Jaden Nuss	Kelvie Reeves	TBA
October 10th	Allen and Betty Funk	Jeremy Ulrich	TBA
October 17th	Bob and Elaine Voos	Elaine Voos	TBA
October 24th	**No Service**		
October 31st	Darold and Corine Gideon	John Dumler	TBA

8:15 Sun	Greeter/Usher	Lector	Musician
October 4th	Katrine Kolder	Katrine Kolder	TBA
October 11th	**No Service**		
October 18th	Susan Krug	Susan Krug	TBA
October 25th	**No Service**		
November 1st	Dick and Georganna McCrary	Dick and Georganna McCrary	TBA

10:30 Sun	Greeter/Usher	Lector
October 4th	Carol Fritz (N) ; Irene Coffeen(S)	Dolores Earnest
October 11th	Mark Johnson (N); 425 Youth Group(S)	425 Youth Group
October 18th	Glenna Hackerott (N); Janella Eck(S)	Ruth Kiel
October 25th – Gather As One----- Greeters: (N) Deloris Janne and Judy Holmes (S) ; Ushers: Brad & Cheryl Prester, Mary & John Boxberger and Steve Masden ; Lector: Judy Holmes		
November 1st	Morris and Barbara Krug(N); Laura Biles(S)	Gina Langhofer

	Acolytes	Musician
October 4th	**Hadlee and Rush Brown (8:15am) - Evanlee and Brenlee Rainey(10:30am)**	TBA
October 11th	**Maybelle and Emily Olson (10:30am)**	TBA
October 18th	**Kollins Dumler and Reece Peck(8:15) – Harper Ryan and Analeigh Schoech(10:30am)**	TBA
October 25th	**Campbell and Lydia Lofland(10:30am)**	TBA
November 1st	**Sasha and Ari Robbins(8:30) – Wesley Johnson and Wyatt Deatherage(10: 30am)**	TBA

Bulletin Delivery

October 2nd: Dick and Georganna McCrary
October 9th: John Boxberger
October 16th: Allen and Betty Funk
October 23rd: Laura Biles
October 30th: Denise Guth

Altar Guild:
Chair: Connie Dumler
Saturday: Katrina (10th) Corine (24th)
Teresa, Kris & Shayla

If you cannot assist with worship or acolyte the week you are listed, please try to find someone to take your place that weekend.

OUR CHURCH RECORDS

Worship Attendance

Date	Sat	Early	Late	Total
August 29th (Gather As One)				71
September 5th and 6th	17	24	38	79
September 12th and 13th	24	21	68	113
September 19th and 20th	28	23	56	107
September 26th and 27th			will be in November Newsletter	

Offering

August 29th (Gather As One)	$1550.00
September 5th and 6th	$4459.00
September 12th and 13th	$1891.00
September 19th and 20th	$2406.00
September 26th and 27th	will be in November Newsletter

St. John Ringers Bell Choir and Agape Choir Schedules

Practices

Date	St. John Ringers	Agape Choir
October 7th	6:30 pm	7:30 pm
October 14th	6:30 pm	7:30 pm
October 21st	6:30 pm	NONE
October 28th	6:30 pm	7:30 pm

Performances

Agape Choir- October 18th……10:30 am ..... Meet in Sanctuary at 9:45 am
St. John Ringers- October 25th….10:30 am ..... Meet in Sanctuary at 10:00 am

Share the holiday with your neighbors this Thanksgiving...

and not just ham, but also potatoes, green beans, corn and even pie! All these items give us the "joy of sharing" on the special occasion of Thanksgiving.

A $40.00 donation from your family or organization will provide a Thanksgiving basket for a family in Russell County who would not otherwise be able to afford a Thanksgiving meal. The Russell County Food Pantry will be doing the purchasing and distribution of the Thanksgiving baskets. For a $40.00 donation, an entire family can enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner, but donations in any amount are appreciated.

To donate, contact your church for more information, or mail a check to the Russell County Food Pantry, 15. N Front Street, Russell KS 67665.

For more information about the Holiday Basket Project, please contact the Russell County Food Pantry at 785-483-4113.

"If you can't feed a hundred people, then just feed one."

- Mother Teresa

Thank you for your generosity!

*****Reminder to bring gifts of food for the food pantry and put them in our pantry box located by the office door.*****

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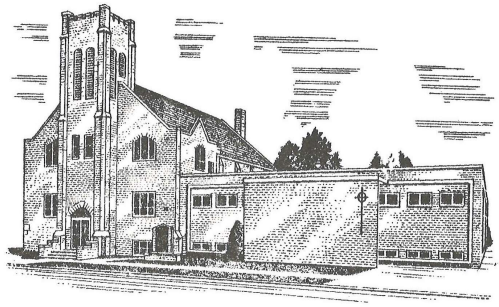

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Worship Services
6:00 pm Saturday
8:15 and 10:30 am Sunday

****NEW Office Hours****
Monday through Friday
****1:30 pm to 5:00 pm****

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

St. John Lutheran Church
Clergy and Staff
Pastor Teri Sutherlin (pastor@ruraltel.net)
Kelvie Reeves, Administrative Assistant
Shayla Peck, Bookkeeper
John Kreutzer & Laura Noel, Custodians

Church Council
President: Lee Keffer
Vice President: Afton Brown
Secretary: Mark Johnson
Treasurer:Amber Ruggels

Members:
Hadlee Brown, D.J. Klema
Bill Stoughton, Melinda Olson,
Paul Phillips, Heather Pohlman, and
Pastor Teri Sutherlin