



St. Luke's MESSENGER

September/October 2014

PASTOR'S CORNER

"They have rejected me as their king." 1 Samuel 8:7

When we hear the famous and familiar stories of Kings David and Solomon, we can easily miss or forget the truth that stands behind everything about the kings of Israel: God never wanted a human ruler and any human ruler is a rejection of God as ruler.

This is a really important point in the narrative of God's people and should challenge us to rethink and reframe the whole way that we hear and read the stories of the kings of Israel. No matter how beloved we find David and Solomon, the truth is that God never wanted them to be kings and rulers over his people. We see in the story that the people wanted a human ruler in order that this ruler would allow them to have a person to lead them into wars like the nations around them and because the people were tired of the invisible God leading them.

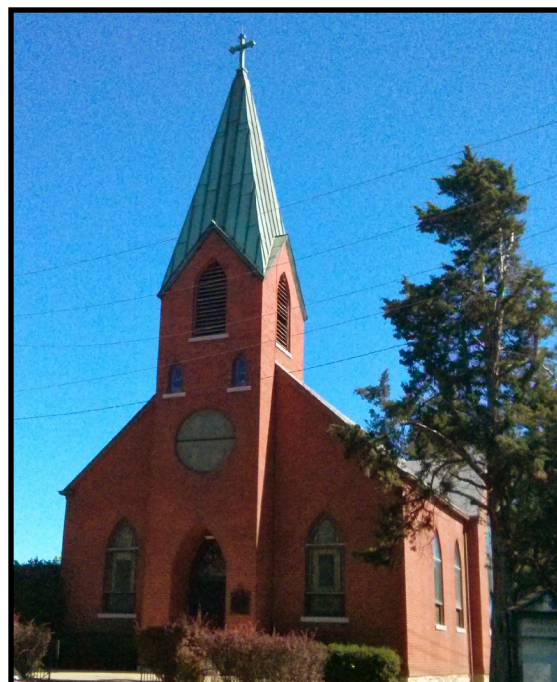
When the people made this request for a human ruler, God was deeply saddened at their rejection of him as their only ruler. He was also deeply saddened by what this desire for a human ruler would bring upon his people. God warned them very clearly as they were making this decision that a human ruler of any kind would lead to their own slavery, to taxes and wealth inequality, to the deaths of their sons in wars, and to the exploitation of their daughters. God warned

them that they would come to hate the human rulers over them and that they would cry out for help and rescue from them, but that he would not answer their cries because they had chosen this fate for themselves.

This story should be very sobering for us. We live in a world full of human rulers that we have chosen for ourselves. And even if we have not desired specific individuals, we have desired to have the role and position itself exist. How much pain and suffering have we brought upon ourselves and our world through the human rulers we have chosen and desired? How often have we cried out for deliverance from these human rulers and had our requests ignored and denied?

This story of Israel is a powerful reminder to us as God's people that God alone must be our Lord and ruler. No human, even our very selves, should ever be ruler--for God himself is the only rightful ruler in our world. His voice is the only one with true authority--the only one to be listened to. And as Jesus said, "No one can serve two masters." We either serve God or we serve human rulers. Will we continue to ask for human rulers? Or will we be willing and courageous enough to be a people who once again learn how to serve God, and him only?

Pastor Luke



Worship and Bible Study Schedule

Saturday

4:30pm Worship Gathering

Sunday

9:00am Worship Gathering
10:30am "Text of the Week" Study

Monday

6:00pm "Follow Me" Gospel Study

Wednesday

4:30pm Kids Time
6:15pm Choir Rehearsal

"Gangway to Galilee" VBS Recap

Thursday to Saturday, July 31 to August 2, was an excellent time as Ascension Lutheran Church in Wichita, KS, sent an 8 person team to St. Luke's to conduct a Vacation Bible School on our campus and for our neighborhood children.

We had over 20 children who live within two or three blocks of the church join us over these three days. Pastor Luke and his wife Julie went hiking through the neighborhood everyday to gather in the children and to walk them back home as well.

We were able to build some good relationships and trust with the children and parents of our

immediate neighborhood that will allow us to grow our Wednesday afternoon Kids Time this fall.

The children learned about Jesus, played games in the park across the street, did crafts, ate snacks, and had a blast in the bounce house we set up in the front lawn. We completed our Friday time with a family grill out and lawn games in the park.

A big thank you to the team from St. Luke's that canvassed the neighborhood before the VBS. This team was able to get the word out and helped further our journey of deepening our relationships with the children and families of our neighborhood!



New Member Welcome!

We will be welcoming our new members from the last year on September 28 during our 9:00 am worship gathering.

We will have a brunch and fellowship time after the service!

Journey from Creation to Exile (Jun 15 - Nov 23, 2014)

How does the Old Testament all fit together?

What is the message of the Old Testament for us?

Join us on Sundays this fall as we continue to walk through the story of God's people, that begins with the creation of all things and ends with questions about whether God has completely abandoned his people in their disobedience.



Baptism Anniversary

- Chloe Bridge (9/1)
- Georgia Story (9/2)
- Cindy Ford (9/6)
- Haley Bridge (9/12)
- MaLena Bunch (9/16)
- Miranda Sanchez (9/16)
- Erma Stewart (9/18)
- William Richards (9/21)
- Allen Harrison (9/21)
- Morgan May (9/22)
- Nathan Hughes (9/24)
- Vanessa Sanders (9/29)
- James Wagner (10/9)
- Donna Payne (10/15)
- Elsie Rohner (10/15)



- Nathan Hughes (9/15)
- MaLena Bunch (9/19)
- Donna Payne (9/20)
- Frances Main (9/21)
- Jim Wagner (9/21)
- Payton Sanders (9/28)
- Carter Ryan (9/29)
- Jordin Brown (9/29)
- John Harrison (10/2)
- Jamey Story (10/4)
- Elsie Rohner (10/15)
- Carrie May (10/18)
- Zachary Mellott (10/23)
- Judy May (10/28)

Wedding Anniversary



- Damon & Amanda Dombrowski (9/20/2003, 11 yrs)
- John & Kristi Gooden (9/22/2007, 7 yrs)
- Jack & Deborah Wagner (9/28/1968, 46 yrs)
- Cindy & Chuck Ford, (10/1/1994, 20 yrs)
- John & Lois Tiszka, (10/2/2000, 14 yrs)
- Luke & Julie Kammrath (10/5/2012, 2 yrs)



Board of Directors' Corner

The summer months have been exciting times for the St. Luke's community. Since our last newsletter we have seen the launch of our new hygiene and shower ministry--a great blessing to our community that has provided a great opportunity to love our neighbors. If you recall, through a generous contribution from Miller Stauch construction we were able to renovate and add shower facilities to 3 of our bathrooms.

In addition we have continued to provide emergency housing to families in need. Since launching our housing ministry in November we have provided over 1000 bed nights of safe housing for families in need--predominantly school aged children accompanied by a single parent. The opportunity to have a safe, worry free home has launched families into permanent housing in just a couple of months time.

Over the summer months we also had the great opportunity to host two Vacation Bible Schools, with dozens of kids participating and hearing of the love of Jesus in our midst. We are excited to see many of them continue to join us for our Wednesday evening Kids Time this fall.

Overall, we could not be more excited to carry forward and continue to be a cutting edge, innovative church community that brings the love of Jesus to our city. Thank you for your continued prayers, support, and partnership in the Gospel of Jesus!

Shower Ministry



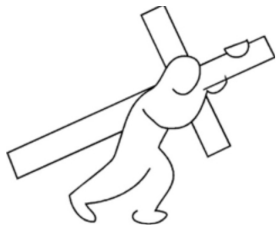
St. Luke's Shower Ministry launched on July 26 and provides shower access for individuals in need every Saturday morning and by appointment during the week.

Over the past 4 weeks we have had the opportunity to provide hygiene facility access on nearly 20 occasions to folks in our community who do not have regular access to a shower.

If you are interested in volunteering or being a part of the shower ministry contact Pastor Scott for training or more information.

Summer Emergency Assistance

- Birth Certificates/IDs: 123 individuals
- School Supplies: 137 children
- Clothing: 89 individuals
- Food & Commodities: 1142 individuals
- Utilities: 103 individuals
- Rent: 93 individuals



Come check out our website and find access to great resources like the church calendar, sermons, reading suggestions, and more!

www.stlukeskck.org



- **QUALIFICATIONS:** Carry a tune in a bucket.
- **EXPERIENCE:** Must have sung in the shower.
- **WAGES:** Satisfaction and joy in God's service.
- **BENEFITS:** Social time with choir members.
- **HOURS:** Wednesday evenings at 6:15 pm and Sunday mornings at 9:00 am.

Kids Time!!!

Wednesdays 4:30 - 6:00 pm! Snacks, games, Bible stories! Pizza dinner, once a month!

Join us on Tuesday, September 2, at 5:00 pm as we canvas the neighborhood!



ATTENTION NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIBERS:

We will be doing some database updates that will affect our mailing lists in the coming months. If you enjoy receiving your St. Luke's messenger and somehow get left off the mailing list for November please call the church office at (913) 281-3102 or email the church at stlukeskck@gmail.com. We apologize for this possible inconvenience!

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