



PRAIRIE FAITH COMPANION

Join us for Worship & Fun Event!!

**PFSM COMBINED SERVICE ON SUNDAY, SEPT. 29, 2024
ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**Cruise,
Worship,
& BBQ**

Join us!

Sunday, Sept. 29

9:30 AM • CAR SHOW + DONUTS & COFFEE

11:00 AM • SERVICE WITH PASTOR ANDERSON

12:00 PM • BBQ LUNCH

394 St John - St Andrew Rd
Ellis, KS 67637 (7 miles North of Ellis)



PLEASE JOIN US!

PFSM Fall Bible Study on the Gospel of Luke
with Pastor Jon

Beginning on Tuesday, September 10 at 6:30 p.m.
Bethlehem Lutheran Church Library
338 N. 7th Street, WaKeeney

A Nondenominational Bible Study

"Let not your hearts be troubled."

Believe in God!
believe also in me."

John 14:1, ESV

The mission of Prairie Faith Shared Ministry is to gather in God's name, share ideas & concerns, and actively shape the future of spiritual growth for our member congregations. Empowered by the Holy Spirit and through ordained and lay leadership, we offer this ministry to serve Christ in our communities.



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Pastor Jon is available by appointment.
To get in touch with Pastor Jon, please call his cell phone or the church office.

Prairie Faith Council Minutes ~ June 2024

The June 11, 2024, meeting of Prairie Faith Shared Ministry Council was held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church library in WaKeeney.

The following churches and representatives were in attendance: Bethlehem- Richard Jensen, Margaret Schmitt; St. John- Bob Schonhaler.

Also in attendance was Pastor Jon Anderson.

Meeting was called to order by Bob.

Devotions were given by Margaret.

The agenda, minutes and financial packet was given to all attendees.

Minutes from the April 9, 2024, meeting was approved as written.

Richard went over the financial report and the report was approved as presented.

Pastor Jon shared the names of volunteers serving on the call committee. St. John - Brenda Lucas, Sue Schonhaler, and Kathy Desair; Emanuel - Kathleen Fabrizius; Bethlehem - Bev Armbruster, Bridgett Cook, Myrna Mai, and Laurita Burbach.

Pastor was unable to attend Synod Assembly (due to sudden funerals) and therefore missed the debate on the resolution (which did pass).

Pastor did say we are not required to do anything in response to the vote. We still have the right to choose our Pastor. Congregations will be asked if they would take a candidate after various specifics are made known about a candidate.

Pastor shared July vacation days he will be taking, July 2-7 and July 22-29. He has covered pulpit supply for these dates.

Nancy had a written Parish Nurse report, and items were highlighted at meeting.

Communications- A thank you note from Pastor Ethan Feistner for Camp Tomah Shinga donations was shared.

Old business was highlighting the need to get call committee meetings started now that all names of those serving are in.

There was no new business.

The next meeting will be August 13, 2024, at St. John church and Pastor Jon will do devotions.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Minutes submitted by Margaret Schmitt



Bethlehem

Sunday Worship—9:00 a.m.

Mid-Week School, Wed @ 6:00 p.m.
(during public school year)

Office: 785-743-2005

Gail Jensen, Office Manager

Bethlehem Lutheran Church Volunteers for September

September 1— Pastor Jon Anderson

Organist/Pianist—Laura Anderson

Head Usher—Jeremiah Burbach

Lector— Laurita Burbach

Acolyte—Tucker Yingling

September 8— Pastor Jon Anderson

Organist/Pianist— Chris Trogstad

Head Usher—Laurita Burbach

Lector—Mel Fabrizio

Acolyte—Weston Conness

September 15— Pastor Shelly Klingensmith

Organist/Pianist—Mary Cunningham

Head Usher—Ruth Shiltz

Lector—Laura Anderson

Acolyte—Dalton Conness

September 22—Pastor Jon Anderson

Organist/Pianist— Cindy Level

Head Usher—Bridget Cook

Lector—Lisa Garrett

Acolyte—Tatum Cook

September 29—Pastor Jon Anderson

COMBINED SERVICE AT ST. JOHN

Cruise Worship & BBQ

9:30 a.m. • Car Show • Donuts & Coffee

11:00 a.m. Worship with Pastor Jon

12:00 p.m. BBQ Lunch



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Now Available

Check it out by using the QR Code to link
directly to the Webpage

OR by going to

<https://prairiefaith.com/mission/giving>

Emanuel Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship — 9:00 a.m.

(every 1st & 3rd Sundays)

September 1— No Service

September 15—Pastor Jon Anderson

St. John

Volunteers for September

Worship begins at 11:00 a.m.

Communion Every 1st & 3rd Sundays

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

(Schedule TBD)

September 1—Pastor Jon Anderson

Greeter—Rodger Fischer

Lector—Josh Keller

Communion—Tim & Aleta Keller

Organist—Katie Dreiling

Sound—Lyle Johnston

September 8—Pastor Jon Anderson

Greeter—Darrell Armbruster

Lector—Sarah Windholz

Organist—Katie Dreiling

Sound—Lyle Johnston

September 15—Pastor Jon Anderson

Greeter—Bee McElroy

Lector—Dennis Keller

Communion—Bob & Vonda Ackerman

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Lector—Sue Schonhaler

Communion—Dennis Keller & Darrell Keller

Organist—Mary Cunningham

Sound—Lyle Johnston

Message from:
PASTOR JON



Mark 7:21-23-*“For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”*

Like me, many of you watched the opening ceremonies of this year’s Summer Olympics from Paris. The festivities included a parade of boats carrying the athletes from each country along the Seine River. In each boat, each nation’s athletes waved their flags with excitement and pride in their countries, ending with the athletes from the USA and from France, the host country. What I found very strange was that following the entry of all these athletes, waving flags and shouting for their nation, was the song “Imagine” by John Lennon, which includes the line “Imagine there’s no countries...” If there were no countries, there would be no Olympic games, right? Seriously, many Christians have a problem with “Imagine” because it also includes lines about imagining that there’s no heaven, no hell, and no religion. I read somewhere that Lennon’s main message was, “Imagine what life would be like if there were nothing to fight about-no countries, no religions, no possessions, etc.” Now, John Lennon was a great musician, one of the Beatles, and his assassination was a terrible tragedy-but I think he was naive about human beings. If all the things Lennon mentioned in his song were eliminated, we would find something else to fight about-because, as are said in the last lines of our Gospel reading for September 1st, sin comes from within us. We fight with one another because we are sinners, and as sinners we don’t have to work very hard to find excuses to sin. I remember reading some years back about a business that would locate and name a star after you-perhaps if everything else was eliminated, we might start fighting about which star belongs to whom. The solution to our conflicts with one another is to eliminate, not the possessions, or the countries, or anything else outside of us, but to eliminate the root of the problem within us-our sin-our sin for which Christ died and was raised. In Christ God is making us into new creatures (2 Corinthians 5:17) who have been reconciled to God and to one another, and who one day will live in peace with all. Our hope for a peaceful world lies in Christ, and in Christ alone.

Pastor Jon Anderson



Sunday School at St. John

The 2024/2025 Sunday School session and Promotion at St. John will begin on Sunday Sept. 15 @ 9:30 a.m.

Please join us as we celebrate another great year of Fellowship, Worship and Learning! Looking forward to seeing you there! If you would like more information about Sunday School, please get in touch with a St. John Sunday School representative.

September 1-30
24/7 Travel Store
FIGHT AGAINST HUNGER IN
Please Help Support the
Trego County Food Pantry!

Whoever welcomes this little child in my name welcomes me; & whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.

Luke 9:48

Midweek at Bethlehem

Midweek begins Wednesday, September 11th! Meal at 6:00 pm., followed by Worship/Music and classes at 6:45pm. Class dismisses at 7:30 pm. During Lent, class will dismiss early for Lenten Services. Midweek will be held at the regular time on early-dismissal days from school. If you would like more information about our Childrens' Christian Education Program, please contact Bridget Cook @ 620-747-0409, Lisa Garrett @ 785-303-0054, Ruth Shiltz @ 785-769-4027 or the BLC Church Office at 785-743-2005.

BETHLEHEM MIDWEEK MEALS

- Sept. 11 — Hot dog/bun, relishes, frozen treat, milk or juice
- Sept. 18 — Ham sandwich/cheese, fresh fruit, chips, Rice Krispie treat, milk or juice
- Sept. 25 — Goulash, corn, French bread, fresh fruit, milk or juice

YOU'RE INVITED!

SEPTEMBER IS HUNGER ACTION MONTH

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR THIS CAUSE!

All month long, 24/7 Travel Store will collect monetary donations to support the Trego County Food Pantry and will match up to \$3,000! That's a potential to raise \$6,000 for the local food bank. With your help we can do this!

POTENTIAL TO RAISE UP TO

\$6,000

in support of Trego County Food Pantry

Driving out hunger. Together.

STOP IN-PERSON TO MAKE YOUR DONATION!
 745 S. First St., WaKeeney, KS 67672

Every dollar raised supports at least 10 meals to children, families, and individuals, right here in our community!

FOLLOW US

Bethlehem

4 Martha Daniels
 4 Zac Gibbs
 6 David Conness
 6 Peg McNeal
 11 Dean Deines
 11 Bethany Trogstad
 11 Emren Rush
 12 Will Papes
 12 Irma Larson
 14 Danelle Weigel
 17 Brett Hille
 19 Diana Dietz
 20 Kylie Heronemus
 20 Wendy Armbruster
 20 Allie Hafliger
 21 Delmar Dietz
 21 Elias Hille
 23 Hannah Kinderknecht
 25 Steve Schoenthaler
 26 Bret Conness
 26 Terena Becker
 27 Helen Deines
 27 Gary Heronemus
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 28 Leona Armbruster
 28 Amy Gibbs
 29 Linda Schoenthaler
 30 Mandie Kinderknecht
 30 Shiloh Wedermyer
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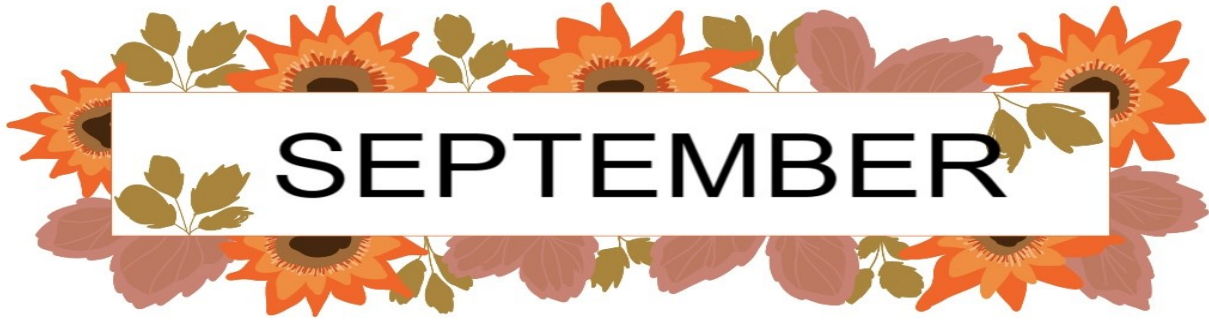
St. John

2 Jeff Armbrister
 2 Michael Kroeger
 5 Mary Keller
 8 Lyle Johnston
 9 Haley Schonhaler
 9 Kathy Wanker
 10 Matt Kroeger
 10 Leigh Mabb
 10 Ebram Kortan
 10 Mabree Kortan
 14 Robert Schonhaler
 14 Michael Wanker
 15 Anthony Keller
 16 Delores Bodine
 19 Christopher Dietz
 20 ZaKoda Kever
 21 Melvin Keller
 22 Nicole Armbrister
 24 Gary Mabb
 30 Tracy Dinkel

Wedding Anniversaries

4 Brenda & Bruce Schumacher –
 St. John
 4 Michael & Gennie Armbrister–
 St. John
 6 Darren & Amanda Unrein –
 St. John
 10 Kourtney & Skyler Talkington-
 St. John
 12 Bret & Alison Elley- St. John
 13 Mike & Paula McCurdy –
 Bethlehem
 18 Sierra & Cory Lampe-
 Emanuel
 21 Gary & DeeDee Heronemus -
 Bethlehem
 28 Gerald & Leona Armbruster –
 Bethlehem





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 15th Sunday after Pentecost No Service at Emanuel 9:00a BLC Communion 11:00 a SJ Communion</p>	<p>2 LABOR DAY</p>	<p>3 5:30p Parish Nurse Ministry Board Mtg . In BLC Library</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 16th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00a BLC Communion 11:00 a SJ Worship NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS DAY</p>	<p>9 2:00p BLC WELCA Meeting & Bible Study 4:00p Yoga @ WaKeeney Library 7:00p SJ council meeting</p>	<p>10 6:30p PFSM Bible Study in the BLC Library</p>	<p>11 6:00p BLC Midweek Begins 7:30p BLC Council Meeting in BLC Library</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 17th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00a Em Communion 9:00a BLC Communion 9:30a SJ Sunday School (Promotion) 11:00a SJ Communion</p>	<p>16 4:00p Yoga @ WaKeeney Library</p>	<p>17 6:30p PFSM Bible Study in the BLC Library</p>	<p>18 6:00p Mid-week @ BLC</p>	<p>19 1:00p WaKeeney LTC Communion</p>	<p>20 PFSM October Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 18th Sunday after Pentecost AUTUMN BEGINS 9:00a BLC Communion 10:00 SJ Sunday School (Schedule TBD) 11:00a SJ Worship</p>	<p>23 4:00p Yoga @ WaKeeney Library 11:00a BLC Worship @ WaKeeney LTC</p>	<p>24 6:30p PFSM Bible Study in the BLC Library</p>	<p>25 6:00p Mid-week @ BLC</p>	<p>26 1:00p WaKeeney Senior Apartments Communion</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>Bethlehem Meals on Wheels Delivery ~ Sept. 23 through Sept. 27</p>						
<p>29 19th Sunday after Pentecost COMBINED SERVICE AT ST. JOHN Cruise, Worship & BBQ 9:30a Car Show + Donuts & Coffee 11:00a Worship with Pastor Jon 12:00p BBQ Lunch</p>	<p>30 4:00p Yoga @ WaKeeney Library</p>					
						<p>"I was a first-grade teacher. What did you do?"</p>

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*May all your people from all the ends
of Earth be gathered into one in you.*

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St.. John's Lutheran Church
North of Ellis, KS

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