



The Leavenworth Christian

Mid-September 2025

Roger's Random Ramblings

Several people have made me aware that it has been years since the First Christian Church of Leavenworth has had a formal stewardship campaign. It is obvious to me that most of the people learned their approach to Christian stewardship through Sandy Bushman either directly or indirectly. His name is synonymous with thinking through the concept of what it means to be a Christian steward in this church. Unfortunately, Sandy passed away before I had the privilege of meeting him. I sense that I know him by virtue of how fondly people refer to him and the legacies of faith they attribute to him.

It has been over a year since Sandy passed. It is even longer since his health allowed him to be actively involved in this church. He was a living breathing advocate of the importance of stewardship.

We have been operating on Sandy's legacy for sound stewardship. For us to build on and extend his legacy, we must address the future. His commitment to stewardship challenges us to faithfully address our Christian Stewardship as a key discipline of our faith. To acknowledge the essential component stewardship delivers to our faith, we are going to have a stewardship emphasis this fall. It will begin in October and conclude the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

I was called to be the Interim Minister to assist this church in its focus on the future. We seek to faithfully witness to God as we embrace what God has ahead for us. One of the attributes of this church is that it knows that the road to the future depends upon people giving of themselves in time, energy, and resources. Our theme for this year is "Dreaming God's Dream."

In Christ, Rev. Roger Bray

Praises!

Alice Bushman is Home!!

Diane D- healing from Ankle replacement

Transformation Group

Prayer Ministry

Larry & Cheryl Elliott – Larry is home from Twin Oaks Rehab.

Kathy Ramirez healing from surgery.

Our Country

Travelers to Retreat

Julius Matto having hip surgery 23 September.

Ron Swartz cancer

All churches going through changes.

Healing for Buck and patience for Mary Sue.

Prayers for Alice, Kim & family

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## ***Ongoing Cares & Concerns***

*Alice Bushman, Noah Kincaid, Kim Kincaid, Bill Wilson,  
Kathy Ramirez, Rose Marie Theel, Linda Bohnsack's daughter*

*Amanda, Marji Dickson, Larry & Cheryl Elliott,  
Luke Euler, Ann Crum, Rev Bill Worcester, Little Merritt, Mary Sue  
Wnneke, Buck Winneke*

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Pray for our out-of-town Active-Duty Personnel

*Hannah Bond, Jim & Rachel Sullivan, Nelson Hanson,
Cameron Brown, Christin Collins, Nickalas Derringer,
Tyler Kowalewski, Edison Urquiza, Brandon Williams,
Kyler McKeel, Derrek McGowen*



Transformational Team

It is essential that the whole church is aware of the work the Transformational Team is doing. To that end, it is important to share what our purpose is.

The Transformational Team is the group designated by the First Christian Church of Leavenworth to discern where this church is at and what it must do in the future as it seeks to be faithful to its call by God and its witness on God's behalf.

While we cannot determine what the future of this congregation will be, we can pursue the future as something we wish to boldly address and embrace through our faith.

In essence it is the task of the transformational team to look at everything the First Christian Church of Leavenworth is engaged in. This team will study the various ways the building, the people, and the resources of this congregation converge to offer ministry and witness to not only Leavenworth but also nearby communities. This involves crunching data the Kansas Region makes available to us. It also depends on listening to the needs, the concerns, and the dreams of the members of the congregation. It also includes listening to people in the community as a way of introducing and considering as many factors as possible to determine the direction this congregation desires to take as it seeks and calls a new settled pastor.

Ultimately the decision will rest with the congregation. The Transformational Team will report its findings and recommendations. The congregation will decide if the recommendations should be pursued.

Remember Rob Sack?

He is preaching at a Korean church, and you
can find it on YouTube!

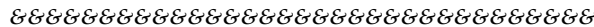
It is the **Ttangkkeut Church** Holy Joy English Service.

Craft Fest

Mark your calendar for the Craft Fest on Saturday, November 8th in the Fellowship Hall. It will start at 3pm with Pizza served at 5pm. Help to set up will be needed at 1 pm on the 8th. For questions, contact Chelsea.



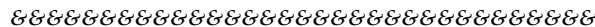
Thank You from Joshua House Life Centers for the \$325.00 donation. (This was half of the offering from the VBS program!) They also thanked us for prayers.



Thank You

Catholic Charities appreciates all that you do to support our food pantry. Without your help many would not have enough to food. Your donation of 196lbs of food in August helped serve 1669 individuals.

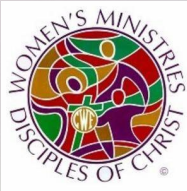
God Bless your generosity. Sincerely, Jackie Masoner, Manager, LVCC



Reconciliation Special Offering

On Sunday, September 28th, and Sunday, October 5th, we will be receiving our special offering for the work of Reconciliation in and through our denomination. The Reconciliation Ministry Special Offering is received each year in congregations (in solidarity with World Communion Sunday). Funds generated by this special emphasis are used throughout the year to provide grants to ministries and congregations actively developing and implementing programs that promote our Church's Pro-Reconciliation and Anti-Racist identity. These programs and efforts seek to reveal, re-educate, and remove systemic and structural barriers in our communities that serve to deny the image of God and human thriving based on race.

Your gifts to Reconciliation Ministry strengthen our Church's witness to God's unending love for all of humanity. With your generosity, leaders, communities, and our congregations are being equipped to witness to God's love and justice in all times and in every season. The time is always ripe to stand up for justice to ensure that all of God's children are treated equitably. Thank you for joining us on this journey through your generosity.



From Carla Pearson, KDW coordinator

Kansas Disciples Women are asking women from across the Kansas Region to **submit devotions, meditations, and personal reflections, which will be compiled into a devotional book entitled “Footsteps of Faith.”** The book is scheduled for publication and release in April 2026.

You do not need to be a professional writer to take part in this project. We are seeking to include women's reflections on their faith journeys, meditations on favorite scriptures, or other devotional messages.

Proceeds from the sale of the book will benefit the KDW Care and Share Fund.

We welcome your submissions now until December 19. **Please send them, via email, to carla.pearson58@gmail.com.** Please include your name and home church when submitting your writing.

We are looking forward to including your writing in *Footsteps of Faith*

The service project for KDW retreat will be to collect items for the Wichita Family Crisis Center and St Anthony Family Shelter. If you would like to help, following is a list of needed items. Please have them at church by September 28th.

Women's hygiene/self-care products Baby needs

Body and face lotion	Baby wash
Body wash	Baby shampoo
Shampoo	Baby lotion
Conditioner	Baby wipes
Razors	Baby bottles
Hairbrushes	Teething toys
Nail clippers	Sippy cups (all stages)

A box will be located in the narthex for you to place your items. Thank you.

You are Invited to join the celebration to Commemorate the Historic Kansas Legacy of the Farmington Christian Church, Saturday October 11th, 2025. From 1-4 pm at the Farmington Christian Church at 5628 Hodgeman Rd, Effingham, KS 66023. Enjoy refreshments as well as a reenactment of Pardee Butler by Steve & Suzanne Germes.

September/October Calendar

Thursday, September 18th

7:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

Sunday, September 21st

9:30am Worship *In-Person/Zoom/FB*

10:45am Seekers SS *In-Person*

Monday, September 22nd

9:30am Prayer Breakfast *Pullman's*

6:30pm GriefShare *Kitterman*

Wednesday, September 24th

8:30am Prayer Group *Kitterman*

7:00pm Elders Mtg *Kitterman*

Thursday, September 25th

7:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

Friday/Saturday, September 26th-27th

DMF Retreat

Sunday, September 28th

Light a Candle for Children

9:30am Worship *In-Person/Zoom/FB*

10:45am Seekers SS *In-Person*

Monday, September 29th

9:30am Prayer Breakfast *Pullman's*

6:30pm GriefShare *Kitterman*

Wednesday, October 1st

8:30am Prayer Group *Kitterman*

DWF Retreat

5:00pm Mary/Martha Mtg *Kitterman*

Thursday, October 2nd

DWF Retreat

7:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

Friday, October 3rd

DMF Retreat

Sunday, October 5th

Light a Candle for Children

9:30am Worship *In-Person/Zoom/FB*

10:45am Seekers SS *In-Person*

Monday, October 6th

9:30am Prayer Breakfast *Pullman's*

6:30pm GriefShare *Kitterman*

Tuesday, October 7th

2:30pm J&J Mtg *Kitterman*

7:00pm Board Mtg *Kitterman*

Wednesday, October 8th

8:30am Prayer Group *Kitterman*

1:00pm aliVe Mtg *Kitterman*

SERVERS

September 21st

Elder: Steve

Lay Leader:
Erin

Diaconate:
Barb & Bill

September 28th

Elder: Fran

Lay Leader:
Jim

Diaconate:
Janet & Gracie

October 5th

Elder: Linda B

Lay Leader:
Don H.

Diaconate:
Jim & Syd

October 12th

Elder: Dea

Lay Leader:
Molly

Diaconate:
*Evalyn
Sandy W.*

October Communion to Homebound: *Linda B*

September & October Birthdays

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September 19<sup>th</sup>

*Margaret Collins*

September 20<sup>th</sup>

*Imogene Reynolds*

September 25<sup>th</sup>

*Christina Scott*

September 26<sup>th</sup>

*Steve Parker*

September 29<sup>th</sup>

*Lois Walling  
Gloria Spath*

September 30<sup>th</sup>

*Diane Nixon*

October 3<sup>rd</sup>

*Linda Bohnsack  
Sandy Wilson*

October 5<sup>th</sup>

*Maxine Sack*

October 6<sup>th</sup>

*Myrna Sims  
(Filley)*

October 11<sup>th</sup>

*Kendrik McKeel*



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