## GAYLORD COMMUNITY UNITED CHURCH

Gaylord Community United Church of Christ

Sunday, August 9, 2026 9:00a.m.

Pastor Dave Kramer filling the pulpit

If you confess with your mouth "Jesus is Lord" and in your heart

You have faith that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

--Romans 10:9

Donna Muck opened service with announcements, joys and concerns.

Women's Fellowship will be this Thursday at 1:30 p.m. At the Church

Congratulation to Trisha Weihl for reaching another level of her Ministry.

A big Thank you to Kelly Tucker for all the wonderful tomatoes.

We have had Brian & Christine Wester on our prayer list for a couple weeks.

Brian lost his friend and younger brother the week before and his Mother passed away this past Friday. Lots of prayers for that family.

Jenny Gregory requested prayers for Paul, as he was just released from the Hospital.

Prayers for the Felsburg/Watkins family on the passing of Martha's husband Bill Watkins.

Several others remain on our printed prayer list.

Donna and Dayla Schmidt played the Prelude "Take Time To Be Holy" as

Wanda Scheuerman lit the Christ candle.

Pastor Kramer led the Call to Worship.

Opening hymn "Come, Thou Fount."

Prayer of Invocation was read in unison.

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Prayer hymn "Surely the Presence of the Lord."

Congregation paused for a few moments of silent prayer, followed by the Pastoral prayer and The Lord's Prayer.

Prayer response "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord."

Pastor Kramer shared several Bible passages: Deuteronomy 7:6-7;

Psalm 125; Romans 8:28-39; Matthew 13:44:52

The message title was "The Value of a Treasure"

Pastor asked is we have ever found a treasure.

He told of a man who found a treasure in a field he was plowing,

He sold everything he owned to purchase the land.

The Kingdom of God is worth more than anything on earth.

What are you worth to God?--Everything

He gave his Son to save us, thus making us His Treasures.

Have you found the Treasure of Jesus?

Pastor Kramer shared a beautiful song he had written.

Pastor shared a prayer of Thanksgiving for our offerings.

Donna and Dayla played the Offertory Anthem "The Old Country Church."

Pastor shared a Benediction prayer.

Congregation Sang the "Blessing" to the person sitting next to them.

Taking the Light of Christ Into the World.

Jesus' love does not depend upon what we do for Him.

Not at all. In the eyes of the King, you have value simply because you are.

You don't have to look nice or perform well. Your value is inborn.

Perd. --Max Lucado

***Submitted by:***
***Edith McClain***

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**American Lutheran Church,**
415 W. New York Smith Center 785-282-6373
**Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.**
**Wednesday,**
All Day Quilting

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**New Covenant Church**
**Sunday:** 10 a.m. Services; Nursery and KIDZ Church each service
**3rd Wednesday of Month Food Panty Open 5:30- 6:30**

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***Central Community Church***
***201 S. Washington***
**Sunday:** 10 a.m.Children's Sunday School and Adult Sunday School; 11 a.m. Worship Service-~ ~

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**Evangelical Free Church**
**1107 N. Main Smith Center, 785-243-8666**
**Sunday School:** 9:45 am
**Morning Worship:** 11:00 am
**Sunday Evening:** 6:00pm

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**First Christian Church at Cedar**
**Sunday:** Worship Service from 10:45-11:30 a.m.

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**First Christian Church (Disciples for Christ)**
**400 W. Hwy. 36 785-282-3783**
**Sunday**
10:30a.m. Worship Service

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**Gaylord Church of the Nazarene**
**Sunday:** Sunday School at 10 a.m.; Morning Worship at 11 a.m.; Missionary Meeting on the last Sunday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

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**St. John Lutheran Church**
**20012 J. Rd. Athol**
**785-695-2323**
**Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.**
**Sunday School and Fellowship Following**
**Tuesday 6:30 Adult bible study**
**Wednesday 9 a.m. Women's Bible Study**
**First Tue. of month 6:30 a.,m. Men's Bible Study**

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**Gaylord Community United Church of Christ**
**Sunday:** Worship Service at 9 a.m.
**Thursday:** Women's fellowship the second Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

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**Grace Brethren Church-Portis**
**Sunday:** Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.; Worship at 10:30 a.m.; Keepers of the Faith at 5:30 p.m.; Evening service
**Wednesday:** Prayer Meeting at 7p.m.

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**Lebanon Christian Church**
**Sunday:** Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

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**Heartland Worship Center**
**785-638-2801**
**Sunday:** Sunday School at 10 a.m.; 10:30 Fellowship Morning Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.; Evening Worship Service at 7 p.m.
**Wednesday:** -Highschool 6:30 - 7:30 Bible Study at 7 p.m.

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**Smith Center Church of the Nazarene**
***785-282-3883***
**Sunday:** Sunday School for all ages at 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship at 10:45 am
**Wednesday:** Women's Bible Study at 9:30 a.m.; Inside Out at 7 p.m.

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**Smith Center United Methodist Church**
**301 E,Kansas**
**Pastor Jim Rice**
**785-282-3728**
**Sunday:** Worship @ 11:00
**Communion First Sunday of Every Month**

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**St John Lutheran E.L.C.A. Kensington**
**Sunday:** Sunday Worship at 9 a.m. with Sunday School to follow.

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**SONshine Christian Church**
**Sunday:** Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.; Congregation Dinner
First Sunday of each month following church services

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**Thornburg Church**
**785-389-8641**
**Sunday:** 10 a.m. Sunday School for all ages; 11 a.m. Worship; 5 p.m. Bible Study
**Fourth Sunday:** Birthday and Anniversary Supper
**Second Wednesday:** 1:30 p.m. Thornburg Women

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**St. Mary's Catholic Church**
**785-413-0905**
**Sunday 10 a.m.**
**Wed. 6 p.m.**
**Adoration Wed. 5 p.m.**

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**United Church of Kensington**
**785-476-2486**
**Sunday:** Sunday School for all ages, 9:15 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:25 a.m.
**Wednesday:** Women's Bible Study, 5:30 p.m.

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**Athol Congregational Church**
**Sunday:** Worship at 8:45 a.m.; Coffee and Fellowship on the first Sunday of the month following worship hour
**First Wednesday of the Month:** 2 p.m. Women's Fellowship

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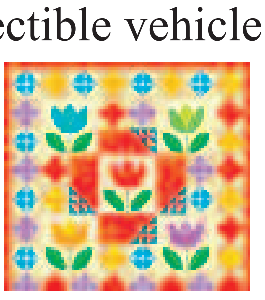

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## REAMSVILLE CHURCH

he Reamsville church family had a pleasant Sunday evening. Brent and Starr Wagner Jacobs hosted a BBQ supper, in their home, for the group. There was much good food and lots of conversation as we enjoyed being together. Those present were Pastor Dennis Lambert, Bart and Cindy Wagner and the Garretson group; Brent, Stan Ellen, Jim, Donna and Norma. PS Starr makes awesome baked beans!

Pastor Dennis Lambert chose John 6:41-59 as the basis for his sermon. Remembering the many years that the Jewish families spent wandering in the wilderness being supplied each day with physical food/bread by God, they now learn about spiritual 'bread'. This is a different kind of bread; it is spiritual bread/Jesus is the 'bread'. V42. They were confused. How could this be Jesus' parents were Joseph and Mary? V47-51Jesus says that He is the 'Bread of Life'/He gave His life on the cross for the sins of the world. By 'eating' the spiritual bread we shall live forever. The people who were listening were puzzled: How can we 'eat' this bread/flesh? V53-55 You must 'eat '/ there is no other way for eternal life. There is only one way/Jesus is the Way. Eternal life begins when we start believing. Jesus said, "I am the Bread" Jesus is the 'One'. Communion is symbolic of the eating of the flesh and drinking of the blood of Jesus.

Donna Garretson read the lyrics from several songs as the morning special.

The annual Thornburg Church ice cream social was held Friday evening. Brent Garretson and Jim and Donna Garretson joined the crowd and enjoyed visiting with several friends.

Cindy Tuxhorn keeps busy making salsa and canning her tomato crop. She reports that lots of meals are coming from the garden.

It is unbelievable that it is time for school to start, this week for several schools.

Kaley Wagner has completed her summer job of an internship at the Stockton Vet. Clinic. This Thursday, she is moving back to Manhattan to continue her schooling at Kansas State Collage.

Jenifer and Jerald Ratliff joined the Garretson Group (Stan, Ellen, Brent, Jim, Donna, Norma) for our weekly 'after church' meal.

Cindy Wagner is getting around, a little slowly, from her knee surgery. She was able to attend church Sunday.

***Submitted by:***
***Norma Garretson***

## CORRECTION

In the Smith Co. Pioneer's coverage of the , Chamber Golf Tournament was inaccurately reported.

**CORRECTION IS AS FOLLOWS**

The Chamber Golf Tournament is being held on August 22, 2026

The *Smith Co. Pioneer* *a*pologizes for the error.

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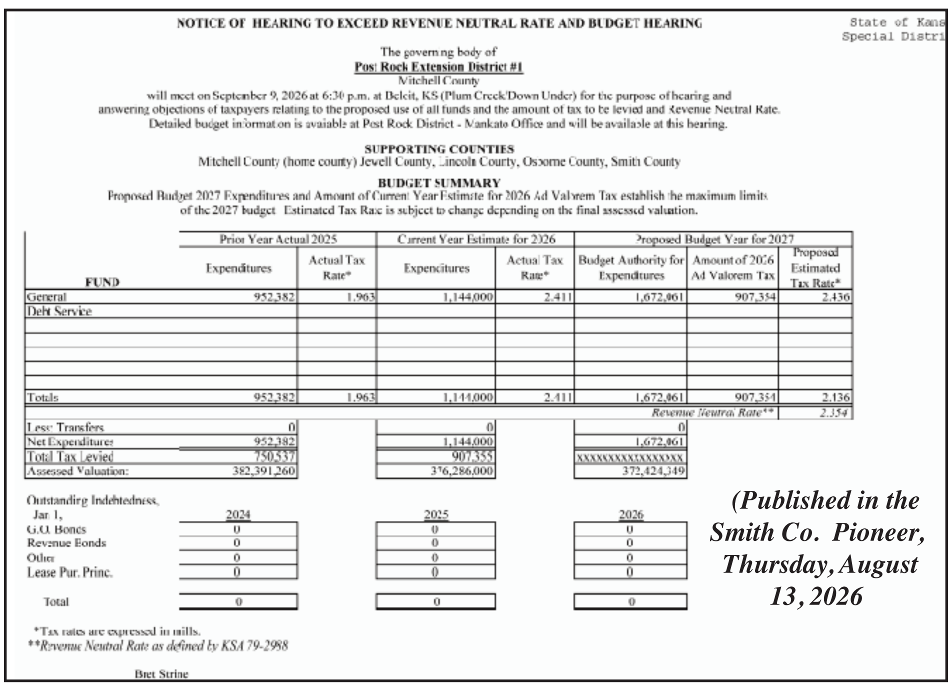

NOTICE OF HEARING TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BUDGET HEARING

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The governing body of
**Post Rock Extension District #1**
Mitchell County
will meet on September 9, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at Beloit, KS (Plum Creek/Down Under) for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied and Revenue Neutral Rate. Detailed budget information is available at Post Rock District - Mankato Office and will be available at this hearing.

SUPPORTING COUNTIES
Mitchell County (home county) Jewell County, Lincoln County, Osborne County, Smith County

BUDGET SUMMARY
Proposed Budget 2027 Expenditures and Amount of Current Year Estimate for 2026 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2027 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

| | Prior Year Actual 2025 | | Current Year Estimate for 2026 | | Proposed Budget Year for 2027 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FUND | Expenditures | Actual Tax Rate* | Expenditures | Actual Tax Rate* | Budget Authority for Expenditures | Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax | Proposed Estimated Tax Rate* |
| General | 952,382 | 1.963 | 1,144,000 | 2.411 | 1,672,061 | 907,354 | 2.436 |
| Debt Service | | | | | | | |
| Totals | 952,382 | 1.963 | 1,144,000 | 2.411 | 1,672,061 | 907,354 | 2.136 |
| | | | | | | Revenue Neutral Rate** | 2.354 |
| Less: Transfers | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | |
| Net Expenditure | 952,382 | | 1,144,000 | | 1,672,061 | | |
| Total Tax Levied | 750,537 | | 907,355 | | xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx | | |
| Assessed Valuation: | 382,391,260 | | 376,286,000 | | 372,424,349 | | |

| Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1, | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 |
|---|---|---|---|
| G.O. Bonds | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Revenue Bonds | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lease Pur. Princ. | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 0 | 0 | 0 |

*Tax rates are expressed in mills.
***Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988*

Bret Strine

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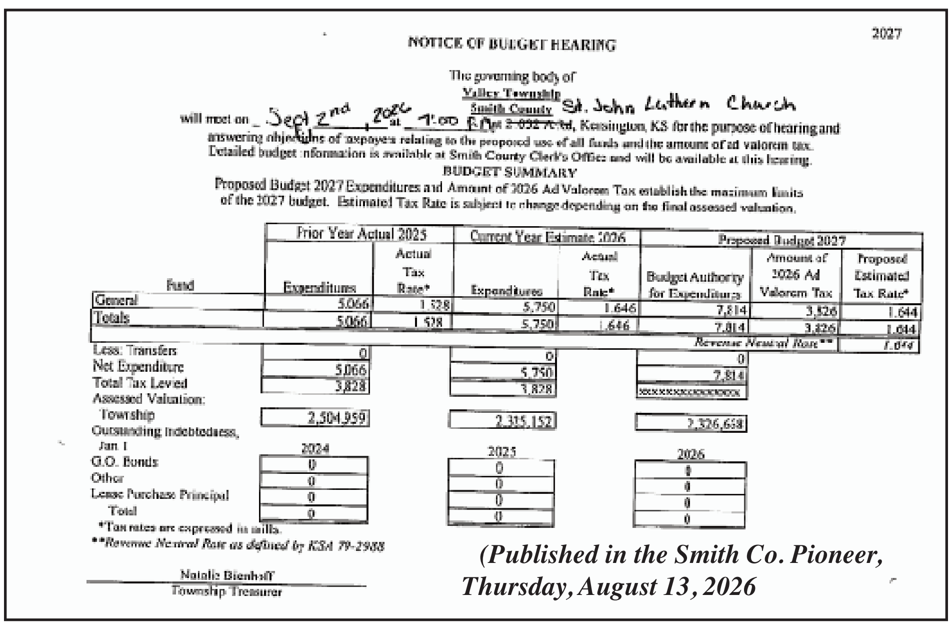

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
**Valley Township**
**Smith County** St. John Lutheran Church
will meet on Sept 2nd, 2026 at 7:00 P.M at ~~[illegible]~~, Kensington, KS for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax. Detailed budget information is available at Smith County Clerk's Office and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY
Proposed Budget 2027 Expenditures and Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2027 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

| | Prior Year Actual 2025 | | Current Year Estimate 2026 | | Proposed Budget 2027 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fund | Expenditures | Actual Tax Rate* | Expenditures | Actual Tax Rate* | Budget Authority for Expenditures | Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax | Proposed Estimated Tax Rate* |
| General | 5,066 | 1.528 | 5,750 | 1.646 | 7,814 | 3,826 | 1.644 |
| Totals | 5,066 | 1.528 | 5,750 | 1.646 | 7,814 | 3,826 | 1.644 |
| | | | | | | Revenue Neutral Rate** | 1.644 |
| Less: Transfers | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | |
| Net Expenditure | 5,066 | | 5,750 | | 7,814 | | |
| Total Tax Levied | 3,828 | | 3,828 | | xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx | | |
| Assessed Valuation: Township | 2,504,959 | | 2,335,152 | | 2,326,658 | | |

| Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 |
|---|---|---|---|
| G.O. Bonds | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lease Purchase Principal | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 0 | 0 | 0 |

*Tax rates are expressed in mills.
***Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988*

Natalie Bienhoff
Township Treasurer

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Residents of Smith Center:
With Old Settlers Day fast approaching, we ask residents to clean up around their property. OSD bring lots of people to our town and we want to make sure our town is looking it's best