

St John Church of Christ

July 4, 2021

Worship
Service

Premiers
Sunday at 11:00

Welcome to Worship!

We're glad you're here. Bible classes begin at 10:00. For kids, Pete & Penelope, our children's puppet program, is followed by songs and classes.

How much do you know about the Holy Spirit? For most people, the Spirit seems mysterious and, perhaps, a little frightening, but this is the Age of the Spirit! Join us for Bible Class at 10:00 and learn to appreciate the Spirit of God. Worship follows at 11:00.

If you are unable to be with us in person, our worship is shared through our website:

www.StJohnChurchOfChrist.org

Simply select "Sermons" from the menubar at the top, or click this link to visit our page on YouTube:

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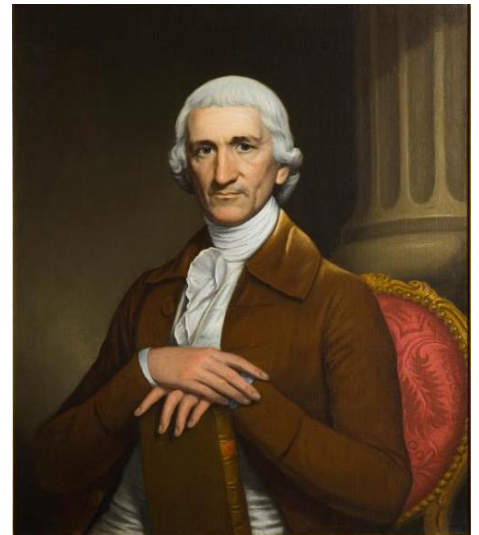
Novus Ordo Seclorum

"Charles Thomson (November 29, 1729 - August 16, 1824) was a Patriot leader in Philadelphia during the American Revolution and the secretary of the Continental Congress (1774 - 1789) throughout its existence."

– Wikipedia

Thomson had a tragic childhood. His mother died when he was just a boy and his father took the family, five boys and a girl, from Ireland to America to begin again. Within the sight of shore, Thomson's father died and the sea captain embezzled all their money. Thomson closed his father's eyes after hearing his final prayer, "God take them up." The children were left at the mercy of the New World. Charles rose above it all and became a true American patriot. He became the leader of the Philadelphia "Sons of Liberty" and a good friend of Benjamin Franklin.

When the Continental Congress was formed, Thomson became its secretary – a post most scholars equate with a Prime Minister. For fifteen years Thomson served until the congress was finally adjourned. At its conclusion in July 1789, Thomson retired to work on a translation of the Bible and wrote a synopsis of the four gospels published in 1815. You see, Thomson was a Greek and Latin tutor for the famous Philadelphia Academy and what he is best known for today is his work



Portrait "Charles Thomson" Oil on canvas; Joseph Wright (1756 - 1793). American; c. 1785

on the Great Seal of the United States.

It's on the back of a one-dollar bill. Do you see the Latin motto "Novus ordo seclorum"? It comes from the fourth Eclogue of Virgil:

Now comes the final era of
the Sibyl's song;

The great order of the ages is
born afresh.

And now justice returns,
honored rules return;

Now a new lineage is sent
down from high heaven.

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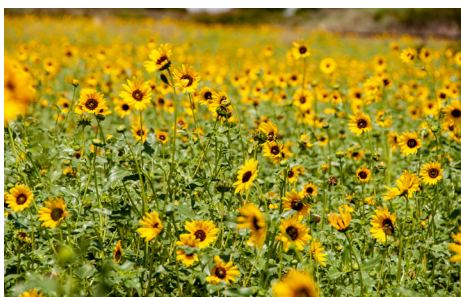
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“Novus ordo seclorum” means “New Order for the Ages.” Medieval Christians believed Virgil’s poem was a prophecy of the coming of Christ and Thomson, a Latin tutor well acquainted with Virgil, believed the founding of the United States was also part of God’s plan.

It is popular today to tout the separation of church and state, but for the founding fathers there could be no separation of God and state. Think about that the next time you spend a dollar bill.



Kansas Wildflowers



Ladies’ Day Tea

July 31st

9:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

(Come at 9:00 for tea/coffee/visiting)

831 W. Taylor, Lyons, Kansas

The ladies of the Lyons church of Christ invite you and your friends to join us Saturday, July 31st for a day of fellowship. The speaker will be Stacy Stambaugh. Stacy lives in Omaha, Nebraska where she serves as the curriculum specialist for the English Department at one of the largest high schools in the state. She will be encouraging us to set down our broken cups and to drink from the good cup. Please join us!

“Let us consider how we may spur one another toward love and good deeds not giving up meeting together...”

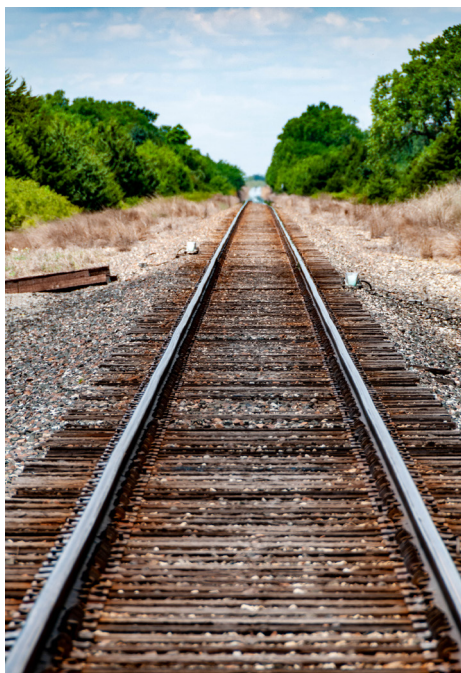
Hebrews 10:24 - 25

Please RSVP to juporter@usd444.com by Sunday, July 25th.

News & Prayer Requests

Jerry was taken to Wichita last weekend to have some gall stones and his gall bladder removed. He was able to come home on Sunday and it doing well.

Fred is recovering nicely from his triple bypass and is staying with his daughter in Great Bend.



Key Dates

Weekly

Join us at Leisure Homestead, St. John, every Sunday morning at 9:30 when we sing and present a devotional thought for the staff and residents. Talk with Jerry or Kay for more information!

Silver Maple Bible Camp

Our kids are off to summer Bible Camp in the coming weeks. This is an amazing experience for them. Many of our members are helping make camp happen and all of us need to pray for their safety and success!