Early Thanksgiving Dinner organized by The Dialog Institute of the Southwest at St. John Evangelical Catholic Church

Early Thanksgiving Dinner bringing people of different backgrounds including Jews, Christians, Muslims and many others was organized by The Dialog Institute of the Southwest at St. John Evangelical Catholic Church on November 12, 2013.

The speakers of the night Eve Levin Ph.D., Professor at KU Department of History, Abdulbaki Agbas, Ph.D. Associate Professor at KCUMB Department of Biochemistry, and Fr. Michael Scully, Senior Pastor at St. John Evangelical Catholic Church shared their ideas on thankfulness to God. According to Eyyup Esen, a volunteer with the Lawrence chapter of the Dialogue Institute of Southwest, the purpose in organizing such an event was to show that people can get along well although they come from different backgrounds.

As reported by Tabatha Mills, 6 NEWS Lawrence historically people of different religious beliefs have disagreed, but people of all faiths were invited to an early Thanksgiving dinner on Tuesday night to show how different religions can agree.

"We're celebrating the idea, the belief, the need for us as people of different faiths to come together and understanding of one another and our faiths and who we are as human beings," said Reverend Dr. Shannon Mcalleer, a director with the Lawrence chapter of the Dialogue Institute of Southwest. (6 NEWS Lawrence)