

NEWS OF THE SON

Trinity Lutheran Church — Columbia, MO

PASTORS' LETTER.....



March, 2017

When it comes to exalted nicknames, some kings hit the jackpot. Who wouldn't want to be remembered with a glorious name like *Alexander the Great* or *William the Conqueror* or *Richard the Lionhearted*? *Wise King Solomon* and *Good King Hezekiah* are two Biblical examples that are not too shabby as well.

In the Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the evangelist paints with words the portrait of a royal figure – our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of kings. But Jesus is not presented in a way most kings would want to be remembered. He is not presented as *Jesus the Great* or *Jesus the Mighty*. Instead Matthew presents to us a lowly King who is rejected and betrayed, denied and condemned, mocked and forsaken, crucified and buried. If you had to give Him a king's nickname based on the evangelist's portrayal, *The Crucified King* would certainly be appropriate.

That's good to hear because that's exactly the kind of King we need Him to be. Ever since the Fall, we all might be described as "wannabe" kings. We've rebelled against this King, putting ourselves first and God last. We have this king-sized inclination to be served rather than to serve. Our greatest need is not for a king whose glory is shown in His impressive power or strength, but chiefly in showing mercy to sinners. And that's exactly the kind of King which Matthew presents.

This year's Lenten series focuses upon Matthew's theme of Jesus being the King. Lent is a penitential season where God's baptized people celebrate their Baptism through repentance and faith in this King. It is a season during which we prepare for the festival of Easter which celebrates this King being raised from the dead for our salvation. Jesus is God-in-the-flesh, the ultimate Conqueror who is truly the divine Lionhearted One. Yet He was willing to be a King who was despised and dishonored that we might be considered great in God's Kingdom. He desired that we be eternally crowned with glory, so His head was pierced with sharp and painful thorns. He was willing to be devoured by the jaws of eternal death and rise again so that we might joyfully partake of His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins, for life, and for salvation, and look forward to being glorified with this King's own majestic glory.

Matthew's Gospel shares the account of the Magi coming to Jerusalem and asking, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews?" They inquired because it was not obvious. He was where human reason would never expect Him – in a humble home, in a humble town, served by His humble mother. Toward the end of the Gospel, Pilate also must ask Jesus, "Are You the King of the Jews?" He asked because it was not obvious. So that we don't miss Him and all His benefits, Matthew identifies our merciful King of kings and Lord of lords who goes where human reason would never expect a king to go – high and lifted up on a cross, bearing the sin of the world, so that He could triumph over it in the resurrection and that we may receive the exalted title *Children of God*.

The Lord's blessings to you in this special season of Lent.

Your friends in Christ,

Pastor Kenneth J. Gerike

Pastor Brian K. Thieme

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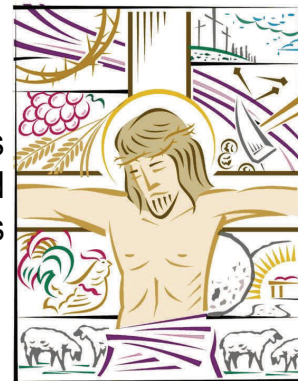
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March 12
Daylight Saving
Time Begins



Lent / Holy Week, 2017

The Lenten and Holy Week season provides special worship services conducted at 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m. Lenten Light Suppers are served from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. in the Church Fellowship Hall. A freewill offering is taken to defray the costs of the meal.



March 1

Ash Wednesday Worship Service
"The King's Wisdom"
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
The Imposition of Ashes and the
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Lenten Light Supper sponsored
by the Boards of Evangelism
and Social Ministry

March 8

Midweek Lenten Service II
"The King Betrayed"
Matthew 26:47-56
Lenten Light Supper sponsored
by the Board of Elders

March 15

Midweek Lenten Service III
"The King Denied"
Matthew 26:69-75
Lenten Light Supper sponsored
by the Boards of Christian
Education and Youth

March 22

Midweek Lenten Service IV
"The King Condemned"
Matthew 27:11-26
Lenten Light Supper sponsored
by the Board of Parochial Education
and Good Shepherd Lutheran School

March 29

Midweek Lenten Service V
"The King Mocked"
Matthew 27:27-31
Lenten Light Supper sponsored
by the Board of Trustees and
the Executive Committee

April 5

Midweek Lenten Service VI
"The King on the Cross"
Matthew 27:35-44
Lenten Light Supper sponsored
by the Board of Stewardship
and Finance

April 13

Maundy Thursday Worship Service
"The King's Feast"
Matthew 26:17-30
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

April 14

Good Friday Worship Service
"The King Forsaken"
Matthew 27:45-50

April 16

Easter Sunday Worship Service at
7:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
"The King Raised"
Matthew 28:1-10

Easter Breakfast sponsored by
Trinity Lutheran Youth Fellowship
is served at 8:00 a.m. in the
Fellowship Hall and Gymnasium

TRINITY LLL FELLOWSHIP CLUB

LLL Fellowship Club will meet for a Bible Study of A Man Named Martin (Part 1) on **Sunday, March 5th at 6pm** in the church basement. Please join us for an evening of Bible Study and fellowship.

LIFE NETWORK ANNUAL BANQUET

The Life Network 26th Annual Banquet is scheduled for **March 9, 2017 beginning at 7pm** at a new location - CBO Events Center in Columbia, MO. Please join us for an incredible evening of ensuring that Life Network continues their mission of "Saving Lives and Protecting Future!" For questions or last minute event tickets, please contact Life Network at 573-874-3561.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY - 9AM

The Monday AM Bible Study continues exploring the Six Chief Parts of the Catechism composed by Luther.

BLOOD DRIVE AT TRINITY LC

The Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive here at Trinity on **Saturday, March 11, 2017 from 8:30am to 12:30pm**. To schedule an appt: call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org (enter TrinityLutheranMO) to register online.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

GSLS & TLCLC will host a Pancake Breakfast on **Saturday, March 11th from 7am to 1pm**. Free will offering, all you can eat. Activities for the kids in the gym.

WOMEN'S SOCIAL CONNECTION

Women's Social Connection will meet on **Friday, March 17 at 1:30pm** at Marian Kueck-Pierson's home.



Good Shepherd Lutheran School

Enrollment—Open enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year has started. If you are interested, schedule a tour today. On the third Thursday of each month you can drop in during the open house (10am to 2pm) and see the school and talk to the teachers. To enroll go to www.gsiscolumbia.org and click on the enroll tab. Or call the school office for help.

Room at the Inn—We are still collecting hats, gloves, and socks for the “Room at the Inn” Shelter. The items are being delivered throughout the winter months so that the people can use them when it is cold.

Chapel Offering—The second quarter offering will be used for Owen’s Mission at Lutherans For Life. Pastor Whittle talked to the school about the organization and why supporting it is so important. Fourth quarter offering will go to LOVE Inc. here in Columbia.

Pancake Breakfast—March 11th from 7am to 1pm. Free will offering, all you can eat. It will be similar to years past. Just a few different faces. Look for a sign up sheet on the bulletin board outside Pastor Thieme’s office. We will be looking for people to help set up Friday afternoon and evening as well as helpers needed for Saturday. Activities for the kids in the gym.

Volunteer Opportunities—

- + March 10&11—Pancake Breakfast
- + March 16—Science Fair/Open House 5-7pm

†*Tammy Mangold*, Administrator

“Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” 1 Thess 5:16-18

As always, if you know of a family that is looking for a solid Christian K-8 education, please have them contact the school office for a tour and details about enrollment.

GSLS Office Phone: 573-445-5878

GSLS Office Email at office@gsiscolumbia.org

Also check us out at: <http://gsiscolumbia.org/>

Shop with Scrip for GSLS — GSLS will continue with the SCRIP gift card fundraiser again this school year. Please consider purchasing gift cards during the Easter Season and throughout the year to support the school, a percentage of proceeds comes back to GSLS and has been used to purchase curriculum, playground equipment and other needed items for our school. There is an order form included in this newsletter if you would like to place an order for cards.



Trinity Lutheran Child Learning Center (TLCLC)

Registration has begun. We are delighted to offer some new schedule options!

Toddler Classes: For children born between 5/30/14 and 5/31/15

Preschool & PreK: For children born before 8/1/14

New! School Age: We are in the process of updating our license to accept school age children for summer and holiday programs.

Program Days: MWF, T/Th, or M-F

Hours Offered: full time - 6:30am to 5:30pm or
part time - 8am to 12:30pm

**2017 Summer Program
for Toddlers, Preschool and PreK
May 31 through August 4**

New! PreK Summer program after CPS summer school: June 30 through August 4

New! School Age Program: Sign up by the week, 11 possible weeks through the summer. Topics include Mad Scientists, Craft Closet, Puppet Camp, Handy Projects, Cooking, Crazy Concoctions, Games Galore, and Drama Camp.

**Fall 2017 / Spring 2018 Program
for Toddlers, Preschool and PreK
August 9, 2017 through June 1, 2018**

Follows the CPS school year calendar

New! Extra day option—Select extra days you would like to have included in your contract. Extra days include Thanksgiving, Christmas, Spring Breaks and others. See the registration sheets for complete list

New! School Age Program: We will also be offering the extra day option to families who might need care for their school age child when school is closed

As always, it is our goal to be a leader in the education of young children by offering a play-based, Christian program that inspires a child’s imagination, thirst for knowledge, and love of learning while meeting the needs of the families we serve. Please drop by the office to pick up registration forms or contact us if you have any questions.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers!

Your friend in Christ,

†*Annette Kiehne*, Director

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February 2017 Board of Directors Minutes (Draft Minutes - Yet to be Approved)

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was held February 14, 2017, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The following people attended: Phil Glenn (Chairman), Pastor Thieme, Theresa Greer, Tammy Mangold, Karl Christopher, Pastor Gerike, JoAnn Schoenike, Gary Kespohl, Fred Luetkemeier, Virginia Propp, Annette Kiehne, Doug Kiehne, Mary Frerking, Karen Niederjohn, Alyssa Famuliner, Jim Niederjohn, Ken Greer and Cynthia Green (Secretary). Pastor Gerike opened the meeting with a devotion.

Approval of Meeting Agenda: Chairman Glenn requested that several additional agenda items be added to the meeting agenda. A motion was made to accept the agenda with these additional items; seconded and approved.

Approval of Consent Agenda: The consent agenda includes: Minutes of the January 10, 2017 BOD Meeting, Senior Pastor's Report (except Membership Changes), Associate Pastor's Report, Financial Secretary's Report, Board and Committee Reports. A motion was made to accept the consent agenda; seconded and approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda minutes and reports are filed in the congregation secretary's notebook. The reports are summarized here. The name of the board/committee representative(s) present at the BOD meeting is listed.

SENIOR PASTOR'S REPORT – Pastor Gerike

Midweek Bible Study on Mondays at 9:00 a.m. (North Overflow Area): Luther's Use of the Scriptures in the Catechisms. Sunday Morning Bible Study (Basement - West): Study of Galatians. Adult Information Class: Two sets of classes running on variable dates. Pre-marital counseling sessions: Two sets are being undertaken; weddings scheduled in April and July 2017. Junior Confirmation Class III: Seven in the class. February and April classes will meet 12:00-1:30 p.m. March classes will meet 6:00-7:30 p.m. The trip to the Creation Museum and Noah's Ark is the weekend of February 17-20, 2017. The Officiant for February 19/20, 2017: The Officiant will be the Reverend Jerry Riggert. Fifth Sunday Weekend: Pastor Gerike was in Omaha, Nebraska on January 20-23, 2017. (See also Membership Changes.)

ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S REPORT – Pastor Thieme

DCEI: Application has been sent to Concordia University-Seward. Site visitation is scheduled for 2/16/17. Other Duties: Continues visiting with members in their homes and the hospitalized, serves on the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation Committee, teaches religion classes at Good Shepherd, leads staff devotions at Good Shepherd, leads chapel for the Learning Center and Good Shepherd in February, scheduled to conduct chapel at Calvary Lutheran High School on 2/15/17, will present several classes at Calvary in February. Youth: Senior High Youth Bible Study on Sunday morning; The Senior High Youth will be providing and serving a meal at Coyote Hills on January 15, 2017 and they will have a servant event in July at the Boy's and Girl's Dakota Ranch in Minot, North Dakota. The confirmation classes will travel to the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter on 2/17-19/17. Junior and Senior High Youth plan to go tubing in St. Louis on 2/24/17. District- Fourth Vice President: Helping with a devotional and installed two pastors who were changing roles in Sedalia on 1/22/17. Bible Telling: May attend a trauma training seminar on 3/6-10/17 and will be hosting a training event on 3/17-18/17.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT – JoAnn Schoenike, Financial Secretary:

For the month of January, the Regular Envelope collections are 101.53% of the anticipated monthly amount, Loose Plate collections are 104.31%, and Sunday School collections are 170.11%. The Total Monthly collections are 101.74% of the monthly anticipated amount of \$44,040.

The Total Year-to-Date collections through the end of January are 101.74% of the anticipated amount of \$44,040.

The historic period in the full report is a five-year average which includes 2012-2016 data.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (Mary Frerking): Sunday School: Children will participate in a procession into the church at both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services, with the children also singing at the 10:30 a.m. service. BOCE is looking into a new curriculum for the Lenten season. Each elementary and junior high age child will be provided with Lenten devotionals to be used at home for the 40 days preceding Easter. Vacation Bible School: VBS will be 7/10-13/17 from 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. and dinner will be provided each evening. Set up for the week's activities will occur on Sunday, July 9, 2017. Lenten Supper: BOCE will co-host the Lenten supper with the Board of Youth on 3/15/17. DCEI: The application, description of the ministry and a summary of expenses, was forwarded to Concordia University-Seward. Several members of the BOY and BOCE, along with Pastor Thieme, will meet with a representative of Concordia University's DCEI program on 2/16/17 for a site visit and lunch. Educational Materials: BOCE has agreed to provide Pastor Thieme with the authority to order any and all special materials, within the BOCE's budget, for the Sunday School and youth programs at church. Sunday School Superintendent: The position is still unfilled.

BOARD OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (Virginia Propp, Karen Niederjohn and Annette Kiehne, Director): Enrollment: Current Enrollment is MWF 83/78; T/TH 78/78. Summer enrollment began 2/10/17. Toddler- 3/16 MWF, 5/15 T/TH; Preschool- 19/30 MWF, 20/30 T/Th; PreK- 27/35 MWF, 31/35 T/Th. Licensing: State licensing visit was 1/26/17. Found an out of date medical/TB form for a substitute teacher, which is to be corrected within 30 days. A license revision form has been submitted. Staffing: Interviewing for additional afternoon staff to fill all available slots. Annette Kiehne is scheduled to go to Florida for the National Religious Broadcasters panel on 3/1-3/17. Facilities: Dishwasher needs repaired- this is addressed further in the Trustees report. Bids are being secured to add half doors to toddler classrooms. The Board would like to have the door locks replaced to the exterior doors to the playground and they also would like to have access to bathroom facilities from room 223.

BOARD OF PAROCHIAL EDUCATION (Tammy Mangold, Administrator): Current enrollment is 39. The third quarter offering is going towards Lutheran's For Life- Owen's Mission. Kindergarten roundup is on 2/28/17 at GSLS, where the attendees will learn about kindergarten, play some games, do a craft and have something to eat. Open house continues on the third Thursday of each month from 10:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m., with one scheduled for 2/23/17 from 5 till 7 p.m. National Lutheran Schools Week was 1/22-28/17. The theme was *Upon the Rock*. The students did an online mission trip to Madagascar. A member of Trinity who had been to Madagascar on a medical mission trip spoke to the children, as well as Carroll Highbarger, a former Assistant Police Chief. Boone Electric came and spoke to the 3rd-6th graders while the 7th and 8th graders were at Calvary for "Survive & Thrive". Gala tickets are available. It will be held 3/4/17 at the Columbia Country Club. For more information contact Jacque Eckhoff at 573-289-0273 or jacque711@hotmail.com. The GSLS/ TLCLC pancake breakfast is 3/11/17 from 7:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m. Proceeds will go towards the school library. Help is needed with the setup on Friday and the breakfast on Saturday. Students took a field trip to Lenoir Senior Center on 2/13/17. They assisted residents in making valentine cookies, read to them and passed out valentines they had made in art class. Two students will be competing in the Scripps Regional Spelling Bee at Christian Fellowship School on 3/7/17. Evan Tollenaar

will represent the elementary school and Joshua Thieme will represent the middle school. The students will sing at Alive in Christ during their 8:30 a.m. service on 3/5/17. A financial report is included in the agenda packet.

BOARD OF YOUTH (Alyssa Famuliner): The Board met with a member of the Board of Christian Education and Pastor Thieme to finalize the application for the DCE position. The Senior High Youth Group participated in a service activity at Coyote Hill on 1/15/17 and they also assembled sub sandwiches on 2/4/17 for the Super Bowl. A total of \$376.00 was raised selling the subs. On 1/29/17 the youth and their parents met to discuss the summer 2017 youth group trip and they chose to do a mission trip to North Dakota. On 2/24/17 the youth group will travel to St. Louis for snow tubing.

BOARD OF ELDERS (Doug Kiehne): The Elders met on 1/31/17. They are conducting a book study regarding the frequency of communion, using the book *The Blessings of Weekly Communion*. The purpose of the study is to be able to better address questions, as they arise in the congregation, regarding the frequency of communion. The worship pattern list that shows members who have not attended service in more than 3 weeks was reviewed. Selected members were contacted via postcard to encourage attendance. Members who have not attended for more than 2 years will be sent a letter in order to make contact with them and determine their status. "Feed my Lambs" care packages will be sent to approximately 50 members this month who have not attended service for an extended time. "Feed my Lambs" care packages for those away at college are also being organized. The nominating slate is almost complete, with 3 of 4 candidates having been identified. The Elder's footsteps were reviewed: In progress is a footstep to plan a men's retreat; the footstep to plan an information technology ministry was taken off the table, but Ron Barrett and Pastor Thieme will discuss this further and come back to the Elders with how to proceed next on this matter. The Elders will provide the Lenten Light Supper on 3/8/17. Assignments for services were discussed, to ensure that all services were covered in February and procedures for assisting with baptism and communion during services were reviewed.

BOARD OF SOCIAL MINISTRY (Theresa Greer): Plans were made for hosting Circle of Friends to be held on 1/11/17. The Red Cross blood drive, to be held on the day of the Pancake Breakfast, was discussed. Souper Bowl of Caring will be completed in February. Sandy Dirks and Debbie Antel continue to plan Senior Social lunches weekly. The Board also discussed exploring new projects to do this year.

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE (Fred Luetkemeier): The meeting date for the Board will be the first Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. The Board will be serving the Lenten Lite supper in April. Robin Tipton has been selected as the Youth representative, Laura Grise is the Assembly of Voters representative, Fred Luetkemeier is the Board of Directors representative, Richard Mangold is the backup Board of Directors representative, Conrad Brown is the Secretary and Warren Harms is the Chairman. Roger Morrison is the representative from the Board of Elders. Joann Schoenike is doing the financials. Richard Mangold and Conrad Brown will be counting in February.

BOARD OF TLC ENDOWMENT FUND (no representative was present): Balances as of December 31, 2016 are: TLC Fund: \$15,537.83; Youth Ministry Fund: \$11,804.01; Bourret/Elliott Fund: \$30,611.70. The Endowment Fund Board met in January and decided that Don Malson would be Secretary, Pete Easterhaus would be Chairman, and Buck Katt would be Chairman Emeritus. Documents that govern the funds were handed out and briefly discussed at their January meeting. The Board will examine what the funds are invested in and what the expenses run. The Board submitted a Review of their Vision Plan. The specific footsteps that apply to the Endowment Fund Board are included in the agenda packet.

The Board did report that in 2016 they received one request for funding, from the Youth Fund, for the Youth Group to attend the National Youth Gathering, and it was approved. No requests were received for the other two funds. They recognized the need to make the members of Trinity aware of what the funds are for and that additional contributions to the funds are needed, since the funds are very small at this point in time and do not produce a lot of income. The Youth Fund and the Bourret/Elliott Fund allow only the income to be used. The TLC Fund does not contain this restriction.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES (Ken Greer, Karl Christopher, Jim Niederjohn) The Board reported that the Trustee room in the gym area is cleaned out and organized, that maintenance and repair work has been done on the cabinet doors in the TLCLC kitchen and many old light bulbs have been removed for disposal. They have also completed the bid for the HVAC survey, obtained a printer and computer for Trustee use, scheduled a lift for sanctuary fan control replacement, obtained tools and materials to perform maintenance tasks, and have sorted and organized spare tile by room number. A replacement garage door lock/handle assembly has been obtained so that it can be installed and their hanging tool boards are complete and are scheduled to be put up in the Trustee storage/work room. The Board has come up with a draft **Facility Work Request** form and an accompanying **Work Order Process**, both of which are included in the agenda packet. The Work Order would be filled out by anyone noting a deficiency that needs attention/repair. The Work Order could be printed and filled out manually, but the Board prefers it be filled out on line and e-mailed to trusteesattlc@gmail.com. The Work Orders would allow the Board to track work performed, costs and materials needed. They have cleaned out several utility rooms in preparation for future HVAC work. All departments are asked to please remove their stored materials from these utility rooms. Board members can assist with relocation, shelving and etc. Stored items need to be removed soon, since Reed HVAC has been asked for a February completion date for the survey. The Board of Trustees also reported that they have received \$1,000.00 towards shelving/tubs/storage for the Altar Guild, from Elizabeth Couper. It is recommended that the Altar Guild purchase any tubs and containers that they feel are necessary and install metal industrial shelving. The Board is willing to purchase and install the shelving for the Altar Guild. A temperature survey of the entire property is being undertaken. They have purchased fifty thermometers and are placing them in various areas, in order to take periodic temperature readings. The thermometers will be placed approximately five feet off of the ground. The thermometers will be moved around periodically during the survey.

Executive Committee (Phil Glenn, Cynthia Green, Gary Kespohl, JoAnn Schoenike): Phil Glenn, Gary Kespohl and JoAnn Schoenike attended meetings of the Paid Time Off Policy Task Force. A draft revision to the Personnel Manual has been developed and the hope is to present it for a first reading at the February Assembly of Voters meeting. The Trustees and Phil Glenn have scheduled work for 2/16/17 to rewire the sanctuary fans to convert them to a 3-speed wall mounted control system. It is believed that electromagnetic interference was blocking the remote control of all three fans, with the Verizon wireless radio transmissions being the suspected source of the problem.

Internet Service Provider Update: An update from a report submitted by Fred Pistel indicated that CenturyLink completed their work of bringing their service to our building on 1/16/17. It was suggested that an additional electrical outlet be added for the CenturyLink equipment. It was also suggested that a battery backup for electrical surges and brief outages be purchased. One that would attach right to the CenturyLink equipment would cost \$150.00 to \$200.00.

BOARD OF THE MONTH SHARING (Board of TLC Endowment Fund): The representative for the Board of TLC Endowment Fund was unable to

attend the BOD meeting.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES: There was no membership changes reported.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Gary Kespohl, Treasurer

For the months ended January 31, 2017, the church income is \$52,395.98, which is 8.36% of the total budget for the year. The Learning Center income is \$70, 860.13, which is 11.78% of the budget for the year. Total income is \$123,256.12, which is 10.03% of the budget for 2017.

2015: Regular Envelope: \$520,082; Loose Plate \$19,212; Tuition \$505,723

2016: Regular Envelope: \$501,929; Loose Plate \$22,823; Tuition \$601,685

Through January 2017: Regular Envelope: \$43, 228; Loose Plate \$1,448; Tuition \$70, 860

After one month, the percent of budget used is 8.33% of total budget. Total income through January is \$123,256.12 or 10.03 % of the annual budget. Expenses are \$96,859.01 or 7.88 % of the annual budget.

Gary noted a correction to the report; there is a typographical error in the Net column on the line under the total for TLCLC. The figure of \$57,789 was accidentally placed there and should be omitted.

A motion made to approve the Treasurer's Report, with changes, and place it on file; seconded and approved.

Gary requested that approval be given to set up a petty cash fund for TLCLC in the amount of \$100.00. A motion was made to grant approval to set up the petty cash fund for TLCLC in the specified amount of \$100.00; seconded and approved.

Each employee of the church and Learning Center had \$500.00 placed in their HSA or FSA account at the beginning of the new year.

The classroom floors were completed in December, with a total cost to the church of \$1,316.

OLD BUSINESS

Personnel Manual Revisions: Chairman Glenn reported that the task force had developed a draft revision to the Personnel Manual for Paid Time Off and hoped to present it for a first reading at the February Assembly of Voters meeting. Meetings with Trinity personnel would then be conducted prior to the final approval of the policy, which he hoped would be at the May Assembly of Voters meeting. The changes, if approved, would be effective July 1, 2017. Eight of the nine members of the task force believed the proposed policy was fair to all employees. A very lengthy discussion of the new draft revisions followed, which resulted in the decision not to present the new draft revisions to the Assembly of Voters in February. The draft revision of the policy for Paid Time Off, is included in the agenda packet or is available on our website via the link to the Personnel Manual.

Director of Christian Education Intern Application Update: The application has been mailed to Concordia University-Seward and a site visitation by Concordia personnel to Trinity is scheduled for 2/16/17.

CLAS Facility Lease Update: Chairman Glenn reported that there is no update at this time.

Lift Annual Inspection Status: Jim Niederjohn reported that a company out of Jefferson City had been contacted and will be sending him some information. Chairman Glenn wanted to know if anyone knew if a lift inspection was even required. If it is required, the question was raised as to where the previous inspection reports might be found.

NEW BUSINESS

Facility Use Requests: There was a birthday party request, per Christopher and Jessica Kespohl, to use the gymnasium on 2/24/17 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. A motion was made to approve this use; seconded and approved.

Nominating Committee Slate of Candidates for Assembly of Voters Election: The following names were proffered forth: Sandy Dirks, Jim Cherrington, Barbara Sanchez, and Joanna McDowell. The Assembly of Voters will elect two of them at the February meeting. A motion was made to approve this slate of candidates for the February Assembly of Voters meeting; seconded and approved.

Recommendation for Melissa Kiehne to fill the Board of Youth vacancy: A motion was made to place the election of Melissa Kiehne, to the Board of Youth for a three year term, before the Assembly of Voters at the February meeting; seconded and approved.

Learning Center School Age Program: There was a discussion on a request from the Board of Early Childhood to add a school age program to the Trinity Lutheran Child Learning Center. The request centered around the fact that many current TLCLC families must drop out of our program in the summer, because we cannot include care for their school age children, we can only care for their preschool age children. As a result, financially the TLCLC goes in the red over the summer. An additional reason for the request is that some of the students attend the TLCLC part time and another preschool part time, in order to have access to the second preschool's school age care for their siblings and care for themselves on days when the TLCLC is closed. The TLCLC is now proposing to be open on some of the days TLCLC is currently closed, in order to provide care for both the preschool student as well as the school age student. In order for there to be a school age program, there would have to be a change in the current license status. The new license would approve the TLCLC taking children from 24 months to 12 years. The TLCLC has already initiated a Fire Department inspection and will have to schedule a sanitation inspection also. The goal would be to have eight classes over the summer, using only the current eight TLCLC classrooms upstairs. Since the Fire Code regulations governing preschools differ from the regulations governing school age students, the GSLS classrooms cannot be used. However, the TLCLC was approved by the Fire Department to take "field trips" to other areas of the basement, such as the gym, fellowship hall and the library. Further details of this request to add a school age program to the TLCLC are included in the agenda packet. A motion was made to present this request for a school age program at the TLCLC, to the congregation at the February Assembly of Voters meeting; seconded and approved.

Two Eagle Scout Projects for the Learning Center: Two Eagle project possibilities are being proposed: A garden plot by Josh McDowell and a sandbox, lid, and toy storage chest for the toddler side playground by Kevin Kiehne. After a discussion about these proposed projects, there was a consensus that the scouts should come to a BOD meeting and present their project proposals in person. That way, questions about the exact details of the projects could be answered to the BOD's satisfaction, especially their concern over the design and maintenance of the garden plot.

Yellow Pages Advertising Renewal: There was discussion by the BOD as to whether or not we should continue to advertise in the yellow pages, with the conclusion being that we should continue to do so. Gary Kespohl volunteered to talk to a salesman about an ad price for the CenturyLink yellow pages.

Learning Center Kitchen Dishwasher: The Board of Trustees reported that the dishwasher, a 1999 Hobart model, is in need of repair. This is not a dishwasher in the sense of your home dishwasher, but a sanitizer, using installed heaters, water pressure and two types of chemical soap. The original pump has a mechanical centrifugal device to control start-up current and running current. That mechanical control is worn out and is part of the motor assembly. Repairs will cost approximately \$1,840.00. This includes ancillary parts and labor. It was also determined that routine maintenance has not been performed as outlined in the owner's manual. After talking with the service technician, the Board believes that the best option at this time is to repair the pump and start performing the recommended maintenance suggested in the owner's manual. A motion to recommend the approval of the repair for \$1,840, not to exceed \$2,000, to the Assembly of Voters in February was made; seconded and approved.

Release of Funds for JCC Trip to Kentucky from Account # 529: A motion was made to recommend the release \$1,200, for the JCC trip to the Creation Museum in Kentucky for hotel expenses, to the Assembly of Voters in February; seconded and approved.

Scholarship Request for Grace Thieme: A letter written by Grace Thieme requesting consideration of a scholarship, to be used to assist her in attending Concordia University in Nebraska, was read to the BOD. The letter indicated she will be majoring in Elementary Education and plans on teaching in a Lutheran School in the future. After discussion, a motion to take the recommendation of a scholarship in the amount of \$3,000.00 per semester, during the 2017-2018 academic school year, to the Assembly of Voters in February was made; seconded and approved. Grace Thieme's letter in its entirety will be filed with the February 14, 2017 BOD meeting minutes.

GSLS Playground Inspection: Tammy Mangold asked if there was an annual inspection of the playground area and equipment and if so, who was responsible for this inspection. A discussion, centered on these questions followed.

Constitutional Amendments for The Lutheran Church -Missouri Synod: Chairman Glenn briefly went over the three amendments with the BOD. A motion was made to recommend approval of these three amendments to the Assembly of Voters in February; seconded and approved. A copy of the proposed amendments in their entirety, will be filed with the February 14, 2017 BOD meeting minutes.

Lutheran Senior Services Meeting: Chairman Glenn requested a motion be made that he be approved as the annual delegate to the Senior Services Meeting. A motion to approve this request was made; seconded and approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Assembly of Voters Meeting: February 19, 2017.
March Board of Directors Planning: March 10, 2017
Board of Directors Meeting: March 14, 2017, 7:00 p.m.
Board of the Month Sharing at the March 14, 2017 BOD Meeting:
Board of Christian Education.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn; motion seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m. Pastor Thieme closed the meeting with prayer.

Cynthia Green, Secretary

March Board of Directors agenda items are due to the church office by noon on Friday, March 10, 2017.

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

During the season of Lent, Vesper Guild will support the Food Bank of Central & Northeast Missouri. Donations (canned and packaged foods) can be left on the table in the narthex. Your donations are appreciated and will be accepted starting Ash Wednesday, March 1st through Monday, April 10th. Monetary donations are also welcome, please place in the box on the table. Checks may be written to "Food Bank". For every dollar donated, the Food Bank is able to purchase \$21 of food for needy families.

Thank you for your support. Questions, contact Betty Buchheit at 573-823-2664.

VESPER GUILD MARCH MEETING

Women of Trinity are welcome to join Vesper Guild's monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 21st. We meet in the Overflow Area at Trinity. Opening devotions are at 6:30pm. At this meeting, we will be assembling Easter baskets to give to the homebound members of Trinity. Meeting are finished by 8:30pm. Contact Betty Buchheit at 573-823-2664 with questions about this LWML organization.

During the Lenten season, March and April, we will NOT be gathering for our monthly craft night. Watch for information in the weekly Church News for the next crafting session.

2017 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Board of Christian Education asks you to HOLD THE DATE! This year's VBS is scheduled for Monday, July 10 through Thursday, July 13 in the evening from 6-8pm.



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Blessings to you, Champions of life!

As we enter the Lenten season, it is fitting to reflect on the 'holocaust' of abortion, how much we know and what we are doing about it. The following article is taken from "Christian Citizenship" published by Linda Bartlett, former president of Lutherans For Life:



"The following was written by *WORLD* Editor-in-Chief Marvin Olasky:

"In *The Death's Head Chess Club*, a new novel by John Donoghue, chess player Emil arrives at the Auschwitz concentration camp with his family. Soon his wife is in one line for women able to work. He is with men able to work. His two small sons, with their grandmother, are in a third line.

The scene continues: "Emil is anxious about his two boys, but the officer tells him not to worry ... the children will be sent to the family camp, where they will be cared for by those who are too old for manual labor. He says it with the weary calmness of a man who has given this reassurance a hundred times before. It has the ring of normality, of truth. But ... in Auschwitz, 'family' means death."

Guards march away the children and the aged. "...Emil does not know he will never see them again." They and grandma go to the gas chamber and then "up the chimney," as their corpses are burned. Months later, Emil is "crying, inconsolably. 'My children, my children,' he wails. ... 'My beautiful boys ... I don't even have a photograph of them. I can't remember what they looked like.'"

Six million Jews died, and others as well. This year we're on track to hit 60 million aborted babies since the *Roe v. Wade* decision on January 22, 1973. Ten times as many. The four-year Holocaust began in earnest in 1941, when German armies headed east and paramilitary units conducted mass shootings of Jews, maybe including my great-grandparents. We're now at 44 years since *Roe v. Wade*, 11 times as many.

If you're an abortion advocate and you're reading this now, you're probably angry at such a comparison. You might point out that pro-life people generally allow for abortion in those (very rare) cases when it's needed to save the life of the mother. You might point out that the penalties for abortionists when their practice was illegal were not the same as the penalties for murdering born humans.

And I'd agree with you that the Holocaust in its wholesale evil—starting in 1942, crowding men, women, and children into a closed room and wafting in poison gas—provides a more brutal picture than the current abortion retail trade, where an unborn child floats peacefully in protected space, until needles and knives suddenly invade.

Nevertheless, think of what Samantha Power, concluding her time as U.S. ambassador to the UN, said last month as parents holding babies in blood-soaked blankets picked their way past corpses in the streets of Aleppo, Syria. She asked the Assad regime and its Russian enablers, "Are you truly incapable of shame? Is there literally nothing that can shame you? Is there no act of barbarism against civilians, no execution of a child, that gets under your skin, that just creeps you out a little bit?"

We should say not only to abortionists but to all their enablers—justices, politicians, propagandists, and bystanders—what Powers said: "Denying or obfuscating the facts, as you will do today—saying up is down, black is white—will not absolve you. When one day there is a full accounting of the horrors committed in this assault of Aleppo [substitute: abortion]—and the day will come, sooner or later—you will not be able to say you did not know what was happening. You will not be able to say you were not involved. We all know what is happening. And we all know you are involved."

... [A] single death is a tragedy, a thousand deaths a statistic—but at some point big numbers become grotesque. Six million Holocaust deaths. Sixty million U.S. abortions. An estimated 56 million induced abortions worldwide each year. When do those numbers creep us out—at least a little bit?

... January 20, 1942: That's when senior Nazi officials met in the Berlin suburb of Wannsee and planned what they thought would be the "Final Solution of the Jewish Question."

January 22, 1973: That's when seven Supreme Court justices agreed to the mass killing of unborn children. [These are] two dates that will live in infamy." (Reprinted from *WORLD* Magazine, 1-21-17)

What can we do? Resist letting our hearts grow cold! God's Word in Psalms says, "For You formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made" (139:13-14). The Word in Isaiah says, "Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, who formed you from the womb: 'I am the Lord, who made all things ...'" (Isaiah 44:24). ***May we speak up for those being led to the slaughter and open our arms to those who have believed the lie of abortion and now mourn their little ones.***

PLEASE PRAY that our hearts are turned toward God's little ones and their parents . . . in Jesus' name. (Christian Citizenship February 19, 2017)"

In Christ, who creates, redeems and calls each person into a personal relationship with Himself, and thus gives value to every human being,

Sylvia Glenn



REFORMATION
2017 It's Still All About
Jesus

WHY I AM A LUTHERAN...

I choose to express my faith, hope, and trust in God from within the umbrella of Lutheranism (from the Lutheran flavor of Christianity) because of two main reasons. The second is most definitely an outgrowth of the first, which is: More than any other flavor of Christianity, Lutheranism and Lutheran teachings (as much as I understand them) conform to God's Word as given to me through the Bible. The second, through His Words, God has given me the foundation blocks, the answers to the five main questions of human existence: Who am I? Why am I here? Where did I come from? What am I doing here? and Where am I going?

In a building project, the accuracy and precision of the angles on your cornerstone, is of paramount importance. Many religions and Christian faiths claim their vision of God is a perfect cornerstone. Can they all be accurate, and square? Do they all lead to the same place? No, they cannot! Why? Because in every one of them except Lutheranism, they set man's thoughts and wisdom up as the highest authority, rather than accept what God has said in His Word. This elevation of man into the role of God is called Humanism! God is the only authority, not man! Using traditions and their own intellect they make judgments about what God *really* meant, create templates for life and behavior, and fashion a "cornerstone vision of God" which may contain some of God's Words. But more importantly, they fashion a cornerstone which is pleasing to them...a framework

which makes sense *to them*. A framework to which they have made "*adjustments*" to remove the *obvious biases* which they say God never intended. The problem is this type of "cornerstone" is not fit to be a cornerstone at all. It is distorted, not square. Definitely not perfect! The resultant templates and lives built on distorted cornerstones must also end up being distorted. Can everyone *really* have their own interpretation? You can almost hear Satan ask the question, "Did God really say that ____ (insert your favorite sin) ____ behavior is wrong....?"

Dr. Martin Luther was used 500 years ago to reset the church's vision and understanding of God and His plan of salvation for all men. Luther believed that we should let God interpret Scripture for us. Scripture interprets scripture. Luther did not force an interpretation or human bias onto unclear passages. He accepted what God said as Truth. He believed that the structure of our faith, and our relationship with God should be based solely on Scripture, with God Himself answering the question "What Does This Mean?" Luther rejected the concept that Popes, Cardinals, Bishops, or Pastors i.e. "church hierarchy" of any denomination or flavor had the authority to re-define, add or subtract from, or contradict the WORD of God. This concept is still of prime importance for all of us today, and for me in particular. I am in a continual state of comparing the latest Sunday sermon to the meaning of the Scriptures on which it was based.

~Ken Greer March, on the celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

Dear Church Family,

Please call the church office when:

- a member of your family is admitted to the hospital so visits can be made
- someone you know is very ill or has passed away
- your class or group would like to use the church for a meeting or event so it can be scheduled on the church calendar
- your contact information changes
- you are planning to move
- a new baby arrives in your family
- a member of your family leaves home for college, joins the military, or is getting married
- you would like to have a member call you to visit or assist you in some way
- you have a prayer request
- you would like to share your time and talents
- you feel the church can assist you in any way



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Birthdays

2 Phil Glenn	11 Sophie Berendzen Lameck Mwamgiga	23 Olive Graham Louise Griggs Chris Kespohl
3 Kurstin Stephenson	12 Zachary Cates Bonnie Lawler	24 Debbie Laupp
4 Debbie Harms	14 Colton Rainey Joshua Thieme	25 Joan Quilling
5 Hawk Harris Gary Kespohl	15 Lydia Cook Hannah Nandor	26 Joyce Walters
6 Robert Hall Matthew Swartz	16 Harold Tipton	27 Diane Linneman
7 Jim Gleed	19 Sawyer Bergman Margaret Fines	28 Karly Berendzen Noah Eckhoff Jacob Mariott Theresa Yeager
9 Rob Crouch Karen Easton Emma Gooch	20 Warren Harms Mary Redders Donna Weber	29 Ronald Lueck
10 Cynthia Green Dana Luetkemeier Zachary Mott Dan Noll	21 Roland Meyer	30 Karl Christopher
	22 Tom Stone	31 Pearly Baynes

March

Anniversaries

Robert & Jean Crowson
Glen & Kathy Frerichs

March 18, 1951
March 27, 1967



The information for Anniversaries & Birthdays is obtained from our Shepherd Staff database. If your information is incorrect or omitted, please contact the church office so this information can be updated in the computer. We need your help to keep our records up to date.



For we walk by faith, not by sight. ~2 Corinthians 5:7

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH -JCC Confirmation

Schedule: JCC Class: March 5, 12, and 19 at 6pm. Sunday, March 12 there will be a FUN DAY in the gym following JCC classes at 7:30pm.

Acolytes Schedule:

The signup emails for JCC III acolyte in March have been sent. Please sign up accordingly.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

SR High Youth Green Food Night

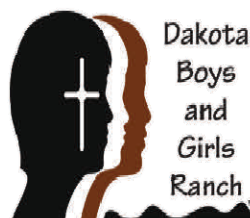
Join us for a fun night on March 5th at 7pm in the Youth Room. Bring a food item that is green or Irish to share.


SR HIGH YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIP

The 2017 Summer Mission trip plans are complete and we need deposits from those planning to attend. Trip details: July 22-30, 2017



the SR High Youth will take vehicles up to Minot, North Dakota and complete service projects at the Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch facility. There will also be a fun stop most likely at a water park in Iowa on the way back. **Please turn in a \$50 deposit by March 26th to the church office to reserve your spot on the trip.**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 825a GSLS Chapel 9a TLCLC Chapel 12p Ash Wednesday Service/Comm 545p Light Supper 6p Board of Stewardship & Finance 7p Ash Wednesday Service/Comm	2 630a Men's Bible Study 9a TLCLC Chapel 1130a Senior Ministry Lunch	3	4 5p Blue & Green Gala (Columbia Country Club)
5 8a Worship / Comm 915a Bible Study 1030a Worship / Comm 5p Handbell Practice 6p JCC 6p LLL 6p Choir Practice 7p SR High Green Food Night	6 9a Bible Study 6p Worship / Comm	7 6p Board of Christian Education	8 825a GSLS Chapel 9a TLCLC Chapel 920a Mary Martha Guild 12p Lenten Service 545p Light Supper 7p Lenten Service	9 630a Men's Bible Study 9a TLCLC Chapel 1130a Senior Ministry Lunch 7p CLAS School Board (Trinity) 7p Life Network Banquet (CBO Event Center)	10	11 7a GSLS Pancake Breakfast 830a Red Cross Blood Drive
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Cost: \$30/person (for two or more); \$35/person (single); \$9 for Curriculum Guild

****If only attending the Friday night session....cost is \$10/person**

Please bring with you a Bible (hard copy or electronic) and a lunch. Snacks will be provided.

REGISTRATION FORMS: Forms are hanging on the bulletin board across from Pastor Gerike's office.



Who should attend: Leaders of small groups, youth groups, Sunday School instructors, VBS teachers as well as pastors, parents and mentors.

When: Saturday, March 18th, 2017 from 8:30am to 4:00pm
(Bonus..."How to Tell a Bible Story" Training on Friday, March 17th from 6-9pm...intro to learning to tell Bible stories without memorizing.)

Where: Trinity Lutheran Church, Columbia, MO

Instructor: Phyllis Hostmeyer, author and educational consultant

REGISTRATION DUE BY MARCH 10TH

****NOTE:** If you are thinking about or planning on attending the trip to Israel in 2018 with Pastor Thieme, please try to at least attend the Friday night session to learn how to tell a Bible story.

