

# NEWS OF THE SON

Trinity Lutheran Church — Columbia, MO

## PASTORS' LETTER.....



April, 2017

Spring greetings to you, dear saints of the Lord in Christ Jesus our Savior!

We are annually reminded in the Lenten season of the disciples' stumbling errors which they committed in the Passion of our Lord Jesus: their strong verbal support of Jesus in the Upper Room, Judas' betrayal, their slumbers and later flight from Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, Simon Peter's impetuous sword-swinging and later his denial. They all played a part in Jesus going to the cross to accomplish His full payment for the sins of the world.

Later on Peter wrote by inspiration of the Holy Spirit in his first general epistle: *In your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you* (3:15). The Lord Jesus Christ forgave Peter and blessed him with the Holy Spirit to turn him around from a denier to a proclaimer.

Using the means of grace, His Word and Sacraments, the Holy Spirit is at work in us to share the reason for the hope that is in us – the life, suffering, death, resurrection, and ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ.

It has been our custom over the years in preparation for our catechumens to publicly offer the vow they made at their baptism to bear witness of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. We call it a presentation, but more accurately it is an opportunity for each catechumen to share the faith which God bestowed in the water and the Word of Holy Baptism.

Each of the seven catechumens has selected a Bible verse for the Rite of Confirmation. The presentation provides each of the catechumens with the opportunity of sharing the faith with brothers and sisters in Christ in a public setting.

This month the combined adult Bible classes on Sunday morning will be the setting for the seven catechumens to share the blessings of God's gift of faith through the words of the selected confirmation passages from the Scriptures. April 2, 9, 23, and 30 at 9:30 a.m. downstairs in the church fellowship area will provide the sharing of the faith by these saints of God for their brothers and sisters in Christ.

As they anticipate their participation in the Rite of Confirmation on May 7, may we also be reminded of the opportunities the Lord places before us in our life to "always (be) prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks (us) for a reason for the hope that is in (us)."

Your fellow servants in Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior,

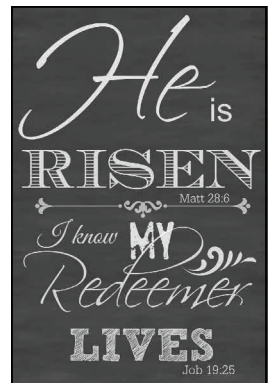
*Pastor Kenneth Gerike*

*Pastor Brian Thieme*

April 2017

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## 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.

### 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



## Easter Breakfast 2017



Easter Breakfast sponsored by Trinity Lutheran Youth Fellowship is served at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall and Gymnasium. Free will offering, funds will be used for the summer mission trip.

### 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

### TRINITY LLL FELLOWSHIP CLUB

LLL Fellowship Club will meet for a Bible Study of A Man Named Martin (Part 1: Session 5) on **Sunday, April 2nd at 6pm** in the church basement. Please join us for an evening of Bible Study and fellowship.

### WOMEN'S SOCIAL CONNECTION

Women's Social Connection will meet on **Friday, April 21 at 1:30pm** at Marian Kueck-Pierson's home.

### LUTHERAN SINGLES MINISTRY RETREAT

Come join us at a gathering for singles of all ages! **April 21-23, 2017** at St. Paul Lutheran High School in Concordia, MO. Connecting Singles in Ministry is all about learning how we can reach others with God's Word. Join us for sharing, interesting discussions, Bible study and fellowship. Registration for this event is due by April 6th. Registration forms and a copy of the weekend itinerary is posted on the bulletin board across from Pastor Gerike's office.



**EASTER SERVICE PROJECT** — The GSLS PTL is kicking off their Easter Service Project. We will be holding a Diaper & Wipes Collection for LFCS. Donations will be collected from April 3-18, and a collection cart will be by the bulletin board downstairs near the school entrance. LFCS is short on all sizes of diapers, but struggles the most with getting larger sizes donated. Congregation members are welcome to donate and be a part of this project. Any and all donations are appreciated.

### MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY - 9AM

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



## Good Shepherd Lutheran School

Enrollment is open for the 2017-18 school year. Go to [www.gsiscolumbia.org](http://www.gsiscolumbia.org) and click on the enroll tab to register. Or call the school office for help or to schedule a tour.

**Easter Celebration**—On Sunday, April 9th from 12:30—2:00pm come and enjoy crafts, snacks and an Easter Egg Hunt.

**Family Movie Night**—Friday, April 21st. Open House begins at 6:00pm. The movie “Monsters Inc.” begins at 7:00pm. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Note CLAS School Board meeting date change**—The April meeting has been moved due to Holy Week church service schedule. The CLAS meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 18th at 7:00pm at Campus LC.

**4th Quarter Chapel**—The 4th Quarter Chapel offering will go to LOVE Inc.

**Last Day of School**—The 2016/17 school year will end on Wednesday, May 24th. We will have a short awards ceremony at 10:30am followed by closing chapel. Everyone is invited to celebrate the close of the school year.

Please continue to pray for Good Shepherd.

†*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](mailto: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 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! Call ASAP if you are interested.

### Toddler Program

For children born between 5/30/14 and 5/31/15

Summer 2017 Program: May 31-August 4

Fall 2017/Spring 2018: August 9, 2017 - June 1, 2018

### Preschool & PreK

For children born before 8/1/14

Summer 2017 Program: May 31-August 4

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

Fall 2017/Spring 2018: August 9, 2017 - 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 days at Thanksgiving, Christmas, Spring Break and others. See the registration sheets for complete list.

### **New! SCHOOL AGE**

(finished k-5th grade in 2016-17 school year)

Sign up by the week, 10 possible weeks, May 31-Aug 4

See 2017 Summer Camps for topics and dates (colored insert in this newsletter).

### **New! Extra Day Option for School Age**

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

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was held March 14, 2017, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The following people attended: Phil Glenn (Chairman), Pastor Thieme, Theresa Greer, Tammy Mangold, Pastor Gerike, JoAnn Schoenike, Gary Kespohl, Fred Luetkemeier, Virginia Propp, Annette Kiehne, Doug Kiehne, Mary Frerking, Ken Greer, Stephanie Oetting, Larry McCoig, Pete Easterhaus, Mary Raisch and Cynthia Green (Secretary). Pastor Gerike opened the meeting with devotion.

Approval of Meeting Agenda: Chairman Glenn requested that several additional items be pulled from the consent agenda and be added to the Meeting Agenda under Old Business or New Business, respectively. A motion was made to accept the agenda with these changes; seconded and approved.

Approval of Consent Agenda: The consent agenda includes: Minutes of the February 14, 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, with those items pulled out to be added to the Meeting Agenda as suggested by Chairman Glenn; seconded and approved.

### CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda minutes and reports are filed in the congregation secretary's notebook. The highlights from 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

Membership statistics provided to the Synod: Baptized Membership--784; Communicant Membership--597. Conducting Sunday Vespers at Lenoir: March 26, 1017. 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 for April 29, 2017, and July 15, 2017. Junior Confirmation Class III: Seven in the class. Presentations will take place during Sunday morning Adult Bible Class time on April 2, April 9, and April 30, 2017. (See also Membership Changes.)

#### ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S REPORT – Pastor Thieme

DCEI: Site visitation was 2/16/17. Other Duties: Continues visiting with members in their homes and the hospitalized, serves on the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation Committee, leads chapel for the Learning Center, taught several classes at Calvary Lutheran High School, and Mill Creek Villa has asked that he present the "Israel Trip" on March 9, 2017. Youth: Senior High Youth Bible Study on Sunday morning; The Senior High Youth will have a servant event in July at the Boy's and Girl's Dakota Ranch in Minot, North Dakota; The Senior High Youth offered babysitting for the Gala; and he is talking with "Kids Against Hunger." District-Fourth Vice President: Helping with a devotional. Continuing Education: Studying the works of Robert Gognan, John Kleinig, Tom Eckstein and others, with regard to sexuality. He is reviewing Tactics: A Game Plan for Discussing Your Christian

Convictions by Gregory Koukl.

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

For the month of February, the Regular Envelope collections are 94.19% of the anticipated monthly amount, Loose Plate collections are 88.20%, and Sunday School collections are 132.46%. The Total Monthly collections are 94.01% of the monthly anticipated amount of \$41,669. The Total Year-to-Date collections through the end of February are 97.98% of the anticipated amount of \$85,709.

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:** Palm Sunday-- the 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 10:30m a.m. service. All children, K-8<sup>th</sup>, are invited to sing at the service. Easter--The children will participate in an Easter Celebration with the telling of the resurrection story and a craft, and an Easter egg hunt in the church playground area will be held, weather permitting. Junior High Youth will assist in hiding the eggs. Curriculum—Each Sunday School family was provided with a Lenten devotional to be used at home for the 40 days preceding Easter. This will be supplemented each week by our teachers during Sunday School, with a Lenten lesson for the week. This is in addition to the regular weekly curriculum. **Vacation Bible School:** VBS will be 7/10-13/17 from 5:30p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to assist with teaching and activities. Please prayerfully consider working as a VBS volunteer this summer. **Lenten Supper:** BOCE will co-host the Lenten supper with the Board of Youth on 3/15/17. **DCEI:** There is no word yet on our application for an intern. A reply is expected within the next few weeks.

#### BOARD OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (Virginia Propp)

##### Enrollment:

Current Enrollment is MWF 83/78; T/TH 78/78.

Summer enrollment begins 2/24/17. Toddler:8/16 MWF, 7/16 T/TH; Pre-School/Pre-K:44/60 MWF, 49/60 T/Th. Pre-K half summer only (new program): 3 M-F, 1 MWF, 1 T/Th. School age (new program): forms sent out on 3/1.

Fall 2017/Spring 2018 Enrollment began 3/3/17. Toddler: 12/16 MWF, 12/16 T/Th. Pre-School: 23/30 MWF, 23/30T/Th. Pre-K: 34/35 MWF, 35/35 T/Th.

**State of Missouri:** TLC was randomly selected for inspection of immunization records on 3/6/17. There were issues with 8 of 30 records. There will be a follow up with parents. It is felt that there is a need to change to a different parental opt out form.

**Staffing:** Annette Kiehne participated in a panel for the National Religious Broadcasters on 3/1-3/17.

**Budget:** TLCLC participated with GSLS in the Pancake Breakfast on 3/11/17, to raise money for shelving in the library. PTO meeting scheduled for 3/22/17.

**Facilities:** The parts to repair the dishwasher are on order. Kevin Kiehne is working on a sandbox and lid for the toy storage chest, for the toddler side of the TLCLC playground, as an Eagle Scout

project. He plans on presenting his project at the next BoECE meeting on 3/26/17.

**Other:** The Pre-K took a field trip to Rock Bridge H.S. planetarium on 3/6/27. The Parent Handbook is currently being updated and a Food Policy is being created.

#### **BOARD OF PAROCHIAL EDUCATION (Mary Raisch)**

Current enrollment is 39. The third quarter ended 3/10/17. The offering went towards Lutheran's For Life- Owen's Mission. Fourth' Quarter offering will go to LOVE Inc. Open house continues on the third Thursday of each month from 10:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. Another one is scheduled for 3/16/17 from 5:00p.m. till 7:00 p.m., in conjunction with the science fair. The Gala event raised over \$27,000. All profits will go towards the operational budget for next year. GSLS would like to thank everyone who attended the Gala and/or donated items. The GSLS/TLCLC pancake breakfast was 3/11/17. Proceeds will go towards the school library. GSLS and TLCLC would like to thank everyone who attended the breakfast and/or helped with it.

A financial report is included in the agenda packet.

**BOARD OF YOUTH (Stephanie Oetting):** The Trinity Lutheran Church Youth Fellowship Account report is included in the agenda packet.

**BOARD OF ELDERS (Doug Kiehne and Larry McCoig):** The Elders are conducting a book study regarding the frequency of communion, using the book *The Blessings of Weekly Communion*. The book has nine chapters and they are covering one chapter a month. 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. A total of 15 members, who have not attended for more than two years, were removed from the list. They will be sent a letter to try and make contact with them. The elders discussed many ideas for their Footstep to plan an Information Technology Ministry. They provided the Lenten Light Supper on 3/8/17.

**BOARD OF SOCIAL MINISTRY (Theresa Greer):** The Board hosted Circle of Friends on 1/11/17. They co-hosted the Lenten light supper on Ash Wednesday and sponsored a blood drive on 3/11/17. Plans were made for hosting the Circle of Friends on 4/8/17 and the Senior Ministry Lunch will continue on Thursday.

**BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE (Fred Luetkemeier):** The Board did not meet this month. The Board will be serving the Lenten Lite supper on 4/5/17. Warren Harms and Laura Grice are counting this month and Robin Tipton and Fred Luetkemeier will be counting in April.

**BOARD OF TLC ENDOWMENT FUND (Pete Easterhaus):** Balances as of January 31, 2017 are: TLC Fund: \$15,871.44; Youth Ministry Fund: \$12,056.48; Bourret/Elliott Fund: \$31,204.25. The full financial report for the three funds is included in the agenda packet.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES: (Ken Greer)** The Board reported that their members have been busy repairing numerous items in TLCLC and other areas of the church. A complete list of repairs is included in the agenda packet. Reed is working on a HVAC bid and Jim Niederjohn is working on the elevator inspection.

Temperature data from 49 stations continues to be collected, for performance evaluation of the HVAC systems.

**Five Hundredth Anniversary Committee:** The date of the final 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the reformation will be November 5, 2017. A "Save the Date" invitation will go out in May to all Lutheran Churches within a 60 mile radius of Columbia. There will be a combined choir and hymn fest at 3:00 p.m. on November 5, 2017. Those wishing to be part of the combined choir will have practice at 1:00 p.m. There will be a punch and cake reception following the service. The full 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee report is included in the agenda packet.

#### **EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT PROPOSAL PRESENTATION:**

Chairman Glenn introduced Joshua McDowell to the Board. Joshua presented his proposal to build a raised bed vegetable garden for TLCLC, as his Eagle Scout project. The proposed garden will be on the west side of the lawnmower shed. His proposal currently includes six raised garden beds and the spacing will be such, that there will be a three foot walkway between them. The students and staff of TLCLC will be responsible for the plantings in the beds and the maintenance of them. There were several suggestions from the Board as to changes that might be made to the design of the project. Joshua will take the suggestions under consideration. There was a motion to accept the concept and location of the Eagle Scout project proposal as presented. It was seconded and approved. The handout from Joshua McDowell, setting forth additional details of his Eagle Scout Project, is included in the agenda packet.

**BOARD OF THE MONTH (Board of Christian Education):** Mary Frerking, presenting on behalf of the BOCE, went over their Footsteps for 2017. The Board is still looking for a Sunday School Superintendent; is seeking help for Vacation Bible School, to be held in July; and is entertaining ideas for involving the Sunday School children, along with the GSLS students, in the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation Celebration. Their six Footsteps, in further detail, are included in the agenda packet.

#### **MEMBERSHIP CHANGES:**

Transferred Out:

- Rachel Breeden and baptized son, Christopher, to Faith Lutheran Church in Jefferson City, Missouri
- Ryan Moehlman, Laura Moehlman, and baptized children, Heidi and Calvin, to Trinity Lutheran Church in Jefferson City, Missouri

A motion was made to accept the Membership Changes; motion seconded and approved.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT – Gary Kespohl, Treasurer**

For the month's ended February 28, 2017, the church income is \$99,153.90, which is 15.82% of the total budget for the year. The Learning Center income is \$127,384.97, which is 21.17% of the budget for the year. Total income is \$226,538.87, which is 18.44% 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 February 2017: Regular Envelope: \$80,778; Loose Plate \$2,974; Tuition \$122,690

After two months, the percent of budget used is 16.66% of total budget. Total income through February is \$226,538.87 or 18.44% of the annual budget. Expenses are \$193,780.38 or 15.77% of the annual budget.

There was a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and place it on file; seconded and approved.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Personnel Manual Revisions: The Elders requested a motion to the BOD that the BOD slow down the process of the changes proposed to the "personal time off" policy of employees of Trinity Lutheran Church for time to review and communicate with interested parties the purpose of said changes for the sake of good order and Christian charity. The motion was seconded, but failed to be approved by the BOD. Chairman Glenn reported that the draft revision to the Personnel Manual for Paid Time Off would be presented three times on 3/22/17. The purpose of the meetings is to answer questions concerning the new draft policy and to listen to comments, suggestions and concerns of the employees and other interested parties. The Task Force will then meet again to make the final revisions, if any, to the draft policy. Chairman Glenn indicated that he hoped a final draft of the policy would be presented at the April or May BOD meeting and then be presented at the Assembly of Voters meeting in May.

Director of Christian Education Intern Application Update: We are hoping to hear back from Concordia University-Seward, by 3/20/17, as to the status of our application.

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

Lift Annual Inspection Status: It was reported that there is no further update at this time.

Learning Center School Age Program: Annette Kiehne, Director, reported that two families have already paid their money and that a lot of questions are being asked concerning the new program for school age children. She is also working on the license revision, which is required for this program.

Yellow Pages Advertising Renewal: Gary Kespohl reported that he will be speaking to our specific representative at Century Link very soon. He suggested that the number for TLCLC also be included in the advertisement.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Dutch Doors for TLCLC: There was a motion presented that the BOD approve up to \$1,000.00 for two Dutch door installations for toddler classrooms. The motion was seconded. A discussion followed. It was reported that the existing door frames would be used and that Odd Job Jay, quoted an estimate of \$500.00 per door. The motion was approved.

Scholarship Policy Document and Application Procedure: There was a discussion as to what guidelines or rules there should be concerning scholarships. Currently there is no written policy on

the subject. Pastor Thieme put into writing, the guidelines and practices that have been followed over the past many years, and handed this out. Based upon the discussion held on this topic, at the Assembly of Voters meeting in February, Chairman Glenn made a motion to form a task force to come up with appropriate guidelines for future scholarship recipients. The motion died for lack of a second. After additional discussion, a motion was made to accept the historical guidelines written down by Pastor Thieme, with two minor changes and the additional request that the guidelines be published quarterly to the congregation, so that all interested parties may know of them. The motion was seconded and approved:

Scholarship Guidelines to be published quarterly to the congregation, by the Church Secretary:

1. It was awarded to those going into LCMS church vocation (teacher, pastor, DCE, Deaconess, etc.).
2. They must be attending one of our synod Universities or Seminaries.
3. They need to be a member of our congregation.
4. The checks are written to the institution or to the institution bookstore (put into an account under their name).
5. A letter of request goes to the Assembly of Voters.
6. Annually requested and approved.
7. The budgeted line account item was used first and if necessary the designated line account (LCEF) was used next.
8. If there was no request made in a year, the budgeted amount was moved into the designated account.
9. Summer school has been considered.

Martin Luther –The Idea That Changed The World: The 500th Anniversary of the Reformation Committee has been actively trying to bring the new Luther movie to one of the theaters in Columbia, as part of the celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. The committee would like to purchase advance tickets and sell them at a discounted amount to members of the congregation, to encourage attendance at the movie. The movie will be shown on April 19th. Exactly which theater it will be shown in, is still not resolved. A motion was made to approve up to \$650.00, for the purchase of these advance tickets. The motion was seconded and approved.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Three presentations by the "Task Force for Proposed Revision of Personnel Manual": March 22, 2017 from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.

April Board of Directors Agenda Planning: April 7, 2017

Board of Directors Meeting: April 11, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

Board of the Month Sharing at the April 11, 2017 BOD Meeting:  
Board of Social Ministry

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn; motion seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:45p.m. Pastor Thieme closed the meeting with prayer.

Cynthia Green, Secretary

**April Board of Directors agenda items are due to the church office by noon on Friday, April 7, 2017.**

## THE LUTHERAN HOUR

The Lutheran Hour (TLH) radio program, with the Rev. Gregory Seltz as Speaker, proclaims the salvation story of Jesus every week to hundreds of thousands of listeners. TLH weekly 1/2 hour program can be read and/or heard on [www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org), on a mobile app, through an email, or several different radio stations broadcast TLH.

Station	City	Freq	Band	Day/Time
KMCV	Jefferson City	89.9	FM	Sun 8a
KLTE	Kirksville	107.9	FM	Sun 8a
KMMO	Marshall	1300	AM	Sun 10a
KMCR	Montgomery City	103.9	FM	Sun 9a

## 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.

## 2017 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL — UPDATE!!

The Board of Christian Education asks you to **SAVE THE DATE!** **This year's VBS is scheduled for TUESDAY, July 11 through FRIDAY, July 14 in the evening from 6-8pm.** Dinner will be served for participants and volunteers at 5:30pm. This year's theme will be "Mighty Fortress, Where Kids Learn the Jesus is King." We are looking for volunteers to assist for VBS activities. Please contact Mary Frerking at 816-916-2903 if you are interested in helping with this wonderful and worthwhile event!

## Israel 2018 INFORMATIONAL MEETING

"Five gospels record the life of Jesus. Four you will find in books and the one you will find in the land they call Holy. Read the fifth gospel and the world of the four will open to you." -St. Jerome (347-420AD)

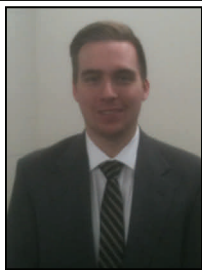


**Israel 2018 Trip Informational Meetings will be held Sunday, April 23rd following the 10:30 am service and Monday, April 24th following the 6pm service in the Overflow Area of the Sanctuary.**

## COLUMBIA ZONE LWML SPRING RALLY

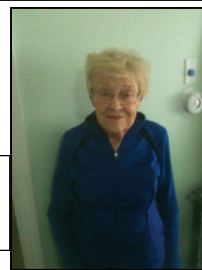
Will be held **Saturday, April 22, 2017** at St. Paul's Lutheran Church 1703 Plaza Dr. Fulton, Mo. Registration begins at 9:30am and the Rally begins at 10:00am. Cost will be \$3.00. The speaker will be John Christman, Executive Director, of Calvary Lutheran High School in Jefferson City, MO. There will be a freewill offering for Calvary. Lunch will be provided by a Thrivent Action Team Grant.

*"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22: 6*



NATHAN  
WULFMEYER

# New Members



NANCY  
GERHART

***A Blessed Easter to each of you as we celebrate Jesus' redeeming work,***

Since this is the 500 year celebration of the beginning of the Reformation, it seems appropriate that the theme for Lutherans For Life this year is ***"Here We Stand"***. Martin Luther stood on the Scriptures even when it endangered His life. At the Diet of Worms, 1521, he said, *"Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Scriptures or by clear reason...I am bound by the Scriptures...and my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and I will not retract anything, since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience. I cannot do otherwise, **here I stand**, may God help me, Amen."* God did help Luther and his life was spared at that time, but he did not know how it would all turn out when he made his bold stand.



As the secular culture looks more and more to death as the solution to problems, it is imperative that all Lutherans For Life bravely stand for the truth that God gives value to every human being because He creates them, He redeems them, and He calls them into a relationship with Himself through the Holy Spirit. It may be tempting to avoid this 'sensitive' subject, but again, Luther has something to teach us. He said, ***"If I profess with the loudest voice and clearest exposition every portion of the truth of God except precisely that little point which the world and the devil are at the moment attacking, I am not confessing Christ, however boldly I may be professing Christ. Where the battle rages, there the loyalty of the soldier is proved. And to be steady on all the battle fields besides is merely flight and disgrace if he flinches at that point."*** The battle continues to rage around the value of every human being everywhere you look. Babies continue to be aborted in numbing numbers and suicide is promoted as the answer to suffering, illness and old age.

St. Paul also exhorts us in Ephesians 6:13 with these words: ***"Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm."*** Won't you stand firm with Lutherans For Life and speak up for those most vulnerable among us? Here is how Lutherans For Life is standing:

**Here We Stand** to declare and defend the precious value of every human being.

**Here We Stand** to celebrate the many blessings of abundant and everlasting life.

**Here We Stand** for every human life, at each stage, in any state---no matter what she's done, no matter what he can't do.

**Here We Stand** from the invisible miracle of conception to the moment of natural death---because of God's purpose, not our own plans.

**Here We Stand** behind Jesus Christ's passion, not our own pride.

**Here We Stand** bearing His Holy Spirit's presence, not our own capacities.

**Here We Stand** against sin and selfishness, death and the devil, not against one another.

**Here We Stand** speaking truth and sharing love---in joy and not out of anger, in hope and not out of fear.

**Here We Stand** for forgiveness and not comparison, for salvation and not competition; to relieve and release, not to accuse; to listen, assist, accompany, embrace, and befriend---not to attack.

**Here We Stand** with millions of His children around the world and multitudes across the centuries.

**Here We Stand** with you and for you, wherever you are, wherever you've been, wherever you're going.

**Here We Stand** for anyone vulnerable or victim to violence against life---as Gospel-motivated voices For Life.

Are you **standing firm for life as a Gospel-motivated voice for life?**

Many thanks to all those who stood for life by attending the Life Network banquet in Columbia in March to help save lives and protect futures! Looking ahead, Mother's day to Father's day is a great time to collect diapers for a local pregnancy care center as part of Lutherans For Life of Missouri's largest diaper shower. Won't you participate?

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*

Feel free to call me (573-592-7866) for information or concerns about life issues. For those who have had an abortion, there is a **word of hope!** "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds" (Psalm 147:3). For **confidential post-abortion referral, counsel, and reconciliation** call WORD of HOPE, toll-free 888-217-8679, or visit [www.word-of-hope.org](http://www.word-of-hope.org).





**REFORMATION**  
2017 It's Still All About  
**Jesus**

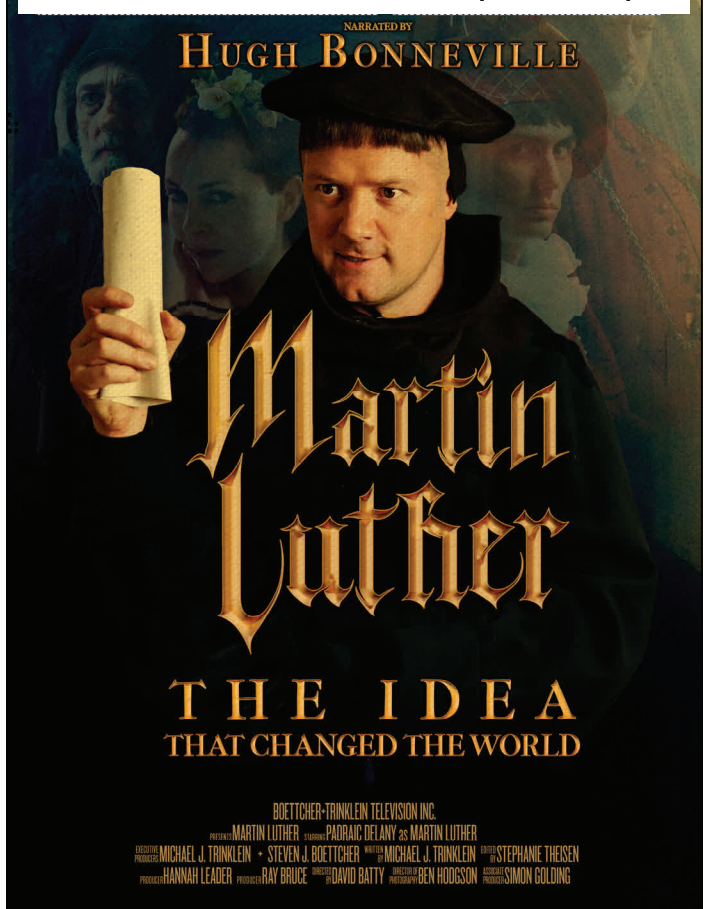
## WHY I AM A LUTHERAN...

My spiritual walk is probably not unique: infant-baptized in a conservative Presbyterian church, active in the church youth group, off to college where I strayed from my roots, married a very devout Lutheran, realized the past errors in my life and became a confirmed Lutheran. During the first 30 years of our marriage, my active-duty military service took us to locations far and wide. Amazingly, we generally found welcoming Lutheran parishes at these locations - even on Okinawa, Japan. Following each move to a new location, the Church became our constant anchor and stability in our family life. However, we found that not all "Lutheran" churches ministered to a deeper spiritual need. One Lutheran church (at that time an American Lutheran Church which eventually merged with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America [ELCA]) had fast membership growth but also a significant turnover in membership. It quickly became apparent that these big-growth churches catered to the "feel-good" ministry and members departed seeking a deeper understanding of the Christian faith. Eventually, we returned to Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod churches because of the strong adherence to biblical truths and solid Reformation Christian doctrine. In actuality, it's not about being "Lutheran." It's all about God's mercy and grace and His Son, Jesus Christ as our faithful

pastors so consistently preach from the pulpit. In a world under siege by sin, focusing on what Jesus has done for us provides comfort and hope for the future. It's truly all about Jesus!

~Phil Glenn April, on the celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

**Goodrich Forum 8, Columbia, MO Wed, Apr 19 at 6:30pm**



Special screening scheduled, purchase tickets in the church office. Ticket prices and more details coming soon.

**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



**Telephone: 573-445-2112 Or by email: [church@trinity-lcms.org](mailto:church@trinity-lcms.org)**

# Birthdays

<b>1</b> Arla Benskin	<b>15</b> Liz Cherrington	<b>25</b> Kenneth Klussman
<b>2</b> Gideon Anderson	Mark Unterreiner	Fred Luetkemeier
John Fischer	<b>16</b> Kim Crouch	<b>26</b> Gary Frisch
<b>3</b> Rylee Eckhoff	<b>17</b> Emma Crouch	Lauren Schaumburg
<b>5</b> Andrew Lawler	<b>18</b> Reese Eckhoff	Austin Tipton
<b>6</b> Jason Kiehne	Conner Gibson	Rachel Weber
Megan Walz	<b>19</b> Trinity Reiss	Stephanie Wollenburg
<b>8</b> Timothy Kling	Nicholas Swartz	<b>27</b> Michael Laupp
Butch Reynolds	Nicole Thompson	<b>29</b> Dale Smith
<b>10</b> Tori Thompson	<b>21</b> Mary Earnhardt	Samantha Tackitt
<b>12</b> Nathaniel Dyer	<b>22</b> Betty Landers	<b>30</b> Bob Clark
<b>13</b> Abby Eckhoff	<b>23</b> Connie Hanson	
Stephen Harris	<b>24</b> Sue Pickett	
<b>14</b> Zachary Mariott	Jeff Smith	
Grace Thieme	Nick Weber	



# Anniversaries

Larry & Judy Lammers	April 3, 1960
Larry & Elaine Samuel	April 15, 1967
Wilbert & Roberta Hunt	April 17, 1955
Fred & Dana Luetkemeier	April 17, 1993
Tom & Sarah Stone	April 18, 1998
Jim & Bonnie Lawler	April 20, 1985
Larry & Dianne Jeide	April 21, 1993
Andy & Kelly Reiff	April 23, 2016
Don & Jan Lang	April 24, 1976
Buck & Norma Katt	April 24, 1952
Jeffery & Nanette Schneider	April 25, 1981
Jim & Debbie Harms	April 26, 1980

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: April 2, 9, 23, and 30 at 12pm. Sunday, March 9 there will be a FUN DAY in the gym following JCC classes at 1:30pm.

**Acolytes Schedule:**  
 The signup emails for JCC II acolyte in April have been sent. Please sign up accordingly.

**JUNIOR HIGH ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY**  
 Saturday, April 8th beginning at 9am. Meet in the church parking lot. Dress in work clothes, old tennis shoes and work gloves.



## SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

### SR HIGH YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIP

The 2017 Summer Mission trip plans are complete. We will meet Sunday, April 9th at 11:45am to discuss fundraising plans. If you have not already paid your deposit, please turn that into the church office ASAP.

### SR HIGH YOUTH EASTER BREAKFAST

Setup for the Easter Breakfast will occur on Saturday, April 15th beginning at 11am. Please try to attend or send someone in your place to help. Easter Breakfast cooking will begin at 6am on Sunday. Each youth family should bring two sweet breads/rolls to contribute to breakfast.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8a Worship / Comm 915a Bible Study 1030a Worship / Comm 12p JCC 5p Handbell Practice 6p Choir Practice	3 9a Bible Study 6p Worship / Comm	4 6p Board of Christian Education	5 825a GSLS Chapel 9a TLCLC Chapel 12p Lenten Service 545p Lenten Light Supper 6p Board of Stewardship & Finance 7p Lenten Service	6 630a Men's Bible Study 9a TLCLC Chapel 10a MO District Constitution Mtg 1130a Sr Ministry Lunch	7	8 9a JR High Youth Adopt-a-Hwy Clean Up 12p Circle of Friends (Campus)
9 8a Worship 915a Bible Study 1030a Worship 1145a SR High Summer Mission Mtg 12p JCC 1230p GSLS Egg Hunt 130p JR High Youth Fun Day 130p JCC III Parent Mtg 6p Choir Practice	10 9a Bible Study 6p Worship	11 7p Board of Directors	12 825a GSLS Chapel 9a TLCLC Chapel 920a Mary Martha Guild	13 630a Men's Bible Study 9a TLCLC Chapel 1130a Sr Ministry Lunch 12p Maundy Thursday Service / Comm 7p Maundy Thursday Service / Comm	14 12p Good Friday Service 7p Good Friday Service	15 11a SR High Youth Easter Breakfast Set Up
16 7a EASTER Worship / Comm 8a EASTER Breakfast 915a Bible Study 1030a Worship / Comm	17 9a Bible Study 6p Worship / Comm 7p Board of Evangelism	18 630p COOL Girls 630p Vesper Guild 7p CLAS School Board Mtg	19 825a GSLS Chapel 9a TLCLC Chapel 630p Forum 8 Movie Screening - Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World	20 630a Men's Bible Study 9a TLCLC Chapel 1130a Sr Ministry Lunch	21 130p Women's Social Connection 6p GSLS Movie Night	22 930a LWML Zone Rally (Fulton)
23 8a Worship / Comm 915a Bible Study 1030a Worship / Comm 12p Israel Trip Informational Mtg 12p JCC 5p Handbell Practice 6p Choir Practice	24 9a Bible Study 6p Worship / Comm 7p Israel Trip Informational Mtg	25 7p Board of Elders	26 825a GSLS Chapel 9a TLCLC Chapel	27 630a Men's Bible Study 9a TLCLC Chapel 1130a Sr Ministry Lunch	28 4p Kasper / Grant Wedding Rehearsal	29 3p Kasper / Grant Wedding
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### **EAGLE PROJECT - LEARNING CENTER GARDENS**

Garden beds are on the way for the Child Learning Center!! Josh McDowell's Boy Scout Eagle Project is to organize and lead the effort to build six 4'x8' raised garden beds. They will be placed at the north end of the west parking lot between the garage and the big pine tree. This project received Board of Director approval and plans are being made to begin April 22nd or 29th, weather permitting. Donations will be accepted to support this effort and can be designated to "Eagle Scout Project." Thank you in advance for your support!

### **US SUPREME COURT HEARING DATE SET**

The oral hearings for the TLC litigation in regard to the MO Dept of Natural Resources Solid Waste Division recycled vehicle tire grant program has been set by the US Supreme Court. Wednesday, April 19, 2017 is the scheduled date. The Court conducts two oral hearings in the morning starting at 10am and then two in the afternoon. Trinity's case is scheduled for the morning session so it could be 10am or 11am as counsels are allowed one hour for the hearing. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to witness a Supreme Court case

that was not only initiated by TLC but is receiving national attention as an extremely important case for religious liberty. Court proceedings are open to the public but the court room gallery is relatively small and the case will probably draw a moderate amount of public attention. Depending on the visibility of a case, those desiring entry to the gallery may stand in line 24-48 hours ahead of time! Some individuals hire professional 'line standers' and pay them an hourly amount to stand in line and on the day of the event, they switch places with the line stander. Even then there is no guarantee that you will gain entry because entry is solely based on line position. For cases of religious freedom, some individuals just congregate in front of the court building and pray during the session and then provide support to attorneys and plaintiffs during the media session on the front steps of the courthouse following the hearings. You are cordially invited to attend these oral hearings, understanding the constraints outlined above. If you have further questions, please contact Phil Glenn, Congregational Chairman at [tlcchair15@gmail.com](mailto:tlcchair15@gmail.com) or mobile phone 573-310-1489.





Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Summer 2017 Registration Form**  
**School-Age Summer Camps**  
(‘16-‘17 School Year Completed—Kindergarten thru 5th Grade)

Complete the form below and return it to the TLCLC office in order to register for the Summer 2017 School Age Summer Camp Program. Please select the week(s) you wish your child to attend. An Enrollment Fee of **\$20.00** **MUST** accompany each enrollment form. **This fee is non-refundable.**

A description of each camp is on the reverse side of this form.

**PLEASE CHECK EACH WEEK YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR CHILD TO ATTEND.**

May 31, June 1, June 2	Edible Crafts	\$119.75	
June 5-June 9	Mad Scientist	\$198.75	
June 12-June 16	Games Galore	\$198.75	
June 19-June 23	Handy Projects	\$198.75	
June 26-June 30	Puppet Camp	\$198.75	
July 3, July 5-July 7	Cooking	\$159.00	
July 10-July 14	More Mad Scientist	\$198.75	
July 17-July 21	Crazy Concoctions	\$198.75	
July 24-July 28	Drama Camp	\$198.75	
July 31-August 4	Craft Closet	\$198.75	
All summer (10 camps)		\$1821.75	

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Male / Female

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Grade completed in Spring 2017: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Home # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell# \_\_\_\_\_ Cell# \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Special Notes \_\_\_\_\_

**For Office use only:**

Date received \_\_\_\_\_

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# TLCLC 2017 Summer Camps



Thank you for your interest in our NEW school age summer program. We are excited about offering this program to children who finished kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade in the 2016-17 school year. You may sign your child up for a camp a week at a time or the whole summer. Topics for each camp and the date they will be held are listed below.

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 at 445-1014 or by email at [TLCLC@trinity-LCMS.org](mailto:TLCLC@trinity-LCMS.org) if you have any questions.

## 2017 CAMP TOPICS

### **Edible Crafts: May 31-June 2**

This class has all the fun of making crafts combined with the tasty appeal of cooking! In Edible Crafts, we will make a project with food and then eat our creations. Graham crackers will be the walls, icing the glue, and cereal and candy the décor to make our own edible houses. Who will live inside? We will use a balloon to make a chocolate bowl to hold an ice cream treat. A garden with fruit and skewers will be planted. Some crafts will make it home to share and some will be consumed on the spot. A new edible craft each day!

### **Mad Scientists: June 5-9**

In this camp, you can put on your lab coat and get out your test tube as we perform some wacky, flaky, gross and messy experiments using everyday items to learn some cool science facts. We'll spin an egg to learn about inertia, float a ping pong ball to learn about air pressure, use a magnifying glass to discover how we shed our skin and what it looks like, solve a mystery by using science to analyze the clues, learn to read an engineering blue print and sketch to go on a treasure hunt, plus a whole lot more.

### **Games Galore: June 12-16**

Kids just want to have fun! This class is for creative kids who love to play games. We'll make a tote bag full of games to take on family vacations, including classics like tic, tac, toe; pick up sticks; dominoes; bunco; as well as some new math and thinking games. In addition, we will play strategy games and learn some solitaire and card games. Have you ever heard of Speed, Animal, Hearts, Spoons, The Wish, Clock, or Even-Up?

### **Handy Projects: June 19-June 23**

This project camp is for guys and gals who really like to work with their hands. We will build a simple wooden project and then add paint to jazz it up. Use common items to make a bubble gum machine. Select metal parts for a tin can robot, and create a stepping stone. Each project geared toward the age and ability of the student.

### **Puppet Camp: June 26-30**

Puppets allow us to transform into any character we would like to become. Come to this camp and learn how to make a puppet. In addition, see how to work the puppets from behind the scenes and put on a puppet show.

### **Cooking: July 3, July 5-7**

Do you enjoy cooking and preparing different kinds of yummy food and then enjoy eating it? Then come join us in this fun-filled and kid-friendly camp. We will explore different kinds of recipes from the different food groups, different meals of the day, and different cuisines including delicious healthy dishes, desserts, snacks and drinks.

### **More Mad Scientists: July 10-14**

In this camp, we return to the lab to run more fun, funky and fascinating experiments. This time, we'll make paper clips dance with magnets, use common household items to create exothermic and endothermic chemical reactions, use toothpicks and marshmallows to build a bridge and optimize a candy distribution process using the principles of process engineering. We might even have to sample the product. Plus a whole lot more!

### **Crazy Concoctions: July 17-21**

This class mixes together common ingredients and imagination to create unique decorations, treasures, food and just plain fun. We'll measure and stir to make gooey gunk that bounces and magic muck that melts. We'll make sidewalk chalk and puffy sand paint that sparkles after it dries. We'll measure and stir to make a sweet treat to eat. A new concoction or two every day. This class will also sneak in some math skills and lessons on following directions as we read the recipe for each concoction.

### **Drama Camp: July 24-28**

Have you ever wanted to be an actor or an actress? Join us for this camp as we make the sets, create the costumes and learn our lines to put on a play for parents and our preschool friends. All will be invited to our performance of the Soup Opera.

### **Craft Closet: July 31-August 4**

Join us in the craft closet as we search the shelves for fun projects to make. We'll squeeze in as many techniques and materials as we can during the summer. Painting, gluing, stamping, weaving, fabric, fun foam, wood, yarn, plaster, and many more are among the possibilities. Our first project will be melting crayons to decorate a tote bag.