

NEWS OF THE SON

Trinity Lutheran Church — Columbia, MO

PASTORS' LETTER.....



May, 2017

Greetings to you, dear members of the household of faith at Trinity Lutheran, Columbia.

As we bask in the radiance of the message that the Lord Jesus proved victorious over sin and death for us, we continue to rejoice and thrive upon the Good News that He lives to accompany us throughout our days to life everlasting in His name. That is His promise provided to us through the spiritual nourishment of His Word and Sacraments to which we respond with grateful hearts and lives: "Thanks be to God!"

A special occasion of offering that thanks and praise is in the Rite of Confirmation. This month seven baptized members of our congregation express their gratitude to the Lord for His blessings in faith and life showered upon them. Because of His blessings of faithfulness for them, they offer their responses of appreciation and faithfulness to the One who created them, redeemed them, and brought them into that special spiritual family of the Body of Christ – the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints.

Our seven confirmands invite you to join them in the celebration of rejoicing in God's gifts and responding to His gifts with their confession of thanks and praise to the Lord. Such a time of celebration reminds us of our confirmation as well, not simply as a set of promises that we offer to our Lord or words that we speak regarding our future years, but especially the setting for that witness of responding to God's goodness to us and blessings for us. It is a witness which shares our faith, a witness which relies upon our Savior from sin to everlasting life, a witness in which we respond to our Lord who faithfully keeps His promises for us, thanks to our crucified and risen Savior Jesus Christ.

The Rite of Confirmation will be included in the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, May 7. As our seven confirmands prepare to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and respond to God's gifts with the public reaffirmation of their Baptismal vow, they ask that you remember them in your prayers and join them in praising our gracious Lord God for His bountiful goodness showered upon each one of us.

Sara Christine Boehmer
Matthew 21:22

Emmanuelle Jean Crouch
Jeremiah 29:11

Abigail Grace Fierking
Psalm 55:22

Conner Andrew Gibson
Joshua 1:9

Jackson Lee Kespohl
Philippians 4:13

Joshua Richard Thieme
Jeremiah 17:7-8

Emma Katherine Lynne Whittle
Psalm 34:6

God's care and blessings to you in Jesus' name!

Your friends in Christ,

Pastor Kenneth Gerike

Pastor Brian Thieme

May 2017

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Church & School
Offices will be
CLOSED
Monday, May 29.




GSLs Staff Appreciation Week

May 1st - 5th



THANKS

for helping our children

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| Monday | B REAKFAST PTL will provide breakfast for GSLs Staff. |
| Tuesday | L ETTER Stop by and write a Thank You Note to your teacher before going to class. |
| Wednesday | O NE FLOWER  Bring in a flower for your teacher. |
| Thursday | O FFICE SUPPLIES Bring in school supplies for your teacher. |
| Friday | M UNCHIES Bring in a snack for your teacher. |



LUTHERAN
HOUR
MINISTRIES
www.lhm.org

**Lutheran Laymen's League
Dinner Gathering**
Sunday, May 7, 2017

**Immanuel Lutheran Church
Boonville, MO**

Speaker
Daniel A Jenkins
LHM Ministry Advancement Officer

**An opportunity to learn about Lutheran Hour Ministries
(LHM) resource materials available to assist local congregations
as well as Christian direct and planned gift giving.**

Evening events start at 5:30 and concludes at 8:30pm.

Registration & Evening Meal cost is \$10 per person.

**RSVP is helpful but not required to Jim Harms
(573) 864-6670 by Wednesday May 3rd
for the evening meal preparation purposes.**

INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR PROPOSED POLICY

An informational meeting will be held on **May 2, 2017** at **6:30 pm** for members of the congregation interested in the proposed Paid Time Off policy for church staff. The meeting will be held in the Overflow Room.

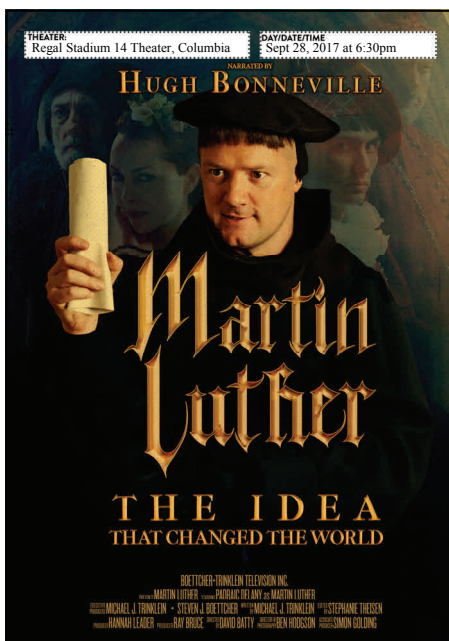
ASSEMBLY OF VOTER MEETING

You are encouraged to attend the **May 21, 2017** Assembly of Voters meeting. A potluck luncheon starts at 12:00 noon (following the late service) and the meeting will commence promptly at 12:30pm. If you have items that need to be discussed, please submit them by Friday, May 5th at Noon to the office for Board of Directors submission into the Assembly of Voters agenda packet.

LOVE INC FREE WILL OFFERING

Board of Social Ministry will hold a Free Will Offering for Love INC on **June 4, 2017**.

The special screening of
Martin Luther, The Idea That Changed the World
has been rescheduled.



Regal Stadium

14 Theater
formerly Hollywood Theater

Sept 28, 2017

6:30pm

**\$11 tickets
online at
theatre**

***\$6 tickets -- if purchased through
church office (*first 50 sold)**



Good Shepherd Lutheran School

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

Teacher Needed for 2017-18 school year—GSLS is currently looking for a part time or full time teacher to teach either 3rd-5th grades or 6th-8th grades. All of our teachers except for one are intending to return next year. If you are interested, or know of someone interested you can call or email the school office.

Field Day—Monday, May 22nd. This is a day when the students compete in athletic events. This year's theme is "Beach Party Fun." All of the events will have a beach party theme. We have events planned for morning and afternoon. If you would like to help out with something, please call the school office. If you have an hour or more and want to spend time with the kids, we could use your help. The rain date is Tuesday, May 23rd.

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

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)

We have several full and part-time spots remaining for our summer session and several full-time spots remaining for our fall/spring session in our toddler program. Please call the school office if you are interested in enrolling your child.

New this summer are weekly camps for school-age children. It's not too late to sign up for all or any of the camps. We are also offering extra days for school age children during the regular school year. Registration forms are available in the hallway by the school office.

On Monday, April 10, the pre-K children took a field trip to The Arbors at Colony Pointe. This is an assisted living facility. We were invited there to participate in an Easter egg hunt. The children entertained the residents with some fun songs.

Several of the children's theater students from Stephens College came for a visit on Thursday, April 13. The "Royal Readers" encourage reading readiness and imagination. The three college students were dressed as Pocahontas, Princess Leia, and Anna. They read a story to the children and did an activity with them. The Royal Readers will pay us another visit later in April.

Our pre-kindergarten graduation will be on Thursday, May 25 at 7 p.m. in the gym.

The last day of our spring session is Friday, May 26. Our summer session will start on Wednesday, May 31.

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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TLCLC Office Email at: tlclc@trinity-lcms.org

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

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was held April 11, 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, Ken Greer, Pete Easterhaus, Chelsea Browner, Alyssa Famuliner, Karen Harms and Cynthia Green (Secretary). Pastor Gerike opened the meeting with devotion.

Approval of Meeting Agenda: Chairman Glenn requested that an item be pulled from the Consent Agenda and be added to the Meeting Agenda under New Business. A motion was made to accept the agenda with this change; seconded and approved.

Approval of Consent Agenda: The consent agenda includes: Minutes of the March 14, 2017 BOD Meeting, Senior Pastor's Report (except Membership Changes), Associate Pastor's Report, Financial Secretary's Report, Board and Committee Reports. Chairman Glenn noted a correction to the Minutes of March 14, 2017. He pointed out that under the section titled, Scholarship Policy Document Application and Procedure, that he was not the one who made the motion to form a task force to come up with appropriate guidelines for future scholarship recipients, but that the motion was made by Ken Greer. A motion was made to accept the consent agenda, with the item pulled out to be added to the Meeting Agenda as suggested by Chairman Glenn, and with the correction noted above; 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

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): Presentation of the Seven Catechumens: April 2nd, 9th, 23rd and 30th. **Adult Information Class:** Two sets of classes concurrently running on variable dates. Both will be completed in April. One new set with two people commenced during Holy Week. **Lutheran Senior Services Annual Meeting:** April 25, 2017 in St. Louis, at 4:00 p.m., followed by supper. (See also Membership Changes.)

ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S REPORT – Pastor Thieme

DCEI: Traveled to Seward, Nebraska, to meet the new intern. **Other Duties:** Continues visiting with members in their homes and the hospitalized; serves on the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation Committee; leads chapel for the Learning Center this month; presented the "Israel Trip" at Mill Creek Villa on March 9th, and had a Bible study at Mill Creek Villa on April 6th with another one scheduled for April 20th; and has one new individual starting the Adult Information Class this month. **Youth:** Senior High Youth Bible Study on Sunday morning; The Senior High Youth had a meeting April 19th, concerning their servant event in July at the Boy's and Girl's Dakota Ranch in Minot, North Dakota; Senior High Youth hosted the Easter Breakfast and they are also

planning a time to welcome the new confirmation students; Junior High Youth had their fun night on the second Sunday; and Pastor Thieme is talking with "Kids Against Hunger." **District-** Fourth Vice President of the Missouri District: Pastor Thieme is contacting appointed Circuit Visitors.

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

For the month of March, the Regular Envelope collections are 83.27% of the anticipated monthly amount, Loose Plate collections are 64.85%, and Sunday School collections are 109.91%. The Total Monthly collections are 82.40% of the monthly anticipated amount of \$50,558. The Total Year-to-Date collections through the end of March are 92.20% of the anticipated amount of \$125,642.

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

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (Karen Harms):

Sunday School: Palm Sunday--Children participated in a processional into the church with palm branches, 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. Easter-- Children gathered during the Sunday School hour to hear the resurrection story, participate in making an Easter craft and hunting for Easter eggs. Curriculum--The BOCE is considering a new curriculum about Martin Luther for the period immediately prior to the 500th Reformation Celebration.

Vacation Bible School: The BOCE is in the process of assembling a committee to assist with the planning, organization and activities for this summer's VBS program. Your participation and the participation of volunteers from the congregation is critical to the program's success. **DCEI:** The church has received word that they have been assigned an intern from the Concordia Seward DCEI Program. The BOY and the BOCE prepared a "Welcome to Columbia" basket for Pastor Thieme to present to the new intern during his visit to Seward on April 6, 2017. **Superintendent:** The BOCE is still in need of a Sunday School Superintendent. Please let the committee know if you have any suggestions or wish to volunteer.

BOARD OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (Virginia Propp)

Enrollment:

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

Summer enrollment as of 3/2/17: Toddler: 8/16 MWF, 7/15 T/TH; Pre-School/Pre-K: 47/60 MWF, 52/60 T/Th. Pre-K half summer (new program): Five children enrolled. School age (new program): 4 enrolled, 3 pending.

Fall 2017/Spring 2018 Enrollment as of 2/10/17: Toddler: 12/16 MWF, 10/15 T/Th. Pre-School: 28/30 MWF, 29/30 T/Th. Pre-K: 34/35 MWF, 35/35 T/Th.

State of Missouri: Priority to have their license revised to include school age children.

Staffing: There are new training requirements for the DFS contract. All staff must have basic training and CPR by June 30, 2017. Basic modules are offered through the Health Department and on line. Training will be given at Trinity in the Fellowship Hall on May 13, 2017.

Financial: TLCLC is pursuing an automatic payment option.

Facilities: The dishwasher repair is complete. New door locks, paid for by the Trustees, were installed on the playground doors. Kevin Kiehne's Eagle Scout project, for a sandbox on the toddler's playground, was approved by the BECE. A carabiner will be added to both gates on the playground to keep children from opening it.

Other: A field trip is scheduled for April 13, 2017, to the Arbors at the Colony point Assisted Living Facility and the Alzheimer's Facility. The Pre-K will participate in an Easter egg hunt there and they will also be singing to the residents. The Pre-K children will make shaker instruments so that the residents can participate with the children.

BOARD OF PAROCHIAL EDUCATION (Tammy Mangold, Administrator)

Current enrollment is 39. 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., with another evening one scheduled for 4/21/17 from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. The GSLS/TLCLC pancake breakfast was held 3/11/17, and \$1,351.64 was raised. The proceeds will go towards shelving and supplies in the music/library room. The service project this quarter will be the collection of diapers for LFCS. Movie Night will be 4/21/17 at 7:00m p.m. Monsters Inc. will be shown.

A financial report is included in the agenda packet.

BOARD OF EVANGELISM (Chelsea Browner): The Board will assemble snack bags for finals week at their next meeting on 4/17/17. They are still working on how to use social media as an outreach opportunity.

BOARD OF YOUTH (Alyssa Famuliner): A member of the Senior High Youth group participated in babysitting for the Blue and Green Gala, to raise funds for the Senior High Youth trip to North Dakota. There was a meeting on April 9th to discuss the Senior High Youth trip and fundraising opportunities. The Youth Group participated in Adopt a Highway on April 8th and the Junior High Youth game night was April 9th. A Senior High and 8th grade Youth Night is scheduled for April 30, 2017, at 4:00 p.m.

BOARD OF ELDERS (Doug Kiehne): The Elders are continuing a book study regarding the frequency of communion, using the book *The Blessings of Weekly Communion*. They covered chapter 6, which discussed communion in today's LCMS. Based on their book study, the Elders will be working toward a recommendation to increase the frequency of communion in 2018. The worship pattern list that shows members who have not attended service in more than 3 weeks was reviewed. A total of 15 members, who have not attended for more than two years, will be receiving a letter next month. "Feed My Lambs" care packages containing the Portals of Prayer were sent out on 3/28/17 to 49 members who have not attended service for an extended period of time. The Elders have received a request to review the results of the survey from the National Youth Gathering. They will try to obtain the results and see how they might be able to help address the needs of the youth.

BOARD OF SOCIAL MINISTRY (Theresa Greer): The Board hosted Circle of Friends on 4/8/17. They sponsored a blood drive

on 3/11/17 and wish to thank the 13 donors. The Senior Ministry continues on Thursdays.

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE (Fred Luetkemeier): No report was filed.

BOARD OF TLC ENDOWMENT FUND (Pete Easterhaus): Balances as of February 28, 2017 are: TLC Fund: \$16,084.66; Youth Ministry Fund: \$12,217.69; Bourret/Elliott Fund: \$31,574.49. The full financial report for the three funds is included in the agenda packet.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: (Ken Greer) No Report was filed.

Five Hundredth Anniversary Committee: The date of the final 500th Anniversary of the Reformation will be November 5, 2017. A draft of the "Save the Date" invitation will go out in May to all Lutheran Churches within a 60 mile radius of Columbia. Pastor Gerike and Angel are working on the mailing list of approximately 39 churches. There will be a combined choir and hymn fest at 3:00 p.m. on November 5, lasting approximately 75 minutes. Those wishing to be part of the combined choir will have practice at 1:00 p.m. on November 5th. The Music Committee is planning a punch and cake reception following the service. The full 500th Anniversary Committee report is included in the agenda packet.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT PROPOSAL PRESENTATION:

Scout Kevin Kiehne was introduced to the Board. Kevin presented his proposal to build a sandbox for TLCLC, as his Eagle Scout project. The proposed sandbox will be located in the back right corner of the pavilion. His plans also include building a shelf behind the sandbox for toy storage. The shelf will be fastened to the fence and built between the two existing posts. The sandbox will be built on the concrete slab, but will not be fastened to the slab. There were several suggestions from the Board as to things he might want to consider in the design of his project. There was a motion to accept the concept and location of the Eagle Scout project proposal as presented, with the suggestions from the Board to be taken into account as discussed. The motion was seconded and approved. The handout from Kevin Kiehne, setting forth additional details of his Eagle Scout Project, is included in the agenda packet.

BOARD OF THE MONTH (Board of Social Ministry): Theresa Greer, presenting on behalf of the Board of Social Ministry, educated the BOD on the varied activities that Social Ministry is involved with. They sponsor the Circle of Friends Blind Ministry Group and their Senior Ministry gathers members for a weekly lunch, educational programs, social events and trips throughout the year. The Board of Social Ministry wanted to thank both Pastor Gerike and Pastor Thieme for the time they had given to the Circle of Friends Blind Ministry Group. The Board has participated in the annual Trunk and Treat, they have involved students in the pint size hero program offered with the American Red Cross Blood Drive, and they have provided some of the cooks for the Lutherfest and the Circle of Friends meals. The Board also has assisted families from our congregation with meals and has helped other church groups at the food bank. Additional details of their Vision Plan and activities are included in their report in the agenda packet.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES:

Transferred In:

Nathan Wulfmeyer from Christ Memorial Lutheran Church in St. Louis, Missouri

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

TREASURER'S REPORT – Gary Kespohl, Treasurer

For the months ended March 31, 2017, the church income is \$148,442.40, which is 23.68% of the total budget for the year. The Learning Center income is \$181,086.61 which is 30.10% of the budget for the year. Total income is \$329,529.01, which is 26.82% 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 March 2017: Regular Envelope: \$120,761; Loose Plate \$4,581; Tuition \$175,246

After three months, the percent of budget used is 25.00% of total budget. Total income through March is \$329,529.01 or 26.82 % of the annual budget. Expenses are \$287,037.00 or 23.37 % of the annual budget.

Gary reported that the loan balance, on the building addition, has been paid and the loan is now officially paid in full.

It was pointed out that there was a discrepancy in the total expenditure amount reported on page 25 of the Treasurer's Report in the agenda packet, and the total expenditure amount on page 28 of the Treasurer's Report in the agenda packet. Gary will look into this further and report back at the next BOD meeting as to why there is this discrepancy.

There was a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and place it on file, with the understanding that Gary will report back at the next BOD meeting concerning the discrepancy noted above; seconded and approved.

Gary indicated that for the Eagle Scout Projects, two new separate accounts will be created, one for the project of Josh McDowell and one for the project of Kevin Kiehne. The balance of the current Scout account will be split between the two current projects. If donations are received for a scout project, and there is no designation with it as to which project it is for, Gary will split the donation between the two accounts. A motion to treat the scout project funds in this fashion was made; seconded and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Director of Christian Education Intern Application Update: Pastor Thieme reported that Trinity has been matched with an intern. The intern's name is Kali Weisharr, and she will begin her duties here at Trinity on July 1, 2017.

CLAS Facility Lease Update: There is no update at this time.

Lift Annual Inspection Status: There is no further update at this time.

Learning Center Summer School- Age Student Program Update: Annette Kiehne reported that May 31, 2017, will be the first day for this new school age summer school program, and tentatively there

is 4-9 students enrolled for each week. Additional advertising for the program is planned and they are still waiting to hear back from the State, as to the status of their license, which was requested to be changed to include school age children.

Personnel Manual Revisions: The Task Force has been meeting and working on the "Personal Time Off" policy. The meetings that had been scheduled to take place, with the employees that it pertains to, were postponed and will be rescheduled. The plan now is for the Task Force to come to the BOD meeting in May with a final policy, and to have met with the employees by that time. If the PTO policy is approved by the BOD at their May meeting, it will be presented to the Assembly of Voters on May 21, 2017.

Martin Luther Movie Update: Pastor Thieme reported that the Luther Movie, that had been scheduled to be shown on April 19th, has now been postponed until possibly September.

NEW BUSINESS

Facility Use Requests:

There was a piano recital request, per Mary Frerking, to use the Overflow Area on 5/21/17 from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. A motion was made to approve this use. A discussion followed. The motion was seconded and approved.

There was a birthday party request, per Mary Frerking, to use the Fellowship Hall on 7/8/17 from 12:00 noon until 3:00 p.m. A motion was made to approve this request; seconded and approved.

Allocation of Concordia Health Plan Refund: Gary Kespohl, Treasurer, reported that the Concordia Health Plan will be refunding \$4,689.00 of paid premiums. Seventy-five percent of the refund will be split equitably between the Church and the Learning Center. Twenty-five percent of the refund will be split equitably between those employees who participated in the Concordia Health Plan in 2016. If possible, this portion of the refund will be paid into the employees HSA account. The money for the Church and for the Learning Center will be placed in their Miscellaneous Income accounts 340 and 355, respectively. A motion was made to divide and handle the refund as indicated above. The motion was seconded and a discussion followed; motion approved.

Social Ministry Sharing Moment Request: The Board of Social Ministry requests a "Sharing Moment" on June 11, 2017, for Love Inc., along with a free will offering. They also want to place a table in the Narthex to inform Trinity members about Love Inc. A motion was made to approve this request; seconded and approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May Board of Directors Agenda Planning: May 5, 2017

Board of Directors Meeting: May 9, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

Board of the Month Sharing at the May 9, 2017 BOD Meeting: Board of Elders

Assembly of Voters Meeting: May 21, 2017 with 12:00 noon potluck

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn; motion seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m. Pastor Thieme closed the meeting with prayer.

~Cynthia Green, Secretary

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, 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 |

2017 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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!

GRADUATE INFO FOR THE JUNE ISSUE



Do you have a graduate this year?

Please email the church office at: church@trinity-lcms.org with information about your graduate.

You may also leave the graduate's information in the office wall basket. I need all graduate info by May 15th to publish in the June News of the Son. **Information needed: Graduate's Name, Parent's name, new address, graduating from/location, date of graduation and future plans.**

FOOD IN KITCHENS AT TRINITY

A reminder to all that use the KITCHENS here at Trinity. There should be no food or grease waste put down the sinks or disposals. The disposal and plumbing can not handle food debris or greasy substances. THANK YOU

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY - 9AM

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

WOMEN'S SOCIAL CONNECTION

Women's Social Connection will meet on **Friday, May 19 at 1:30pm** at Olive Graham's home.

May Board of Directors agenda items are due to the church office by noon on Friday, May 5, 2017.

2017 Trinity Lutheran Church Board Members

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Greetings in the name of Jesus, our Risen Savior!



"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." (Martin Luther) Dr. Luther wrote these words hundreds of years ago, but we find that the battle still rages. See how Pastor Michael Salemink, executive director of Lutherans For Life, describes our battle:

"They have healed the wound of my people lightly, saying, 'Peace, peace,' when there is no peace" (Jeremiah 6:14). "I have not come to bring peace, but a word" (Matthew 10:34b)

"Affirming life is hardly a party. Speaking the truth of God's Word is not mere hobby. Showing the love of the Gospel of Jesus Christ isn't just some preference or lifestyle. Our mission is more than personal interests or political issues. This service we undertake is struggle and battle. This labor we engage in is warfare. **Respecting and protecting the gift of life is THE war, and it is OUR war.** We are fighting for our culture, our conscience, our civilization. As Lutherans For Life we are fighting for our country, our loved ones, our neighbors, and our future. The time for simply standing by has passed. The luxury of only looking on left long ago.

"God has entered our world as Jesus Christ! He has achieved victory of life over death for us. Now we get to announce it. And we get to enact it.

"You and I have become witnesses and participants. Evil makes itself barest and boldest right in the middle of the matters we attend to. Souls entangled in these injuries and scars lie within our reach, with no less than their salvation at stake. Hearts strapped to failures and trapped by fears suffer beside us, with their very lives on the line. The devil's deceptions about a person's preciousness endanger the identities and realities of those near to us. They feel ashamed and anxious, artificial and all alone. They are our own flesh and blood—and there but for the grace of God go we.

"Yet joy---relentless Christian joy---belongs on this battlefield. And hope---fierce Gospel hope---is made for these frontline moments.

"Brothers and sisters, **here we stand**, with the sword of our Creator and Savior in hand! We are raising it up---as He has raised us up---**not to smite opponents or slay competitors---but to sever chains and set oppressed and even condemned prisoners free!**

"You know what struggling, suffering, and crumpling sin's smoldering gravity causes. And you know what deliverance, what emancipation, what blessed abandon the Gospel voice brings. Won't you enter the action alongside us?" **Let's lift high the cross in every congregation and every community until all together uphold the God-given blessing each human life is!** (Sponsor letter from Pastor Michael Salemink, April 2017)

Supporting your local pregnancy resource center with diapers is a simple way to uphold the God-given blessing of each human life and be a part of this battle for life. Lutherans For Life is once again sponsoring Missouri's largest diaper shower between Mother's Day and Father's Day. Gather them at your church or take diapers directly to a pregnancy center. Every diaper is an encouragement to a young mom that she and her child are valuable in God's sight.

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.



REFORMATION
2017 It's Still All About
Jesus

WHY I AM A LUTHERAN...

Why am I a Lutheran? Without a doubt it is because God deemed it so. I was born to Lutheran God-fearing, devout Christian parents. My parents not only loved their Savior, but they lived it. Growing up I was surrounded by Lutherans. I knew nothing but Lutheranism. I attended Lutheran church, Lutheran school, Lutheran functions. All my friends were Lutheran. Eighty-five percent of the population in my small town was Lutheran. Growing up Bible discussions were common on Sunday afternoon get-togethers in our home. All these things are a part of why I am a Lutheran.

My paternal grandparents had 26 granddaughters and 26 grandsons—total 52 grandchildren. All 52 married Lutherans and all 52 couples had children which could add up to a small congregation of our own. Of the 52 grandchildren, 23 became Lutheran pastors and/or parochial school teachers.

As time went on, I professed and stood firm as to my Lutheran faith and upbringing. All my Lutheran prayers were answered as God willed and for my good (Romans 8:28). God allowed “ups” and “downs” in my life. He brought me to my knees, at times and I was desperate for Him to hear me. I tugged hard on these Lutheran faith strings with all my faith. God hears and answered prayers. I thank God for all the reasons I am a Lutheran. Yes, I am a confirmed Lutheran. This is most certainly true.

~Marian Kueck-Pierson May, on the celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation



**New
Member**

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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

Birthdays

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| 2 Amber Monroe | 9 Adam Campbell Grayson Fick Sue Ousley | 21 Al Frost Katy Wren |
| 3 Candis Francis Carolyn Licht Connie Morrow | 12 Justin Lehenbauer | 22 Jon Arnall |
| 4 Nick Couper Al Hebard | 13 Carol Eggerding Meghan Graves | 23 Joni Schaumburg |
| 5 Dan Buchheit Pat Campbell | 15 Damon Linneman Tanner Smith | 24 Chris Cott |
| 6 April Brown John Hemmer | 18 Sophia Frerichs | 26 Elizabeth Raisch Alan Weber |
| 7 Carol Hull Caitlyn Smith Esther Stone | 19 Katie Campbell | 29 Cooper Stine |
| 8 Libbie Couper Clay Firestone John Carter Kuehner | 20 Derrick Harms Tim Jones Kristin Tipton | 30 Kyle Burns Tucker Cates |

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.



Anniversaries

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| Daniel & Debi Derendinger | May 1, 1970 |
| Eric & Alison Hemmer | May 4, 2002 |
| Robert & Amy Sanders | May 4, 2002 |
| Paul & Marlee Walz | May 7, 2005 |
| Rob & Cherrie Gannon | May 9, 2015 |
| Trenton & Jessica Coleman | May 12, 2012 |
| Hunter & Nancy Kevil | May 15, 1991 |
| Jere & Candis Francis | May 16, 1981 |
| David & Sherrie Attebery | May 17, 1984 |
| John & Toni Hemmer | May 19, 1973 |
| Jess & Doris Lyons | May 19, 1973 |
| Tyler & Mary Sanders | May 27, 2016 |
| Larry & Connie Hanson | May 29, 1982 |
| Tom & Rachael Marler | May 29, 2011 |



JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH -JCC Confirmation
Schedule: JCC Classes ended in April and will resume in September 2017. Please watch church news and correspondence for Fall dates.

Acolytes Schedule:

The signup emails for JCC I acolyte in May have been sent. Please sign up accordingly.

JUNIOR HIGH ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

Thanks to all that assisted with clean up in April. We will have another date in the Fall to clean up. Watch for details in upcoming church news.



PARTIES AT THE THIEME'S

Pastor & Sarah Thieme are holding an Open House for **Joshua's Confirmation on Sunday, May 7th** from 1pm to 3pm. The congregation is invited. Please join us as we celebrate this important event in his spiritual life.

We are also holding another Open House on **Sunday, May 28th** from 1pm to 3pm for **Grace's Graduation**. WOW! It is hard for us to believe that she is already this old! Please join us as we celebrate this important milestone in her life!

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 9a Bible Study 6p Worship / Comm TEACHER | 2 6p Board of Christian Education 630p Board of Early Childhood Ed 630p Paid Time Off Presentations / Info Mtg >>> | 3 825a GSLS Chapel 9a TLCLC Chapel 430p Reformation Music Comm mtg 6p Board of Stewardship & Finance 630p Craft Night APPRECIATION | 4 630a Men's Bible Study 9a TLCLC Chapel 1130a Sr Ministry Lunch >>> | 5 WEEK | 6 10a Confirmation Practice & Pictures 1130a Confirmation Reception (Shakespeare's West) |
| 7 8a Worship / Comm 915a Bible Study 1030a Worship / Comm / Confirmation 1p Thieme's Open House for Confirmation 530p LLL Dinner Gathering (Boonville) | 8 9a Bible Study 6p Worship / Comm | 9 7p Board of Directors | 10 825a GSLS Chapel 9a TLCLC Chapel 920a Mary Martha Guild | 11 630a Men's Bible Study 9a TLCLC Chapel 1130a Sr Ministry Lunch 7p CLAS School Board mtg (Trinity) | 12 | 13 8a TLCLC / DFS Training |
| 14 8a Worship / Comm 915a Bible Study 1030a Worship / Comm 6p Choir Practice | 15 9a Bible Study 6p Worship / Comm 7p Board of Evangelism Newsletter Articles Due | 16 6p COOL Girls 630p Vesper Guild | 17 825a GSLS Chapel 9a TLCLC Chapel | 18 630a Men's Bible Study 9a TLCLC Chapel 1130a Sr Ministry Lunch | 19 130p Women's Social Connection | 20 |
| 21 8a Worship / GSLS Graduation 915a Bible Study 1030a Worship / Comm 12p Assembly of Voters potluck / mtg 6p Choir Practice | 22 9a Bible Study 9a GSLS Field Day 6p Worship / Comm 6p GSLS Volunteer Appreciation Dinner | 23 | 24 9a TLCLC Chapel 1030a GSLS Awards Ceremony & Closing Chapel LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - GSLS | 25 630a Men's Bible Study 9a TLCLC Chapel 1130a Sr Ministry Lunch | 26 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - TLCLC | 27 |
| 28 8a Worship / Comm 915a Bible Study 1030a Worship / Comm 1p Thieme's Open House for Graduation | 29 9a Bible Study 6p Worship / Comm MEMORIAL DAY OFFICES CLOSED | 30 7p Board of Elders | 31 9a TLCLC Chapel FIRST DAY OF TLCLC SUMMER SCHOOL |  | | |

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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 6th, 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!

THANK YOU

The GSLS PTL and LFCS would like to thank all the Trinity members that donated to the Diaper & Wipes Drive. Your donations were much appreciated.



U.S. SUPREME COURT UPDATE

It's highly probable that most members of Trinity Lutheran Church have read and heard many media reports on the recent oral hearings at the U.S. Supreme Court in regard to our litigation against the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MO DNR) and their recycled vehicle tire grant program. I attended the court proceedings on April 19th and can attest that our attorneys, the Alliance Defending Freedom, performed superbly. Although the justices' line of questioning certainly favored our position, I will reserve any prediction regarding the final vote until the written ruling is issued (no later than June 30th). In the mean time, I want to refresh your memory regarding the case so you have the facts.

Background: The case revolves around our Trinity Lutheran Child Learning Center (TLCLC) that was rejected from a competitive state program that provides reimbursement grants to purchase a pour-in-place cushioned product for playground surfacing composed of recycled vehicle tires. TLCLC was denied the grant for its playground solely because the playground belongs to a religious organization. Every person in Missouri – including people of faith – is required to pay a fee for recycling of new tire purchases. These fees fund the grant program; i.e., sales and income tax revenue is not part of the grant program. Based on a late 1800's Missouri constitutional amendment (commonly referred to as a "Blaine Amendment") public funds cannot be provided to religious organizations. Because of a very narrow interpretation of this amendment, religious non-profit organizations are among those excluded from participating in the grant program; in other words, religious people are forced to put money into the pool, but the playgrounds at their religious organizations can't benefit from it. Other non-profit organizations such as private schools, Head Start, Planned Parenthood, etc. are eligible for the grant but religious organizations are not, even though the MO DNR states that the department does not discriminate against any organization applying for a grant.

Key Principles:

- Every child's safety matters. The government should treat safety at religious schools the same as they do for secular schools.
- The government is constitutionally-required to treat religious organizations equally. The government isn't being neutral when it discriminates against religious organizations by treating them less-than-equally.
- Equal treatment of a religious organization isn't an endorsement by the government. Unequal treatment is unconstitutional and unfair.

Key Facts:

- Out of the 44 non-profits that applied for the grant, TLCLC's application was ranked 5th in meeting the criteria for the award of a grant. However, Trinity was denied the grant solely because it is owned by a church.
- Over 90% of the children who attend the preschool do not attend the church itself.
- The playground is open to the community after hours and on weekends for children to play.

What's At Stake? People of faith shouldn't be treated like second-class citizens. A victory at The Supreme Court will mean the government cannot discriminate against religious organizations and exclude them from receiving a generally available public benefit simply because they are religious. A loss could mean that religious nonprofits could be excluded from government programs meant to serve their communities and even be denied basic safety services like fire and police protection.

Finally, I want to remind you that The Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) organization represented Trinity at absolutely no cost to the church. ADF exists entirely to spread the good news of The Gospel by defending religious freedom not only in the U.S. but internationally as well. You can learn more by going to ADFlegal.org.

Your servant in Christ,
Phil Glenn