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Trinity Lutheran Church — Columbia, MO

PASTORS' LETTER.....



June, 2017

Summer greetings to you, dear friends in Christ at Trinity Lutheran. May the blessings of God's presence and peace be with you in these beautiful summer days.

As we commemorate the five hundredth anniversary of the Reformation this year, what is often identified as the second most important date in the Reformation era following October 31, 1517 (the posting of Luther's ninety-five theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany) is June 25, 1530. That date marked the reading of the Augsburg Confession to Emperor Charles V of the Holy Roman Empire. Penned by Philip Melanchthon who relied heavily on Luther's Schwabach, Marburg, and Torgau Articles, twenty-eight articles were composed to confess the historic Christian faith and identify practices in the Church which were diverting away from that historic faith based on Holy Scripture.

What is interesting about the Augsburg Confession is that the nine original signers were not members of the clergy. They were secular leaders, rulers over areas and towns throughout Germany. Charles V had hoped to pull the plug on the Reformation's influence throughout Germany and unite the German secular leaders against the Turkish Empire which was at the very gates of Vienna. But these nine secular leaders held to their Biblical faith so strongly that even if there was a threat to the Empire they were not going to acquiesce to the request of the Emperor to leave their Lutheran faith and return to the Roman Catholic faith and fight for the Holy Roman Empire.

The psalmist affirms: *I will also speak of Your testimonies before kings and shall not be put to shame* (119:46). The secular rulers were not intimidated in standing before Emperor Charles V and confessing their faith as laid out in the Scriptures. Seven confirmands last month were not intimidated and confessed their faith. And we, too, are privileged to confess our faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ when anyone asks us for the reason for the hope that is within us. No need to be intimidated because of Who is with us in our sharing.

The Augsburg Confession first proclaimed on June 25, 1530 at the Diet of Augsburg is one of nine confessional writings included in the Book of Concord of 1580. Those confessional writings comprise the basics of the Christian faith as the Lutheran Church believes, teaches, and confesses it. They are the confessional stance to which every ordained and commissioned minister of religion in The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod subscribes. Of the nine confessional writings our worshippers are probably most familiar with the three ecumenical creeds included in our worship services and Luther's Small Catechism incorporated in our instruction of catechumens.

As we step through this five hundredth anniversary year of the Reformation, please note future items of information regarding the new Luther movie to be shown on September 28 in Columbia, and our congregation's Hymn Festival with Dr. John Behnke on November 5.

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

Pastor Kenneth Gerike

Pastor Brian Thieme

June 2017

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CONGRATS TO THE TRINITY GRADUATES



Jon Edward Arnall, son of **Jeffrey & Angel Arnall**, graduated from Hickman High School. He plans to attend Moberly Area Community College and pursue a Computer Information Systems degree.



Grace Anne Thieme, daughter of **Rev Brian & Sarah Thieme**, graduated from Calvary Lutheran High School. She plans to attend Concordia University-Seward and pursue an Elementary Education degree.



Adam Schaumburg, son of **Tim & Joni Schaumburg**, graduated from Father Tolton High School. He plans to attend University of Missouri Science & Technology in Rolla, MO and pursue an Engineering degree. He will also play baseball - pitching for the S&T Miners.

A Prayer for the Graduates

Heavenly Father,
Surround those who are graduating with your grace. Bless them with hope so that they move into the future with eager and open hearts. Help them to put the knowledge, skills, and insights gained through their education to use for the good of all humankind. Inspire them to believe in the goodness of life even when faced with challenges and difficulties. As they commence with their lives, may they grow ever more grateful and wise. All of this we ask in the name of Jesus, your beloved Son.
Amen.



LOVE INC FREE WILL OFFERING

Board of Social Ministry will hold a **Free Will Offering** for Love INC on **June 11/12, 2017**.

Love INC is at its core a network of local churches and volunteers. Since their inception, they have received volunteers from 78 local churches and financial support from 50. Twenty-one of these churches have supported them for five years or more.

A comprehensive church partnership includes the following elements:

- ♥ Introducing Love INC to the congregation
- ♥ Referring requests for help to the Love INC clearinghouse
- ♥ Encouraging church members to volunteer through Love INC by using their gifts and abilities
- ♥ Accepting referrals from the Love INC clearinghouse to appropriate church ministries
- ♥ Praying for Love INC and for unity in the body of Christ
- ♥ Financially supporting Love INC

Love INC Services currently include (*ministries are always updating to stay current...check website for updates*):

- ♥ Information & Referrals
- ♥ Connection to Churches/Prayer
- ♥ Living Large for Real (*variety of group classes offered*)
- ♥ Focused Coaching (*individual life coaching*)
- ♥ Extra Mile (*extended coaching focused on finances*)
- ♥ Reentry Support (*guidance for ex-offenders transitioning back into the community*)
- ♥ Love Seat Furniture/Clothing Ministry & Resale Store
- ♥ Other Individual Needs



Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ

Love INC

1516 Business Loop 70 West, Columbia, MO
www.columbialoveinc.org

For more information, please call Love INC of Columbia at 573-256-7662 or email: office@columbialoveinc.org

Love INC is always looking for willing volunteers!



Good Shepherd Lutheran School

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

Congrats—Congratulations go to our graduates; Mila Bales, Conner Gibson, and Joshua Thieme. We wish them well as they move onto High School.

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.

Summer Library Help—We are looking for volunteers to help during the summer in the school library. Assistance is needed to sort and shelf the books. If you have some time available, contact the school office.

Summer Office Hours—The GSLs Office will be open from 10am to 2pm daily. If you need assistance at a different time, please call ahead to schedule an appointment to ensure someone will be in the office.

Thank you for all of your prayers and support this school year. You helped make a successful school year. Your continued prayers and support will ensure the next year is even more successful.

†*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@gslescolumbia.org

Also check us out at: <http://gslescolumbia.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 are order forms available at the GSLs Scrip display if you would like to place an order for cards.



Trinity Lutheran Child Learning Center (TLCLC)

We have a few part-time spots remaining for our summer session and only three 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.

PreK Graduation will be Thursday, May 25 at 7pm. Phyllis White will once again lead our classes in songs including Kindergarten Here We Come and It's Cool In a Lutheran School. Come share this joy as we send out three PreK classes off into the world! The last day of our spring session is Friday, May 26. We will be closed Monday, May 29 for Memorial Day and Tuesday, May 30 for Teacher Work Day. Our summer session will begin on Wednesday, May 31.

A big TLCLC thank you to Boy Scout Josh McDowell for his Eagle Project for our wonderful new garden beds. Our teachers, kitchen staff, children, and parents have all commented on how beautiful they turned out. They were perfectly built to accommodate our young gardeners. We are diligently planning what crops and seeds are most appropriate for growing, learning, and eating!

Thank you also to all the Trinity members who contributed to Josh's project. Your support will show our young students how God's plan and wonder can make the whole world bloom and feed us all. If you would like to continue to bless our project, we are in need of plants and seeds. There is a sign up sheet on the TLCLC main Bulletin Board across from the office or call the office to see what items are still needed.

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

TLCLC Office Phone: 573-445-1014

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

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

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was held May 9, 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, Alyssa Famuliner, Karen Harms, Karen Niederjohn, Jim Niederjohn, Mary Frerking, Ron Barrett, Debbie Antel, Carol Eilers, Warren Harms, Patricia Campbell, 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 April 11, 2017 BOD Meeting, Senior Pastor's Report (except Membership Changes), Associate Pastor's Report, Financial Secretary's Report, Board and Committee Reports. A motion was made to accept the consent agenda; seconded and approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda minutes and reports are filed in the congregation secretary's notebook. The 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): Galatians will resume May 14, at 9:30 a.m. Rite of Confirmation was May 7th. Good Shepherd 8th grade graduation will be May 21st at the 8:00 a.m. worship service. There will be no communion. **Adult Information Class:** Two sets of classes concurrently running on variable dates. One will be completed the second week in May. The **Columbia/Jefferson City Circuits' Pastoral Conference** was May 2nd. The **Missouri District Board of Directors** met May 4, 2017. (See also Membership Changes.)

ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S REPORT – Pastor Thieme

DCEI: The new intern will begin July 1, 2017. **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; holds a Bible study at Mill Creek Villa on Thursday mornings twice a month; reports that 21 people have expressed interest in the 2018 Israel trip; and helped with the Witness Workshop at Calvary Lutheran High School. **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; Senior High Youth hosted the Easter Breakfast and they welcomed the new confirmation students on April 30, 2017. **District-** Fourth Vice President of the Missouri District: The Missouri District Presidium met on May 3rd and the Missouri District Board of Directors met on May 4, in St. Louis.

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

For the month of April, the Regular Envelope collections are 118.23% of the anticipated monthly amount, Loose Plate collections are 114.63%, and Sunday School collections are 76.40%. The Total Monthly collections are 119.62% of the monthly anticipated amount of \$45,644. The Total Year-to-Date collections through the end of April are 99.08% of the anticipated amount of \$181,911.

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:** Easter Sunday-Activities began with a retelling of the resurrection story and continued with an Easter egg hunt in the classrooms. Summer Sunday School Schedule-A summer schedule will be in place June 4th through August 20th, where stories, games and crafts are planned for Sunday School, allowing the regular Sunday School teachers to have a break throughout the summer months. **Vacation Bible School:** The dates for VBS will be July 11-14, 2017, from 6-8 p.m., with a light supper served each night. A planning meeting will be held on June 5th at 6 p.m. and there will be a Sign-Up Genius for individuals to volunteer to assist the BOCE. **DCEI:** The BOCE and the Board of Youth are in the process of working out the new intern's office details and preparing for her arrival. She will report to TLC on July 1, 2017.

BOARD OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (Virginia Propp)

Enrollment:

Current Enrollment as of 5/2/17: MWF 83/78; T/TH 78/78.

Summer enrollment as of 5/2/17: Toddler: 8/16 MWF, 7/15 T/TH; Pre-School/Pre-K: 48/60 MWF, 51/60 T/Th.

Fall 2017/Spring 2018 Enrollment as of 5/2/17: Toddler: 13/16 MWF, 12/16 T/Th. Pre-School: 30/30 MWF, 30/30 T/Th. Pre-K: 35/35 MWF, 35/35 T/Th.

State of Missouri: Priority to have their license revised for school age children. Inspection is scheduled for 5/16/17 at 9:00 a.m.; for additional details, see the report included in the agenda packet.

Staffing: Currently working on staffing and schedules for the 7 classes anticipated for the summer session. There are new training requirements for the DFS contract. All staff must have basic training and CPR by June 30, 2017. Training will be given at Trinity in the Fellowship Hall on May 13, 2017.

Financial: TLCLC is pursuing an automatic payment option.

Facilities: The Dutch doors for the toddler classrooms will be installed over Memorial Day weekend or one evening before the summer session begins. The toddler room will be switched to the corner room. Additional facility details are included in the agenda packet.

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. The 7th and 8th graders took their class trip to St. Louis on 5/9/17. The entire school is going to Jefferson City on 5/17/17; K-2 will visit Runge Nature Center and

3rd through 8th grade will visit the capital. The 8th graders will receive their diplomas at the 8:00 a. m. service on 5/21/17 and then there will be cake and punch for them on 5/18/17 at noon. Field Day is 5/22/17. On 5/24/17, there will be an awards ceremony and promotion of the kindergartners starting at 10:30 a.m. Congregational members are welcome to attend the activities on May 18, 22 and 24. Tammy Mangold, Administrator, wishes to thank everyone for their support and prayers throughout this past school year. A financial report is included in the agenda packet.

BOARD OF EVANGELISM (no representative was present): No report was filed.

BOARD OF YOUTH (Alyssa Famuliner): The Senior High Youth Group hosted the Easter sunrise breakfast on April 16, and a game night on April 30, for the new eighth graders who were recently confirmed.

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*. The worship pattern list that shows members who have not attended service in more than 3 weeks was reviewed. A letter was sent to 9 of 15 members, who have not attended for more than two years. "Feed My Lambs" care packages containing the Portals of Prayer were sent out in June to 49 members who have not attended service for an extended period of time. The survey taken during the last National Youth Gathering was discussed. Only 6% of the youth who attended filled out a survey. A motion was made and approved to recommend to the BOD a schedule for worship service for the last half of 2017.

BOARD OF SOCIAL MINISTRY (Theresa Greer): No report was filed.

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE (Warren Harms): Richard Mangold and Conrad Brown will be counting this month.

BOARD OF TLC ENDOWMENT FUND (Pete Easterhaus): Balances as of March 31, 2017 are: TLC Fund: \$16,244.23; Youth Ministry Fund: \$12,337.64; Bourret/Elliott Fund: \$31,852.20. The full financial report for the three funds is included in the agenda packet.

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

Five Hundredth Anniversary Committee: A letter and a Save the Date advertisement was sent to area Lutheran Churches with in a 60 mile radius of Columbia, inviting them to participate in Trinity's Hymn Festival on November 5, 2017. A copy of the letter and the Save the Date notice is included in the agenda packet.

BOARD OF THE MONTH (Board of Elders): Doug Kiehne, presenting on behalf of the Board of Elders, updated the BOD on the status of their five footsteps. Highlights include: providing transportation for 6-7 members; planning to investigate a presentation system (TV and other hardware) in the library as a pilot; and actively working on items for the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, including a movie, hymnfest and newsletter articles. Additional details of their five footsteps are included in their report in the agenda packet.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES:

Profession of Faith: Mr. Aaron Cook on 4/17/17

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

TREASURER'S REPORT – Gary Kespohl, Treasurer

For the months ended April 30, 2017, the church income is \$211,163.78, which is 33.69% of the total budget for the year. The Learning Center income is \$233,801.70 which is 38.86% of the budget for the year. Total income is \$444,965.48, which is 36.22% 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 April 2017: Regular Envelope: \$171,702; Loose Plate \$8,197; Tuition \$226,716

After four months, the percent of budget used is 33.33% of total budget. Total income through April is \$444,965.48 or 36.22% of the annual budget. Expenses are \$375,825.42 or 30.59% of the annual budget.

Gary reported that the loan balance, on the building addition, is zero. The paid note was given to Chairman Glenn.

There had been an error in expenditures last month, which Gary looked into and reported back that it had been resolved.

Further details of the treasurer's report are included in the agenda packet.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Personnel Manual Proposed Revisions: Chairman Glenn read to the BOD, the purpose of the revisions to the Paid Time Off Policy and the procedure that he wanted everyone to follow for the discussions of these revisions. The Paid Time Off Task Force members in attendance were Chairman Glenn, Mary Frerking, Virginia Propp, Ron Barrett, Gary Kespohl, JoAnn Schoenike, Debbie Antel, Carole Eilers and Warren Harms. Members of the Task Force walked the BOD through the various changes made to the policy.

Virginia Propp gave a summary of the Task Force's work history on this issue. She went into detail about how the Task Force gathered research data for the plan they finally settled on. A new page 38, titled *Paid Time Off (PTO)*, was given to all BOD members. Virginia went over the changes that had been made to the original page 38 that had been in the BOD Meeting packets for May 9, 2017. Basically, the changes consisted of reversing and rewording the last two bullet points on the page, bullet points six and seven.

Carole Eilers then went over with the BOD, the *Transition and Implementation Plan for Affected Employees*, which was found on page 40 of the Board of Directors Meeting packet for May 9, 2017.

A motion was made to accept the Paid Time Off Policy changes to the Personnel Manual, that the Task Force was recommending, and to present these changes to the Assembly of Voters at their

May 21, 2017 meeting for a vote. The motion was seconded. A lengthy discussion then followed.

A motion was made to change the first line of bullet point five, on page 38, to read as follows: "All full –time hourly and salaried employees will be awarded PTO per the chart below, based on their date of hire."

The motion was seconded and approved.

A motion was made to change bullet point two on page 39 to read: "Flexible PTO may be taken as regular PTO or when the facility at which the employee works is closed, or on a day when the employee is not scheduled to work." The motion was seconded and approved.

Annette Kiehne provided the BOD with two letters from employees at the Learning Center, stating their concerns and questions over the proposed changes to the Paid Time Off Policy. Virginia Propp then went through each paragraph in the letters and addressed these concerns and questions.

Two additional motions were made to make further changes to the proposed new Paid Time Off Policy, however, both motions failed to pass.

Debbie Antel walked the BOD through the changes (deletions and additions) that would be necessary to make to various pages of the Personnel Manual, as a result of the changes proposed to the Paid Time Off Policy. There will need to be changes to pages 2,5,6,8,9,13, and i.

The original motion to accept the Paid Time Off Policy changes to the Personnel Manual, that the Task Force was recommending, and to present these changes to the Assembly of Voters at their May 21, 2017 meeting for a vote, and which was seconded, was then voted on. The motion passed.

Chairman Glenn thanked the Task Force members for all of the work time they put in, on revising the Paid Time Off Policy.

Director of Christian Education Intern Application Update: The new intern will be arriving on June 28, 2017, to look for a place to live.

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

Lift Annual Inspection Status: There is a signed inspection and Trinity is now in compliance.

Learning Center Summer School- Age Student Program Update: Annette Kiehne provided a handout showing how many students were enrolled in the various School Age Summer Camps. The reverse side of the handout showed the number of students that will currently be participating in the Extra Days program, scheduled between 11/22/2017 and 3/30/ 2017. For further details, see the handout filed with the May 9, 2017, BOD Meeting Minutes.

Schedule of Worship Services- July through December 2017: A motion was made to recommend *The Schedule of Worship Services* for the period July through December 2017, provided by the Elders, to the Assembly of Voters on May 21, 2017. Motion was seconded and approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Establishment of a Building Fund Savings Account: Due to the lateness of the hour, discussion on this item was tabled for the time being.

Release of Funds from Account # 527: A motion was made to permit the Youth Group to withdraw \$5,600 from their account, for their trip to Minot, North Dakota, in July. Motion was seconded and approved.

Recommendation to the Assembly of Voters- Financial Review Committee: A motion was made to accept the following nominees and recommend them to the Assembly of Voters on May 21, 2017:

- 2016 Church Financial Review: Jason Mott and Pete Easterhaus
- 2016 TLC Endowment Fund Financial Review: Gary Frisch and Darren Laupp
- 2014-2016 Early Childhood Education Financial Review: Charlie Cott, Larry McCoig, Ron Barrett and Gary Kespohl.

Motion was seconded and approved.

Purchase of Toddler Changing Table, Trash Bin and Cubbies for TLCLC: A motion was made to approve the purchase of a *Back-Saver Toddler Changing Table*, a *Double Trash Bin*, and two *Take Home Center Coat Lockers with Paper Trays (cubbies)*, for the Learning Center. Motion was seconded and approved. A handout showing these exact items was provided by Annette Kiehne. It will be filed with the May 9, 2017, BOD Meeting Minutes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congresswoman Hartzler visited the Child Learning Center and associated playground on May 9, 2017.

Letters of appreciation from the following groups were received, thanking Trinity for the donations made to their organization:

- Mid-Missouri Lutheran Hospital Ministry
- The Apple of His Eye –Missouri Congregation Chai v'Shalom
- Lutheran Hour Ministries
- Wheat Ridge Ministries

Board of Directors Meeting: June 13, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

Board of the Month Sharing at the June 13, 2017 BOD Meeting:
Board of Parochial Education

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 10:10p.m. Pastor Thieme closed the meeting with prayer.

Cynthia Green, Secretary

June Board of Directors agenda items are due to the church office by noon on Friday, June 9, 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, 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

EAGLE PROJECT-LEARNING CENTER GARDENS

Members of TLC,

I would like to thank you for your support of my Eagle Project. I appreciate the financial support as well as the encouragement and advice many of you have given me. Thank you also to the Board of Directors and the Board of Early Childhood Education for your support and suggestions. Thank you especially to Gary Kespohl. Your help in arranging for the lumber for this project was a huge help.

~ Joshua McDowell

Congratulations to the following Sunday School members that have completed their memory work levels:



20 levels — Collin Wise & Carter Messervy
15 levels — Nick Kespohl, Sarah Weber,
& Emelia Mangold
5 levels — Jackson Gooch, Josie Kespohl,
& Meredith Stone

2017 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mighty Fortress ... Trinity's 2017 VBS
Tuesday, July 11 through Friday, July 14

Evenings from 6pm to 8pm

Light Suppers served each night
from 5:30pm to 6pm

Friday Night is FAMILY FUN NIGHT starting at 5:30pm!

Register...the link is available. Check out Trinity's website and Facebook page for more details.

Volunteer...We need you!! Please sign up today to volunteer! See the Sign Up Genius for opportunities to get involved. There is a job/activity for everyone at VBS! (Link also on website.)

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0849a8a62ea64-vbscommittees>

Committee and volunteer planning meeting on Monday, June 5th at 6pm. Volunteers please plan to attend to plan/brainstorm ideas for your respective areas.

WOMEN'S SOCIAL CONNECTION

Women's Social Connection will meet on **Friday, June 16 at 12:00pm** at location to be announced.

DCE INTERN COMING TO TRINITY

On June 28, our new DCE Intern, Kali, will be in Columbia. She starts her official position at Trinity on July 1st. She seems very excited to get started working with our congregation. She is currently looking for housing (i.e.; 1 room apartment, studio, room for rent, etc) as well as household items depending on rental situation. If you have or know of housing or have items to give, please contact the church office so that we can pass along the information. Thanks!



2017 Trinity Lutheran Church Board Members

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Jim Niederjohn

Greetings in the name of Jesus, the Lover of every soul,

Last month you read Rev. Michael Salemink's comments that ***"Respecting and protecting the gift of life is THE war and it is OUR war."*** He explained that we are fighting for our culture, our conscience, our civilization, our country, our loved ones, our neighbors and our future. The following are excerpts from the same letter explaining the urgency of the battle:



He says, "The attacks against life are launching quicker, landing closer, and claiming casualties among people we know. Some examples:

- "A *politically driven study*, conducted by a major university and published in a prominent journal, concluded in December that being denied a desired abortion affects women's mental health more adversely than undergoing the trauma of abortion.
- "The city of Washington, D.C., succeeded in January at *sanctioning physician-assisted suicide*, making it the sixth jurisdiction (and the third in the last two years) to decriminalize intentional death.
- "French legislation enacted in February *threatens fines and prison time* for websites offering information about abortion's negative physical or psychological aftereffects. (In November, French television officials forbade the airing of a video celebrating individuals with Down syndrome because it might "disturb" women who aborted because of such a diagnosis.)
- "Research collected in 2016 indicates that 76% of church-going post-abortive women felt their *church had no influence on their abortion decision*, and only 5.5% of Protestant pastors identified a life-affirming ministry in their church.

"The challenge for Lutherans For Life is to lift high the cross in every congregation and every community until all together uphold the God-given blessing each human life is! To combat the above attacks, Lutherans For Life proclaims a dying and rising with Christ that creates new hearts and new lives---and Easter guarantees that God's love works and wins."

Here are some of the encouraging things that are happening when God's love works and wins:

- "As many as 300 callers a month (from women and men) find Gospel-healing through the counselor, Grace, at **Word of Hope's** post-abortion hotline (630-990-0909); www.word-of-hope.org!
- "Support for unborn life has decreased the demand for abortion so much that 76% of abortion clinics open in 1991 have closed---and six states have only one clinic left!
- "Lutherans For Life is recognized in more churches now than at any other time in our 40-year history as we work with seven life-affirming American Lutheran bodies---and others around the world!
- "Y4Life, our youth initiative, formed student-led Life Teams on six college campuses and has started developing similar relationships with Lutheran high schools!

"The Biblical Lutheran belief that God's grace, not one's own works, determines a person's worth has not gone silent even after 500 years. In fact, it has only grown clearer. The enemy has gotten so weak that he only has force and violence left. Meanwhile, Lutherans For Life continues to invite, embrace, encourage, and care for the victims and vulnerable ones. Lutherans For Life rejoices to share with them the Gospel perspective that every life is a sacred gift and privilege---whether prebirth, post abortion, pro-choice, in pain, or approaching death." (Rev. Michael Salemink, Executive Director of Lutherans For Life, Sponsor letter, April 2017)

Don't forget Missouri's Largest Diaper Shower between Mother's Day and Father's Day! Bring diapers to your church or take them directly to a pregnancy resource center near you. Diapers are a very tangible way to demonstrate your love for mothers and their children and affirm the value of every human life.

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...

OUT OF DARNNESS INTO THE LIGHT

"Out of darkness into the light" would be an apt description of my journey to a proper understanding of faith in Jesus Christ. I grew up in a Holiness Church, and I came to the conclusion early in life that there was no way I could ever come up to God's expectations. Needless to say this made me throw in the towel early on in life. When you go to a Holiness Church you are never taught the proper way to understand law and gospel and the application of the two. I therefore took religion out of my life.

It was not until I met my first wife, Juanita, who was a Lutheran that religion entered back into my life. I was not enthusiastic when I found out she was a Lutheran and went to church on Sundays. That meant if I wanted to be with her on Sundays I had to attend church. So every Sunday I went to church. As I unwillingly listened, the Holy Spirit began to work within me. What I was hearing made me want to find out more about

Lutheranism. What do they believe and why? After we got married I decided to go to instruction class to learn more and to have my questions answered. It took only a few sessions with Rev. Woltmann to realize what I had been missing all my life. The light came on when the realization dawned on me that my faith did NOT depend on me but rather depended on what Christ had done for me. I feel blessed and free from the burden of sin because of my salvation through Jesus Christ.

God in His mercy blessed me with two wives; one that He used to bring me within hearing distance of His word and one that reaffirmed and helps me continue to grow in my faith. I am truly a blessed man and I thank God daily that He sent His Son, Jesus Christ who died on the cross for me, a miserable sinner, so I can look forward with confidence to eternal life with Him. I can truly say for me The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod teaches, preaches, and practices what the Word of God tells us in the Bible, a true understanding of the plan of salvation.

~Glen Beltz June, on the celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation



Dear Church Family,

Please call the church office when:

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



Telephone: 573-445-2112 Or by email: church@trinity-lcms.org

Birthdays

1 Karen Niederjohn	11 Shawn Huggans Ethan McMillen Spencer McMillen Aden Stone Milo Walz	18 Rick Matthiesen Mary Sanders Emma Whittle
2 Hannah Wise	12 Norman Taylor	20 Aaron Mott
3 Ryan Mariott Zev Simmons Carey Smith	13 Jeffery Schneider Collin Wise	22 Joshua Russell Terry Simmons
4 Abigail Frerking	14 Brian Clayton John Kuehner Brenda Sikich	24 Dianne Mirtz
5 Charlie Cott Andrew Malson	15 Aubri Linneman Rick Wise	26 Joseph Mwamgiga
7 Danny Yung	16 Andy Reiff	27 Patricia Hansen Larry Lammers
8 Roberta Hunt Carol Squires Alison Unterreiner	17 Ruth Kincanon Dennis Weinhold	28 Karen Harms Mary Riggert
9 Carlos Sanchez		29 LaVonne Rattelmuller Kelly Reiff
10 Taylor Morrow		30 Jonah Unterreiner Richard Mangold

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

Ken & Theresa Greer 6/4/2001	Richard & Sue Nack 6/11/1959	Rick & Gay Matthiesen 6/21/1975
Casey & Adrienne Fick 6/5/2004	Neil & Elly Eckhoff 6/12/2004	Charlie & Chris Cott 6/25/1977
Eric & Ruth Kincanon 6/6/1959	Jim & Dottie Gleed 6/12/1957	Bob & Norma Clark 6/26/1954
Nick & Libbie Couper 6/7/2008	Jeremy & Amber Monroe 6/12/2009	Ralph & Sue Pickett 6/26/1982
Wade & Rachel Firestone 6/8/2013	Jamie & Stephanie Stansell 6/12/2010	Gary & Patsy Frisch 6/27/1964
Dan & Vanette Noll 6/8/1984	Doug & Annette Kiehne 6/13/1987	Sean & Shawn Huggans 6/28/1997
Bill & Barbara Schuette 6/8/1957	Mike & Nicole Thompson 6/16/1995	Darren & Debbie Laupp 6/28/1986
Pete & Carol Easterhaus 6/10/1967	Rob & Kim Crouch 6/17/2000	Alan & Karen Weber 6/29/2002
Chad & Teresa Gooch 6/10/2000	Lou & Carol Eggerding 6/17/1967	
Stephen & Betty Kissane 6/11/1983	Larry & Myra McCoig 6/19/1971	



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

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

JUNIOR HIGH DINNER & MOVIE



PT will host a BBQ and outdoor movie night out at his house on **Friday, June 16 beginning at 6:30pm**. If you would like to attend, please add your name to the sign up on the Youth Board.

Acolytes Schedule:

We could use acolytes for the summer months. An email sign up will be sent, let us know what Sundays you can cover.

SENIOR HIGH WORK DAYS IN JUNE

The SR High Youth that will be attending the mission trip to North Dakota this July are currently looking for work opportunities to raise funds for the trip. If you have a certain task that you need assistance with, please call the church office or Pastor Thieme to see if a SR High Youth member can help you out. Odd jobs such as: yard work, mowing, weeding, babysitting, dog walker, etc.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 630a Men's Bible Study 9a TLCLC Chapel 1130a Sr Ministry Lunch	2	3
4 8a Worship / Comm 915a Bible Study 1030a Worship / Comm 6p Choir Practice	5 9a Bible Study 6p Worship / Comm 6p VBS Planning Meeting	6 6p Board of Christian Education	7 9a TLCLC Chapel 6p Board of Stewardship & Finance	8 630a Men's Bible Study 9a TLCLC Chapel 1130a Sr Ministry Lunch 7p CLAS School Board mtg (Campus)	9	10 3p Relay for Life (Hickman Track)
11 8a Worship 915a Bible Study 1030a Worship Love INC Free Will Offering	12 9a Bible Study 6p Worship 7p Board of Evangelism Love INC Free Will Offering	13 7p Board of Directors	14 9a TLCLC Chapel	15 630a Men's Bible Study 9a TLCLC Chapel 1130a Sr Ministry Lunch	16 12p Women's Social Connection 630p JR High Dinner & Movie Night (PT's house)	17
18 8a Worship / Comm 915a Bible Study 1030a Worship / Comm	19 9a Bible Study 6p Worship / Comm	20 630p Vesper Guild	21 9a TLCLC Chapel	22 630a Men's Bible Study 9a TLCLC Chapel 10a MO District Constitution Committee 1130a Sr Ministry Lunch	23	24
25 8a Worship 915a Bible Study 1030a Worship	26 9a Bible Study 6p Worship	27 7p Board of Elders	28 9a TLCLC Chapel	29 630a Men's Bible Study 9a TLCLC Chapel 1130a Sr Ministry Lunch	30 630p SR High Youth Movie Night— <i>Despicable Me 3</i>	

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LWML 37TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION

So, there is a convention. What's the big deal about that?

The first LWML Convention was in Fort Wayne, Indiana in 1943. Since that time it has grown in size and accomplishments.

Attending is a truly exciting, stimulating and, yes, humbling experience. Picture if you can thousands of women (some men, too) in a large arena, seated on folding chairs and filling the center area. Then there is the choir in the bleachers to the right. To the left are the visitors and late arrivals. The song leader is on the stage announcing the hymn. The organ plays a stirring introduction and then thousands of voices are raised singing *Lift High the Cross*. No one stayed seated, including my mother who stood up out of her wheelchair to sing. It was a moment not to forget ... almost indescribable and certainly inspirational. The true spirit of LWML filled that area and the hearts of those there.

Several years later a friend went to the convention. She was not really convinced by my enthusiastic encouragement. When she returned she said to me, "You were right. It is an experience not to be missed."

So LWML women are joyfully setting out for Albuquerque, NM this month to celebrate 75 years of Serving the Lord with Gladness and proclaiming Jesus Christ Above All.

The LWML has sought to develop and maintain a mission consciousness among women through education, inspiration and service. The convention is but one way. Who are these women? They are women who are finding avenues to use their God-given talents as they meet the challenges to share the gospel message on campuses, in residences or in other settings around the world and at home.

During the last 75 years and at the convention this month women of all ages, stages, ethnicities and experiences share and value the friendship, support and encouragement from other women. Each strives to offer warm, welcoming opportunities for women to grow in faith and relationships as sisters in Christ. That is what you think about and remember about the convention.

To learn more about LWML and Mary Martha and Vesper Guilds, please see the table in the narthex of the church on June 18-19.