

NEWS OF THE SON

Trinity Lutheran Church — Columbia, MO

PASTORS' LETTER.....



July, 2017

Greetings to you, dear friends in Christ at Trinity Lutheran, Columbia!

This month our nation celebrates its two-hundredth-and-forty-first anniversary which gives the child of God pause to be mindful of God's gift which He supplies to mankind in the establishment of government. St. Paul affirms in his letter to the Christians at Rome: *Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment* (13:1-2). In the midst of a sinfully chaotic world, God establishes the elements of civil authority (which theologians oftentimes describe as the left hand of God) to maintain peace, order, and tranquility. Saint Paul was speaking of the pagan Roman government when he, by inspiration of the Holy Spirit, penned these words. Even the government is a tool which the Lord God uses to be a blessing for citizens. The Church also has noted that down through the ages the government has often provided the setting for the Gospel to be spread, shared, and to reach far and wide the populace of nations.

Yet, it is true that government as a created entity of God is not to be worshipped. People so easily in their sinful nature are inclined to worship the creation rather than the Creator. Also Peter and the apostles speaking before the religious governing authorities in Acts 5:29 stated: *We must obey God rather than men*. That reminds us in our study of the Fourth Commandment that government is not God but is the servant of God for the pinnacle of His visible creation. When government directs us to go contrary to God's good and gracious will, then the apostles' words offer us guidance.

O Lord God,

The nation You have blest	For this bright day,
May well Your love declare,	For this fair land –
From foes and fears at rest,	Gifts of Your hand –
Protected by Your care.	Our thanks we pay. Amen.
	(Lutheran Worship 500, stanza 2)

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For the past five years our sister in Christ at Trinity, Angel Arnall, has richly blest us with her God-given gifts, talents, and abilities in serving as our Church Office Secretary. Her labors of loving service conveyed with promptness, efficiency, and accuracy have touched not only her brothers and sisters in Christ in our congregational family but also in our local and extended communities. We give thanks to our Lord for the top-notch services He has rendered to us through His child, Angel, and we pray the Lord's continued care and blessing upon her in her new position of service with the City of Columbia.

While the vacancy exists in the church office, we are attempting to have volunteers assist us in manning the office until a new secretary is selected. During this time of vacancy we ask that you patiently bear with us.

Your friends in Christ,

Pastor Kenneth Grike

Pastor Brian Thieme

July 2017

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VIEW FROM THE CHAIR

Summer blessings to everyone! The month of July ushers in many changes at Trinity. After five loyal years of service to Trinity as our church secretary, Angel Arnall has departed for another employment opportunity that will better fit her career objectives. We continue to pray for the Arnall family and especially Jeff as Angel begins her new job. Fortunately, Angel has agreed to assist with publishing the bulletins and newsletters and will assist with transition training for a new church office secretary until the position is filled.

Since Angel will leave a big hole in the Trinity staff, the position of church office secretary will need to be filled. Please see the vacancy announcement in an issue of the Church News or this issue of the News of the Son for application procedures and deadlines.

After more than 35 years of volunteer service to Trinity, Gary Kespohl has decided to resign from the remainder of his 2017 term as treasurer and all other volunteer activities in order to focus on family life. Big thanks to Gary for his many years of service! We certainly hope to see him back after a period of rest. In the mean time, please let him know that you have appreciated his past service.

As a result of Gary's resignation, the Board of Directors has approved a plan to nominate Warren Harms as treasurer for the remainder of 2017 and Warren has agreed to this nomination. In addition, I will appoint two assistant treasurers to augment Warren. In the interim, the Board of Elders elected Ron Barrett from their board to serve as treasurer pro tem until Warren can be officially elected (actually Warren is already assisting Ron with the treasurer duties). This move is in accordance with the Trinity Lutheran Church Constitution and By-Laws. Watch for an announcement for a special Assembly of Voters meeting to elect a number of Trinity members to various board vacancies and leadership positions. Big thanks to both Warren and Ron for stepping in to keep Trinity operating smoothly!

Finally, our new Director of Christian Education Intern, Kali Weishaar, begins her internship on July 1, 2017. We welcome Kali and pray that her experience with Trinity will be a rewarding and fulfilling year. Please take time to introduce yourselves to Kali and make her feel welcome to our community of Christ.

In His Gentle Grip,

Phil Glenn, Chairman

JOB OPENING

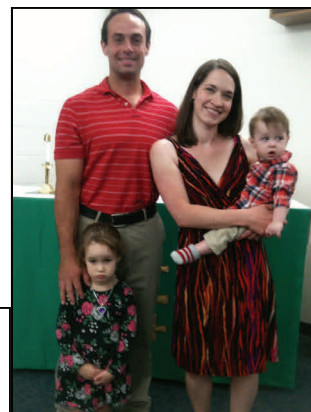
Trinity Lutheran Church is currently seeking applicants from within the congregation for the position of church office secretary. The church office secretary provides secretarial support to the pastors and members of the congregation. This is a full-time hourly position with benefits through the Concordia Plans of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Applications for the position, a detailed Position Description, and a copy of the current Personnel Manual are available from the church office wall basket located to the right of the church office entrance. Applications will be received until noon, July 9, 2017, and should be placed in the wall basket of the Congregation Chairman located on the top row of wall baskets to the left of the church office entrance. It is anticipated interviews will be scheduled shortly thereafter.

Questions and comments should be directed to Phil Glenn, Chairman of the Congregation. telephone: [573-310-1489](tel:573-310-1489). Email: tlcchair15@gmail.com or Pastor Gerike.

New Members

**Garrett, Carrie, Warren
& Emily Cupp**



Michael Brown



Misty Grant



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.

Openings / Opportunities for 2017-18 School Year—

- Morning Shepherd's Kids provider, hours are 7-8am Monday-Friday.
- Religion Teacher for 3rd-5th grades. M, T, Th, & F. This is a volunteer position and could potentially be a shared position.

If interested or know of someone interested, please call or email the school office.

Summer Library Help—We have started getting the library ready for the upcoming school year. You can come for an hour a week or more, whatever works with your schedule.

CLAS Annual Meeting—We will hold the annual meeting with congregations on Sunday, July 16th. This is a time when the board summarizes the past school year and you can ask questions. You can come to either or both meetings. Campus will be at 9:45am and Trinity at 12 Noon.

Summer Office Hours—The GSLS Office will be open from 10am to 2pm Monday-Thursday. 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

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/>



Trinity Lutheran Child Learning Center (TLCLC)

Our summer session is relaxing, exciting, and almost half over. Our little ones have been enjoying

making Father's Day presents, watering the garden, and splashing around on water days. The Missouri Conservation Department also stopped by to show off our region's animal skins.

The new school age program is up and running!

The students made gingerbread houses in Edible Crafts. In Mad Scientist, they examined chemical reactions, air pressure, and surface tension. They made and played card games and dice games in Games Galore along with classics like Operation,

Trouble, and Funny Bones. In Handy Projects, each child created stepping stones, bubble gum machines, and painted butterfly pots. Summer camps to come include Puppets, Cooking, Mad Scientist 2, Crazy Concoctions, Drama, and Craft Closet. There is still room available if your child is

interested. Sign up a week at a time!

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



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

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was held June 13, 2017, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The following people attended: Phil Glenn (Chairman), Theresa Greer, Tammy Mangold, Pastor Gerike, JoAnn Schoenike, Fred Luetkemeier, Virginia Propp, Annette Kiehne, Doug Kiehne, Ken Greer, Mary Frerking, Ron Barrett, Melissa Kiehne and Cynthia Green (Secretary). Pastor Gerike opened the meeting with devotion.

Approval of Meeting Agenda: Chairman Glenn requested that a request from the Board of Christian Education 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 May 9, 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 (North Overflow Area): Luther's Use of the Scriptures in the Catechisms. **Sunday Morning Bible Study** (Basement -West): Galatians. **Junior Confirmation Tutoring:** Currently one individual, with the potential of two others through the summer. **Adult Information Class:** Two sets of classes currently running. **Missouri District Mission Summit:** June 3, 2017, at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. (See also Membership Changes.)

ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S REPORT – Pastor Thieme (was not present)

DCEI: Kali Weishaar will arrive June 28th. Her internship begins July 1, 2017. **Other Duties:** Continues visiting with members in their homes and the hospitalized; leads chapel for the Learning Center; holds a Bible study at Mill Creek Villa on Thursday mornings; and attended a Doxology Workshop on stewardship on June 9-10 in Indiana. **Youth:** Senior High Youth Bible Study on Sunday morning; Senior High Youth will have a movie night on June 30th; Junior High had a movie night on June 16th; **District:** Fourth Vice President of the Missouri District: Participated in several online meetings on May 30, 2017.

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

For the month of May, the Regular Envelope collections are 88.82% of the anticipated monthly amount, Loose Plate collections are 46.62%, and Sunday School collections are 100.36%. The Total Monthly collections are 87.08% of the monthly anticipated amount of \$43,279. The Total Year-to-Date collections through the end of April are 96.77% of the

anticipated amount of \$225,190.

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:** The Summer Sunday School Schedule is in place now, where Bible games, crafts, and movies are planned. Rally Sunday will be August 27, 2017. **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. Registration is open and available through the church website. Set up and decorations is scheduled for July 9th from 12:30 to? A light lunch will be served. Volunteers to assist with VBS are still needed.

BOARD OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (Virginia Propp) **Enrollment:**

Summer enrollment as of 6/9/17: Toddler: 9/8 MWF, 8/8 T/TH; Pre-School/Pre-K: 46/50 MWF, 48/50 T/Th. School Age: 65 children (K-2nd)

Fall 2017/Spring 2018 Enrollment as of 5/2/17: Toddler: 15/16 MWF, 14/16 T/Th. Pre-School: 29/30 MWF, 35/35 T/Th. Pre-K: 35/35 MWF, 35/35 T/Th.

State of Missouri: Licensed to accept children 24 months to 12 years. Maximum capacity is 96 children, of which 30 can be school age.

Facilities: The toddler room will be switched to the corner room and the Preschool room is now across from the office. The Garden Eagle Scout Project is now completed. Additional facility details are included in the agenda packet.

BOARD OF PAROCHIAL EDUCATION (Tammy Mangold, Administrator)

Enrollment is still going on. Open house continues on the third Thursday of each month from 10:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. Summer hours are from 10:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday. Annual meetings with the congregations are on July 16, 2017 at 9:45 a.m. at Campus Lutheran, and 12:00 noon at Trinity Lutheran. School begins on August 16, 2017. A financial report is included in the agenda packet.

BOARD OF EVANGELISM (No representative present): In May, thirty snack bags were assembled for finals week. For the Missouri District "Plus-One" Initiative, each congregation may choose some sort of new outreach program in addition to current avenues. Doug Mc Dowell is the contact person for the "Plus-One" Initiative.

BOARD OF YOUTH (Melissa Kiehne): The Senior High Youth Group will be going to Minot, North Dakota on July 22-30. The BOY has been charged with finding living arrangements for the new intern, who will be arriving on June 28th. She will need a furnished apartment or donated items. She is allotted \$700.00 to cover her rent and utilities. The BOY has also been delegated the task of setting up an office for the new intern.

BOARD OF ELDERS (Doug Kiehne): No report was filed.

BOARD OF SOCIAL MINISTRY (Theresa Greer): Seventy-two

pounds of food was delivered to the food bank. On June 10th, a lunch was hosted for the Circle of Friends. Sandy Dirks and Debbie Antel continue to host weekly luncheons at Denny's in Columbia each week.

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE (Fred Luetkemeier): The June meeting was to discuss ideas for the Stewardship Emphasis in September. The Board will firm up their ideas at their July meeting.

BOARD OF TLC ENDOWMENT FUND (No representative was present) No report was filed.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: (Ken Greer) It has been decided that the repair of the gym ceiling is too big of a project for the Trustees and therefore they are currently contacting contractors to see what is available and at what cost. The Trustees are continuing their "house cleaning" i.e., throwing junk away project. As storage space is very limited, all Boards and service organizations are asked to think lean and to consider getting rid of items that they have not used in a year. All items in storage that Boards want to keep, need to be identified, by September 1, 2017, by colored Post-it notes with the Board's name and a date on it.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee: Chairman Glenn provided a presentation to the Northwest Rotary Club of Columbia on June 6th and to the Golden K Kiwanis Club of Columbia on June 8th. The presentations covered the U.S. Supreme Court Case of Trinity Lutheran Church v. Comer.

Five Hundredth Anniversary Committee: No report was filed.

BOARD OF THE MONTH (Board of Parochial Education): Tammy Mangold, presenting on behalf of the Board of Parochial Education, shared with the BOD that all of the open teacher positions have now been filled, and that enrollment numbers for Fall are around 40-43 children.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES:

Rite of Confirmation: 5/7/17

Sara Boehmer	Conner Gibson	Abigail Frerking
Joshua Thieme	Jackson Kespohl	Emma Whittle
Emmanuelle Crouch		

Profession of Faith:

Michael Brown on 5/21/17 Misty Grant on 5/21/17

Transfer In: Daniel & Christina Hartman
Baptized son, Peter Hartman
Trinity Lutheran Church
Jefferson City, MO

Transfer Out: Danielle Unterreiner
Campus Lutheran Church
Columbia, MO

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

TREASURER'S REPORT –Ron Barrett, Treasurer Pro Tem

For the months ended May 31, 2017, the church income is \$256,433, which is 41% of the total budget for the year. The Learning Center income is \$280,266 which is 47% of the budget for the year. Total income is \$536,699, which is 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 May 2017: Regular Envelope: \$208,474; Loose Plate \$9,042; Tuition \$272,771

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

Chairman Glenn thanked Ron Barrett for taking on the Treasurer's responsibilities.

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

OLD BUSINESS

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

Learning Center Summer School- Age Student Program Update: Annette Kiehne provided a handout, the highlights of which included the total tuition collected each month from January 2017 through May 2017, and the figures showing how the Learning Center is actually doing financially, compared to what they had projected for the year. For further details, see the handout filed with the June 13, 2017, BOD Meeting Minutes.

SCOTUS Ruling Discussion: Chairman Glenn informed the BOD that there will be a ruling in the U.S. Supreme Court case by the end of June. A brief discussion was held concerning Trinity's options, depending on the Court's ruling.

NEW BUSINESS

Facility Use Request: There has been a request to use the gymnasium, on July 8, 21 and 25 from 6:30-8:30 p.m., for basketball practice of a local competitive team from New Life Community Church. The request did not include a sponsor's signature from a Trinity member and the team currently does not have proof of insurance. A motion was made to give the request contingency approval, pending the showing of proof of insurance and a sponsor's signature from Trinity. Motion was seconded and approved.

Sharing Moment: The Lutheran Women's Missionary League made a request to have a sharing moment on June 18th and June 19th. A motion was made to approve this request; seconded and approved.

Resignations: The following individuals have resigned their positions:

- Gary Kespohl- Treasurer- effective May 21, 2017 (7 months remaining)
- Karl Christopher- Board of Trustees- effective June 16, 2017 (2 ½ years remaining)

- Angel Arnall- Church Office Secretary- effective June 16, 2017
- Laura Messervy- Board of Evangelism-effective June 19, 2017 (1 1/2 years remaining)

The Executive Committee had previously discussed that the Treasurer could use some additional assistance with his duties and agreed with the suggestion that two Assistant Treasurer's should be appointed to work with the Treasurer. Chairman Glenn passed out a handout laying out the proposed duties of the Treasurer, the Assistant Treasurer for Payroll/HR Issues and the Assistant Treasurer for Payables. The handout also included proposed additional fiscal duties for the Church Office Secretary, which would assist the Treasurer. A discussion of these positions and their respective duties, proposed in the handout, followed. A discussion of other options instead of having two Assistant Treasurers was also discussed. There was also a discussion concerning the need to update the ministry description of the Office Secretary's position and the need to advertise in the immediate future to fill the position. Warren Harms has agreed to fill the remainder of Gary Kespol's term. It was discussed that a special AOV meeting will need to be called to elect Warren to the Treasurer's position, and to possibly fill the other Board vacancies. Chairman Glenn, per the Church Constitution, will then be able to appoint two Assistant Treasurers. There was a motion to accept the plan of action, as discussed above: to have a Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer for Payroll/HR, an Assistant Treasurer for Payables, and to add additional fiscal duties to the Church Office Secretary's position; to accept the duties as laid out in the handout provided by Chairman Glenn for each of these positions; to call a special AOV meeting to elect Warren Harms as the treasurer, as well as fill other Board positions that are now vacant as a result of the resignations; to update the ministry description of the Church Office Secretary and to advertise immediately for a new Secretary. The motion was seconded and approved.

For further details, see the handout provided by Chairman Glenn, filed with the June 13, 2017, BOD Meeting Minutes.

Disposition of Unsolicited Donation for SCOTUS Case/Unrestricted Use: An unsolicited check for \$300.00 was received from a woman in Michigan who was aware of Trinity's Appellate Case pending in the U.S. Supreme Court. After a discussion concerning what should be done with the check, a motion was made to forward it on to the Alliance Defending Freedom, the legal organization who had represented Trinity throughout the entire legal process. Motion was seconded and approved.

Sanctuary Heating/Ventilation/Air Conditioning Repair: The Trustees reported that two of the four sanctuary air conditioners were not working and after J. Crum Mechanical inspected them, it was determined that one unit had a dead compressor and both units had bad starting capacitors. Also it was discovered that several air dampers were not working. To solve the air conditioning problem, while the Trustees continue to evaluate

the whole HVAC system, the Trustees suggested that they be given authorization to commit up to \$4,000.00 with the J. Louis Crum Corporation, to purchase and install a new compressor in the dead unit and to replace all six of Trinity's HVAC dampers, and verify that they are working as designed. A motion was made to give the Trustees authorization to commit up to \$4,000.00 with the J. Louis Crum Corporation, to purchase and install a new compressor in the dead unit and to replace all six of Trinity's HVAC dampers, and verify that they are working as designed, and that the money be taken from Account #547. Motion was seconded and approved.

Narthex Expansion Discussion: Chairman Glenn led a discussion concerning a possible future expansion of the narthex and choir loft. Other possible future building ideas were also discussed. After no consensus was reached, as to whether or not the narthex/choir loft expansion was the project that the BOD would move forward with to the congregation, it was decided to table the discussion for the present time. The Board representatives present were charged with going back to their respective Boards and discussing this issue and getting their members input.

Board of Christian Education Request: Mary Frerking made a request for the various Boards to assist during Vacation Bible School, with the serving of the light supper before the activities begin. Specifically, she is in need of assistance on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, July 12 and 13th. Several of the Board representatives stated they will check with their Board members to see if they can come on those evenings and help.

Letter of Appreciation: A letter of appreciation was received from Mid-Missouri Lutheran Hospital Ministry, for Trinity's contribution to the ministry. The letter stated that donations such as Trinity's and others, makes it possible for Chaplain Ingmire to visit with patients in Columbia medical facilities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Board of the Month Sharing at the July 11, 2017 BOD Meeting:

Board of Early Childhood Education

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn; motion seconded and approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. Pastor Gerike closed the meeting with prayer.

Cynthia Green, Secretary

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

KITCHEN CLEANING

Your help is needed!

Please join the Mary Martha & Vesper Guilds, and other church members in cleaning the Fellowship Hall Kitchen on **Thursday, July 27 from 8am to 11am**. Just an hour or two of your time would be appreciated. Please call Marilyn Wise at 777-2678 if you can help or if you have questions.

WOMEN'S SOCIAL CONNECTION

Women's Social Connection will meet on **Friday, July 21 at 11:00am** at D'Rowes.

LWML COLLECTION

In honor of the 75th Anniversary of the LWML, Mary Martha & Vesper Guilds would like to put together a collection of remembrances. Anyone can contribute about any LWML activity here or elsewhere. You can jot down a memory of when you participated or even if you were not a member. The messages can be funny or serious or seem unremarkable but still give an idea of LWML at work.

A decorated box with paper and pencil handy can be found at the Christian Resource Center near Pastor Gerike's office. Please take a minute or two to share your memories. You need not sign them if you do not wish to do so.

The last weekend in August is the deadline. On LWML Sunday, October 1st, these memories will be available to share.

Thanks for your help in completing this project.

2017 Trinity Lutheran Church Board Members

Chairman

Phil Glenn

Secretary

Cynthia Green

Treasurer

Vacant

Financial Secretary

JoAnn Schoenike

Board of Christian Education

Mary Frerking
Teresa Gooch
Karen Harms

Board of Elders

Ron Barrett
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Ron Dickes
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Greetings in the name of Jesus, who gives us true freedom,

As we celebrate the freedoms we enjoy in this country this month, we should never forget the true freedom we have in Christ Jesus who freed us from the tyranny of sin. Because of that freedom, we can make good choices about the lives that God has created, redeemed and called into a relationship with himself. Every life is precious because of what Jesus has done for us.



It is also good to celebrate the accomplishments of young people who are willing to make a stand for life. Two students from Good Shepherd Lutheran School, Joshua Thieme and Mila Bales submitted entries in the Lutherans For Life essay contest and were recently recognized for their efforts. It is so encouraging to know that young people know the value of every human life and want to share that message with others. Lutherans For Life sponsors the essay contest every year, so please encourage young people you know to enter. There are numerous prizes for those who advance to the state and national levels, but the main prize is knowing one is honoring God's gift of life. The state winner in the junior high category this year is Ellie Nixon from Immanuel Lutheran Church, St. Charles. Her essay is entitled "God's Plan for Life". The senior high state winner is Abigail Wagner from Hope Lutheran Church, High Ridge. Her essay is entitled, "Hope for Life". Congratulations and thank you to both these young ladies and everyone who entered the Life contest! You will make a difference in the cultural battle between life and death.

Another group of people who make a difference by saving lives and protecting futures are the folks who work in pregnancy centers in Missouri and across the nation. One such clinic is My Life Clinic in Columbia, MO. My Life Clinic is a part of Life Network of Central Missouri. Their staff and volunteers are on the front lines in the battle for life. Life Network is entirely supported by the generous giving of private individuals, businesses and churches as a 501 (c) 3 public charity. All contributions made to Life Network are tax deductible. The 2017 budget is structured to raise a net income in order to protect the financial integrity of the organization and accomplish future goals.

My Life Clinic exists to provide professional, confidential pregnancy medical services, support, and education **at no cost**. My Life Clinic is the only free provider for pregnancy testing and ultrasounds in Central Missouri. My Life Clinic provides the following medical services: pregnancy testing and verification, limited obstetrical ultrasounds, medical consultations, medical and community referrals, pregnancy options education, Medicaid health insurance information, and STI screening/education. My Life Clinic provides the following areas of support: 'ready for life' parenting class, post abortion recovery group, breastfeeding education, postpartum health, community referrals, preparation for a new baby, infant safety, child development, family dynamics, delivery options, newborn care, boutique incentive program and Bible study.

In 2016 92% of clients chose an alternative to abortion; there were 251 free pregnancy tests administered, 119 free ultrasounds performed and 122 hours of mentoring/education. There were 85 emergency needs assisted, 70% of pregnancy tests were positive, 1273 total client services at no charge and an average of 39 visits per month. In the past 10 years more than 3000 free pregnancy tests given, more than 2000 free ultrasounds performed and more than 5000 hours of free parenting education offered.

My Life Clinic is constantly at work addressing community red flags such as children in single parent families, domestic abuse, access to health care, low infant birth weight, births to teens ages 15-17, childhood nutrition, child abuse and neglect and communicable diseases. The clinic can be reached through lifenetworkfriends.com or mylifeclinic.org or by calling 573-874-3561. Their address is 802 N Providence Road, Columbia 65203. If you know someone who may need their services, don't hesitate to contact them.

Won't you partner with My Life Clinic to make a difference in the cultural battle between life and death by praying, donating financially, donating diapers or volunteering? The generous help of many volunteers makes the ministry flourish. There were 633 volunteer hours given to My Life Clinic in 2016. Won't you consider how you can help to save a life today?

Thank you to all who contributed to Missouri's largest diaper shower between Mother's Day and Father's Day! Even such small gestures can make a difference between life and death. Every donor is a partner in the ministry of My Life Clinic. The fruit of the ministry of My Life Clinic is evident: unborn lives headed toward death are restored to life; women and men in unplanned pregnancies are restored to God's plan; lives devastated by abortion are restored to grace; and families in despair are restored to hope! God is blessing this incredible ministry that 'saves lives and protects futures' in Central MO. **Every unborn child is precious, treasured, and deserves the chance at life!**

"Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked." Psalm 82:4

What is God calling you to do?

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 Lutheran? ... Good question. Well, I was born into a Lutheran family, grew up in the church, and went to a Lutheran grade school. Over the years of being surrounded by the Christian faith, I have grown in my relationship with Jesus Christ and continue to grow, thanks to the Holy Spirit. I was baptized as an infant, confirmed, and participate in communion frequently. I think the Means of Grace, baptism and communion, are often underestimated. In baptism I was made a member of God's family, and I continue to receive forgiveness and salvation through Christ's body and blood in communion. When Martin Luther began the Reformation, his focus on the fact that salvation is granted by grace, through faith, was contrary to most other teachings at that time. It is such a simple phrase, but so profound. There are times when I struggle to really see God daily due to the distractions of school and friends. Then I glance at the expansive sky with all the powerful, yet beautifully delicate, clouds and remember the

basics: salvation is granted by grace, through faith, and Jesus loves me!!

I also enjoy our style of worship. While I definitely benefit from contemporary Christian music, I feel that there is a deeper reverence for God found in a traditional service. However, I think any worship style is fine as long as it is for God's glory and it is centered around the Gospel. I've always thought that the liturgy is cool because I'll be reading the Bible and come across a verse that we often use during church. I'll be honest, though, I often have a hard time focusing on it because it is easy to do from memory, but that does not take away from its meaning. Also, I think speaking the Confession and Absolution is so important, and I know I am guilty of often taking it for granted. All in all, I am Lutheran because scripture is a constant part of our worship and we stress the importance of salvation being a free gift to us. More importantly, though, I am a Christian because I believe I am a sinner that I have been granted salvation through Christ's death and resurrection and He loves us perfectly and unconditionally.

~Amanda McDowell July, 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 Dottie Gleed Norbert Hopfer	11 Christiana Bailey Jacque Eckhoff Toni Hemmer	17 Glen Frerichs Summer Kuehner
2 Braiden Raisch	12 Doug Kiehne Rachael Marler	18 Ronald Dickes Eric Hemmer
5 Sharon Reeder	13 Agnes Mrutu	19 Neil Eckhoff Collin Samuel
6 Ashley Boehmer	14 Linnea Lilja Gabe Mefrakis	20 Betty Buchheit Carolyn Holste
7 Claire Armstrong Larry Tate	15 Henry Parker Kenneth Redders	21 Darren Laupp Kimberly Rainey
8 Ella Wohlgemuth	16 Jim Harms Rachel Kiehne	22 Sadie Gustafson
9 Matthew Frerking Abe Mefrakis	17 Ayla Yung	23 Larry Kuehner
10 Kathy Frerichs Fred Luetkemeier Carissa Matlott	18 Lynn Allen Casey Fick	24 Mitzi Clayton
11 Diane Allen Archie Bourret Teresa Gooch Eric Kincanon	19 Mary Frerking Aurora Monroe Emly Stone Isaac Stone Phyllis White	25 Jay Craig Jennifer McMillen John Clay Gladys Thompson

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

Lonny & Sandy Dirks 7/1/1978	Ronald & Lori Dickes 7/15/1978
Ken & Lynn Frerking 7/2/1956	Warren & Karen Harms 7/17/1982
Christopher & Jessica Kespohl 7/4/1998	Casey & Amanda Stine 7/18/2009
Andrew & Hannah Nandor 7/5/2014	Damon & Tobi Linneman 7/19/1997
Daniel & Christina Hartman 7/6/2009	Butch & Susan Reynolds 7/20/2002
Jim & Mindy Cherrington 7/11/1987	Al & Judy Frost 7/22/1967
Lynn & Diane Allen 7/12/1975	Robyn & Mary Raisch 7/23/1977
Timothy & Ashley Jones 7/12/2014	Kevin & Diane Smith 7/24/1982
Brian & Mitzi Clayton 7/13/1996	James & Barbara Boling 7/26/1964
Brian & Carrie Whittle 7/13/1996	Ben & Arla Benskin 7/30/1961



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.


Acolytes Schedule:

We could use acolytes for the summer months. Let the Pastors know what Sundays you can cover.



Congratulations and God's Blessings to the 2017 Confirmation Class!

Pictured: (front l-r) Emmanuelle Crouch, Abigail Frerking, Emma Whittle, Sara Boehmer, Pastor Gerike.
(back l-r) Pastor Thieme, Conner Gibson, Joshua Thieme, Jackson Kespohl.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8a Worship / Comm 915a Bible Study 1030a Worship / Comm	3 9a Bible Study 6p Worship / Comm	4 6p Board of Christian Education Independence Day Church & School Offices Closed	5 9a TLCLC Chapel 6p Board of Stewardship & Finance	6 630a Men's Bible Study 9a TLCLC Chapel 1130a Sr Ministry Lunch	7	8
9 8a Worship 915a Bible Study 1030a Worship 1230p VBS Set Up	10 9a Bible Study 6p Worship Memorial Tower work (parking lot may be closed)	11 4p Reformation Music Comm 530p VBS Meal 6p VBS 7p Board of Directors Memorial Tower work (parking lot may be closed)	12 9a TLCLC Chapel 530p VBS Meal 6p VBS Memorial Tower work (parking lot may be closed)	13 630a Men's Bible Study 9a TLCLC Chapel 1130a Sr Ministry Lunch 530p VBS Meal 6p VBS 7p CLAS School Board (Trinity)	14 5p Oldenburg / Sprenger Wedding Rehearsal 530p VBS Family Fun Night & Meal	15 430p Oldenburg / Sprenger Wedding
16 8a Worship / Comm 915a Bible Study 1030a Worship / Comm 1145a Prayer & Prep for Youth Trip 12p Annual CLAS-GSLS Mtg	17 9a Bible Study 6p Worship / Comm 7p Board of Evangelism	18	19 9a TLCLC Chapel	20 630a Men's Bible Study 9a TLCLC Chapel 1130a Sr Ministry Lunch	21 11a Women's Social Connection (D' Rowes)	22 830a SR High Youth leave for North Dakota
23 8a Worship 915a Bible Study 1030a Worship	24 9a Bible Study 6p Worship	25 7p Board of Elders	26 9a TLCLC Chapel	27 630a Men's Bible Study 8a Kitchen Cleaning 9a TLCLC Chapel 1130a Sr Ministry Lunch	28	29
30 8a Worship / Comm 915a Bible Study 1030a Worship / Comm 9p SR High Youth return from North Dakota	31 9a Bible Study 6p Worship / Comm					

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"Return Service Requested"

WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES:
SUNDAY 8:00 AND 10:30 A.M.
MONDAY AT 6:00 P.M.
SUNDAY SCHOOL/BIBLE CLASS
9:15 A.M.
PHONE: 573-445-2112
FAX: 573-445-4078
EMAIL: CHURCH@TRINITY-LCMS.ORG

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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](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0849a8a62ea64-vbscommittees)

VBS Set up will be held on
Sunday, July 9th
at 12:30pm.
Lunch will be provided.



Trinity Lutheran Church – Columbia, Missouri
July through December, 2017

SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES

DATE DAY TIME COM SPECIAL

Jul 2 Sun 8:00a X
 Jul 9 Sun 8:00a
 Jul 16 Sun 8:00a X
 Jul 23 Sun 8:00a
 Jul 30 Sun 8:00a X

Aug 6 Sun 8:00a X
 Aug 13 Sun 8:00a
 Aug 20 Sun 8:00a X
 Aug 27 Sun 8:00a

Sep 3 Sun 8:00a X
 Sep 10 Sun 8:00a
 Sep 17 Sun 8:00a X
 Sep 24 Sun 8:00a STEWARD

Oct 1 Sun 8:00a X
 Oct 8 Sun 8:00a
 Oct 15 Sun 8:00a X
 Oct 22 Sun 8:00a
 Oct 29 Sun 8:00a X REFORM

*Nov 5 Sun 8:00a X ALL STS
 Nov 12 Sun 8:00a
 Nov 19 Sun 8:00a X

Nov 26 Sun 8:00a

Dec 3 Sun 8:00a X

Dec 10 Sun 8:00a

Dec 17 Sun 8:00a X

Dec 24 Sun 8:00a

Dec 31 Sun 8:00a X

* -- Daylight Saving Time Ends

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 Jul 24 Mon 6:00p
 Jul 31 Mon 6:00p X

Aug 7 Mon 6:00p X
 Aug 14 Mon 6:00p
 Aug 21 Mon 6:00p X
 Aug 28 Mon 6:00p

Sep 4 Mon 6:00p X
 Sep 11 Mon 6:00p
 Sep 18 Mon 6:00p X
 Sep 25 Mon 6:00p

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Nov 6 Mon 6:00p X ALL STS
 Nov 13 Mon 6:00p
 Nov 20 Mon 6:00p X
 Nov 23 Thur 9:00a
 Nov 27 Mon 6:00p THANKS

Dec 4 Mon 6:00p X
 Dec 6 Wed 12:00p
 Dec 6 Wed 7:00p
 Dec 11 Mon 6:00p
 Dec 13 Wed 12:00p
 Dec 13 Wed 7:00p
 Dec 18 Mon 6:00p X

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 Dec 25 Mon 9:00a
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