

# NEWS OF THE SON

Trinity Lutheran Church — Columbia, MO

## PASTORS' LETTER.....



**August, 2017**

Greetings to you, dear friends in Christ at Trinity! The Lord Jesus' blessing of His presence and peace be with you!

The psalmist affirms: *Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path* (119:105). How beneficial is it to traverse the pathway of our daily life with the light of God's Word to show us the dangers, the pitfalls, and the stumbling blocks which can veer us from our need for God's grace and mercy? How beneficial is it to be blest with the spiritual heliotherapy of God's Word in the Lord Jesus Christ to reinforce His presence with us, His gracious forgiveness of our sins, His guidance for us in our daily journey? Indeed, because of our Savior Jesus and His redeeming love for us, we are blest on the journey, and that blessing is reinforced for us through His Word!

Welcome to the journey! As students return, as schools rev up for another academic year, as a more active calendar replaces the quiet calendar of summer, the brothers and sisters in Christ at Trinity are also preparing for the upcoming fall.

On **August 20** following the 10:30 a.m. worship service (at approximately 11:45 a.m.) we will provide the orientation meeting for this year's upcoming junior confirmation classes. Youth in the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades along with at least one parent are encouraged to join us downstairs in the fellowship area for the orientation meeting. The meeting should not last more than one hour. Because it includes the sharing of a great deal of information (schedules and activities) and all that will be transpiring in this coming year, it is extremely valuable to plan on attending. You can help us out by letting the church office know ahead of time if you will not be able to be in attendance for that meeting. The classes will commence on Sunday, September 10, with the time to be determined at the August 20 meeting.

The 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, **August 27**, will include the Rally Sunday celebration with the sharing of God's Word with our Sunday School children. They will also be looking forward to some fun activities that afternoon which are being publicized in the weekly Church News.

Following the 10:30 worship service on **August 27** there will be an ice cream social for our congregational family sponsored by the Board of Evangelism. We invite you to have a little dessert as an appetizer prior to your Sunday noon meal, join in some additional fellowship with your congregational family, get to know who some of our newer brothers and sisters in Christ are in the congregation, and kick off our TLC at TLC, that is, Tender Loving Care at Trinity Lutheran Church – our fellowship opportunity with those who are attending college in Columbia and who worship with us during the academic year. The ice cream social will provide opportunity for members of our congregational family to offer future hosting occasions for our collegiate worshipers in providing them with some good "home-cooked" meals during the upcoming academic year. The ice cream social will commence at 11:45 a.m. in the church basement.

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

Your friends in Christ Jesus,

*Pastor Kenneth Gerike*

*Pastor Brian Thieme*

**August 2017**

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## VIEW FROM THE CHAIR

As you have probably read, the Trinity Board of Directors set August 13<sup>th</sup> for a special meeting of the Assembly of Voters (AOV) to elect members to fill remaining terms of office which were vacated in the past few months. In addition, a published agenda item is to possibly vote to approve an option to settle the litigation with the State of Missouri in regard to the grant program for recycled vehicle tires. I am sure many of you are asking the question, "what out-of-court-settlement option is being considered?" Well, the short answer to that question is we still don't know. However, to even discuss an issue at an AOV special meeting, that issue must be in the published announcements for the meeting date and agenda. Consequently, the out-court-settlement option is essentially an agenda "placeholder" in the event our attorneys notify us of a proposed settlement. The general feeling is, now that the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled in Trinity's favor, The State of Missouri should be willing to negotiate a settlement to remove this issue from their case load. If we are notified of

the possible settlement prior to the August 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, the issue will be discussed. If not, the issue will be postponed to the regularly scheduled AOV meeting in October.

In His Gentle Grip,

*Phil Glenn* , Chairman

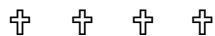
## SPECIAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The Trinity Lutheran Board of Directors voted to call a special meeting of the Assembly of Voters to be held immediately following the late service on August 13, 2017. The agenda for the meeting will be to elect a group of members to fill vacancies on various boards to include the treasurer. In addition, voters will be asked to vote on a proposed out-of-court settlement in regard to the recent US Supreme Court ruling on Trinity Lutheran versus Comer (the recycled rubber tire grant case). Only this announced order of business/agenda will be discussed and no new business will be considered. All eligible members are encouraged to attend. A potluck luncheon will not be served.



Several members of the church cleaned the Fellowship Hall kitchen on July 27. Your help in keeping the kitchen in good condition is appreciated by all church members.

Thank You!



Many thanks to everyone who donated diapers during the Lutherans For Life Mother's Day to Father's Day diaper shower! Four hundred ninety four diapers, 216 wipes and 70 training pants were delivered to Life Network last week. They were received with much gratitude and will help the center fulfill its mission of saving lives and protecting futures. Thank you!



Words cannot express our deep gratitude to you, our brothers and sisters in Christ, for the many kindnesses shown to us during our daughter's cancer treatments. The wonderful meals, the words of

support and especially the prayers have made a difficult situation bearable and bring glory to God for His provisions for us through you. May God bless each of you mightily for your loving care. Thank You!

In Christ,

*Phil & Sylvia Glenn*

## 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.



## Good Shepherd Lutheran School

Enrollment is open for the 2017-18 school year.

Go to [www.gslescolumbia.org](http://www.gslescolumbia.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.
- Substitute Teaching

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

### Volunteer Opportunities

- Religion Teacher for 3rd-5th grades. M, T, Th, & F. This is a volunteer position and could potentially be a shared position.
- More opportunities will be posted on the bulletin board when they are needed.

**Back to School night**—Monday August 14th. All new families should be here at 6pm and our returning families can come at 6:20pm. Bring your school supplies.

**Thrivent Action Teams**—Thrivent and it's members are an important part of our school. If you are a Thrivent member you have \$500 that you can use for the school. Contact the office for more information.

**"Eclipse Hunger"**—As we approach the eclipse on August 21st, you can help GSLS feed the hungry. GSLS is partnering with the churches and the Food Bank to eclipse hunger. Barrels will be available August 12-13 in the churches and school. Bring in your nonperishable food items. This is a time when many families face extra expenses for school and don't have money for food. We are working with the Board of Social Ministry to feed the families of Mid-MO.

Thank you for all of your prayers and support this school year. Please pray for continued success of the school and for our teachers and staff as we begin a new year.

†*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@gslescolumbia.org](mailto:office@gslescolumbia.org)

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



## Trinity Lutheran Child Learning Center (TLCLC)

Our summer session is winding down and our program is looking forward to a new Fall/Spring session. We are almost at 100% capacity with calls going out every day to fill the few remaining open spots.

**NEW PROGRAM:** With the success of our school age summer program, we will offer a school age program for families who need care during the school holidays. We call these our Extra Days. They include many of the days the public schools are closed but parents still must work, such as the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, days around Christmas, Spring Break, etc. Please give us a call or email if you are interested in finding our more information about this new program or signing up!

We have a "Lead Toddler Teacher" position to fill with the resignation of Mary Earnhart. We will miss her loving and gentle ways with our littlest students. Please pray the right candidate will be sent our way.



### OPEN POSITIONS

#### LEAD TODDLER TEACHER FOR 2-YEAR-OLD CLASS

Trinity Lutheran Child Learning Center is looking for a full or part-time lead teacher for our 2-year-old class in the fall of 2017. Previous teaching experience and education in early childhood is preferred. Benefits included.

Contact Annette Kiehne for a copy of the TLCLC Lead Toddler Teacher Job Description and to apply.

### PRESCHOOL SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS and AFTERNOON STAFF

**Needed:** Loving adults over the age of 18 interested in helping in our preschool ministry. Requirements include a love for children, the ability to multitask, and a desire to share Jesus' love by providing a safe and nurturing environment.

Hours for subs are dependent on the needs of the teacher. Hours for afternoon staff are variable, usually around 2:30-5:15.

Know of someone who might be interested in our job openings? Please share this information and have them give us a call!!

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](mailto:tlclc@trinity-lcms.org)

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

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was held July 11, 2017, beginning at 7:05 p.m. The following people attended: Phil Glenn (Chairman), Tammy Mangold, Pastor Gerike, JoAnn Schoenike, Fred Luetkemeier, Karen Harms, Warren Harms, Carol Eggerding, Jim Niederjohn, Karen Niederjohn, Pete Easterhaus, Alyssa Famuliner, Annette Kiehne, Doug Kiehne, Ken Greer, Pastor Thieme, Ron Barrett, Chelsea Browner, and Cynthia Green (Secretary). Pastor Gerike opened the meeting with devotion.

**Approval of Meeting Agenda:** Chairman Glenn asked that the request for a Board of Youth Credit Card, a TLCLC credit card, and a Sam's Club card for the Kitchen Manager of the TLCLC, be added to the Meeting Agenda under new business, along with the request for the withdrawal of Youth funds for the North Dakota trip, an update on Pastor Andre and the creation of a dedicated account for the Israel Trip funds. A motion was made to accept the Meeting Agenda with these changes; seconded and approved.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** The consent agenda includes: Minutes of the June 13, 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:** Working through the challenges in scheduling sessions. **Adult Information Class:** Two sets of classes currently running. Attendance at Circuit Convocation: Carrollton Circuit, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Salisbury, MO, on June 25, 2017. **Music Committee for 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation:** Reformation Hymnfest on November 5, 2017, from 3:00 until 4:15 p.m. and Area VIII, Handbell Musicians of America Workshop on November 4, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. **District Secretary Tasks:** Meeting in St. Louis, once in July and once in August and commencing preparation for tasks with the District Convention on June 10-12, 2018 in Columbia, MO. (See also Membership Changes.)

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

**DCEI:** Kali Weishaar commenced her internship on July 1, 2017, and her induction was during the worship services on July 2, and July 3, 2017. **Other Duties:** Continues visiting with members in their homes and the hospitalized; leads chapel for the Learning Center; held a Bible study at Mill Creek Villa on Thursday morning in June; conducted Vespers at Lenoir non

June 25th and officiated at the funeral of Daniel Wertzberger on June 17, 2017. **Youth:** Senior High Youth Bible Study on Sunday morning; Senior High Youth will have Pray & Prep on July 16<sup>th</sup> for those going to Minot, South Dakota; the Senior Trip will be from July 22-30. **Fourth Vice President of the Missouri District:** The district is arranging for a Reformation lecture on the MU campus in either September or October. **Christian Education:** We will be creating a page on our website with information and resources; attended and presented at the Christian Storytelling conference in Normal, Illinois.

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

For the month of June, the Regular Envelope collections are 98.55% of the anticipated monthly amount, Loose Plate collections are 75.11%, and Sunday School collections are 82.77%. The Total Monthly collections are 97.82% of the monthly anticipated amount of \$40,157. The Total Year-to-Date collections through the end of June are 96.93% of the anticipated amount of \$265,347.

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

#### BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (Karen Harms):

**Vacation Bible School:** Ran from July 11-14, 2017. **Intern:** Kali Weishaar has an office space located just outside of the youth room. **Sunday School:** Rally Sunday is scheduled for August 27, 2017, where the youth of the congregation will transition to their next grade level of Sunday School.

#### BOARD OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (Karen Niederjohn)

##### Enrollment:

Summer enrollment as of 6/9/17: Toddler: 8/8 MWF, 10/8 T/TH; Pre-School/Pre-K: 46/50 MWF, 49/50 T/Th. School Age: 66 children (K-4th)

Fall 2017/Spring 2018 Enrollment as of 5/2/17: Toddler: 14/16 MWF, 14/16 T/Th. Pre-School: 27/30 MWF, 26/30 T/Th. Pre-K: 35/35 MWF, 35/35 T/Th.

**State of Missouri:** Most of the staff has been trained by DFS; passed fire inspection on 7/15/17 and health inspection on 5/31/17.

**Facilities:** See facility details included in the report in the agenda packet.

**Personnel:** Hired Grace Thieme and added Sarah Thieme to the sub list.

#### 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. There is an open position for Morning Shepherds Kids from 7:00 a.m. till 8:00

a.m. Monday through Friday when school is in session; this could be a shared position. Volunteers are needed to teach religion for grades 3–5 grades, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:25 a.m. till 9:00 a.m.; this could be a shared position. There A financial report is included in the agenda packet.

**BOARD OF EVANGELISM (Chelsea Browner):** No report was filed.

**BOARD OF YOUTH (Alyssa Famuliner):** Undertaking the study of refraining from using personal credit cards. No report was filed.

**BOARD OF ELDERS (Doug Kiehne):** Concluded the book study regarding the frequency of communion. “Feed my Lambs” care packages containing *Portals of Prayer* were sent out the week of June 12<sup>th</sup> to 50 members who had not attended service for an extended time. Proposals have been presented by Pastor Thieme and Ron Barrett for placing a TV screen with various media connections in the library. The idea is to pilot an IT solution for meetings, presentations, trainings, and etc.

**BOARD OF SOCIAL MINISTRY (Carol Eggerding):** Plans were made for the Circle of Friend’s cookout in August. In June, the Board collected \$975.00 for Love INC. They will be collecting school supplies for the Voluntary Action Center starting in July. Tammy Mangold requested the Board work with GSLS to collect food for the Food Bank with a campaign around the Solar Eclipse, called Eclipse Hunger.

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

**BOARD OF TLC ENDOWMENT FUND (Pete Easterhaus):** Balances as of May 31, 2017 are: TLC Fund: \$16,784.01; Youth Ministry Fund: \$12,745.42; Bourret/Elliott Fund: \$32,852.21.

The full financial report for the three funds is included in the agenda packet.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES: (Ken Greer)** The failed air compressor has been replaced and the unit appears to be working properly. The Trustees are continuing to clean house in the storage areas. They would like to point out that there are a large number of items on the perimeter of the gym floor and that it is not appropriate to store items in this location. The Trustees would like to thank Karl Christopher who has joined the mowing team. Crum mechanical is still evaluating the dampers and damper control system.

#### Committee Reports

**Executive Committee:** The Committee drafted an employee application form and revised the church office secretary ministry description in preparation for hiring a new secretary. Notices for the church office secretary position were published in the *Church News* and the July edition of *News of the Son*.

**Five Hundredth Anniversary Committee:** No report was filed.

**BOARD OF THE MONTH (Board of Early Childhood Education):** Virginia Propp was not present; therefore it was

decided that the Board of Early Childhood Education will present in August, along with the Board of Trustees.

#### **MEMBERSHIP CHANGES:**

Transfer In: Carrie and Garrett Cupp  
Baptized daughter, Emily Cupp  
Baptism 9/3/17- son Warren Cupp  
Christ Lutheran Church Albuquerque, NM

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 June 30, 2017, the church income is \$303,902, which is 48% of the total budget for the year. The Learning Center income is \$339,331 which is 56% of the budget for the year. Total income is \$643,233, which is 52% of the budget for 2017.

2015: Regular Envelope: \$252,791; Loose Plate \$8,179; Tuition \$252,117

2016: Regular Envelope: \$244,990; Loose Plate \$12,429; Tuition \$314,114

Through June 2017: Regular Envelope: \$246,787; Loose Plate \$9,948; Tuition \$328,702

The Treasurer reported that in March 2017, Trinity received a check from Concordia Health Insurance paid during 2016. On April 2, 2017, this amount was credited to a liability account #219. Previously, the BOD had approved that the employee portion of this refund (25%) was to be returned to the employees, by depositing the corresponding funds into their HSA accounts. During the month of June 2017, the Treasurer distributed these funds to the employees. The employee’s portion of the refund amounted to \$1,172.25. There were six employees who had paid health insurance in 2016. Two of the employees did not have an HSA account so the Treasurer applied the employee portion on the third payroll check as a negative insurance deduction. The employer portion of \$3,516.75 was credited to Misc. Income for the Church, and for the Learning Center, in proportion to amounts each had paid for Health Insurance in 2016.

The treasurer also reported that the computer program, *Shepherd’s Staff* has the ability to maintain and report on monthly budget amounts for each line item (account number). The Treasurer set the monthly “projected” (historic) amounts for the church income accounts, regular envelopes, loose plate, and Sunday School. This will provide a little bit more precise budget to actual reports, rather than using the standard 1/12<sup>th</sup> amounts. This will allow the Treasurer’s Reports to agree with the Financial Secretary’s Reports for the budget to actual reporting.

The Treasurer pointed out an error on page 22 of his report included in the agenda packet. The first sentence of the 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph from the bottom of the page reads:

“The Learning Center expenditures for the six months total



\$339, 331.”

The Treasurer asked that it be amended to read:

“The Learning Center expenditures for the six months total \$291,066.”

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

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

**INTRODUCING AND WELCOMING THE DIRECTOR OF CHRISTAIN EDUCATION INTERN:** Intern Kali Weishaar was introduced to the members of the BOD.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

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

SCOTUS Ruling Discussion: Chairman Glenn informed the BOD that the attorney, from Alliance Defending Freedom, who represented Trinity, is currently in negotiations with the Missouri Attorney General over fees and Trinity’s options.

Status of Church Office Secretary Hiring Process: The position was advertised to our Trinity congregation. One individual applied, though they are currently not a member of Trinity.. The search will now be widened by sending out the notice for the church office secretary position to other area LCMS churches.

Discussion of Major Construction Needs: This discussion will be tabled until the next meeting in August. Chairman Glenn directed the various Board representatives to go back to their boards, if they had not already done so, and seek their opinions as to what they feel needs built, if anything.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Special AOV Meeting to approve the:

**Election of Warren Harms as Treasurer to fill Gary Kespohl’s 2017 term**

**Election of Darren Laupp to the Board of Stewardship and Finance**

**Election of a new member to the Board of Evangelism (to fill Laura Messervy’s term)**

**Election of a new member to the Board of Trustees (to fill Karl Christopher’s term)**

**Motion to authorize Ron Barrett and Warren Harms to sign checks**

**Motion to approve option as a result of the SCOTUS ruling and negotiations with the Missouri Attorney General**

A motion was made to set the Special AOV Meeting for August 13, 2017, immediately following the late service and to hold the elections stated above and to vote on the motions stated above. Motion was seconded and approved.

TLCLC Credit Card: A motion was made to authorize the Treasurer, Pro Tem to contact the bank to establish a credit card for the Director of the Learning Center, Annette Kiehne, with a limit of \$1,000 per month, for expenditures. Discussion

followed. Motion was seconded and approved.

Sam’s Club Card Membership for Kitchen Manager: A motion was made to add the Kitchen Manager for the TLCLC, to the Sam’s Club Card membership. Discussion followed. Motion was seconded and approved.

Board of Youth Credit Card: A motion was made to authorize the Treasurer, Pro Tem to contact the bank to establish a credit card for the treasurer of the Board of Youth, Melissa Kiehne, with a limit of \$4,000.00 per month, i.e. a maximum monthly balance of \$4,000.00; the credit card is also to be held in the church office. Discussion followed. The motion was seconded and approved.

Funds for Youth Trip: A motion was made to be permitted to withdraw funds for the Youth Trip to North Dakota from account #242. Motion was seconded and approved.

Israel Trip Funds: A motion was made to establish a dedicated account for the funds Pastor Thieme has received from individuals going on the Israel trip. Discussion followed. The motion was seconded and approved.

Update on Pastor Andry: Though there is nothing that is certain at this point, it appears that he will be able to come back by September and bring his family with him.

Facility Use Requests: There has been a request, per Pastor Thieme, to use one main area and five breakout areas for the Missouri District E2 conference (Encourage and Equip), on Saturday, October 14, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Motion was seconded and approved.

There was a request, per Lynne Scharlott, to use the fellowship hall and the gymnasium for a Handbell Musicians of America, Area VIII, Handbell Workshop on November 4, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. (open from 7:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.); setup will be Friday evening, November 3, 2017. Motion was seconded and approved.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Board of Directors Meeting: August 8, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

Board of the Month Sharing at the August 8, 2017 BOD Meeting: Board of Early Childhood Education and Board of Trustees

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn; motion seconded and approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m. Pastor Thieme closed the meeting with prayer.

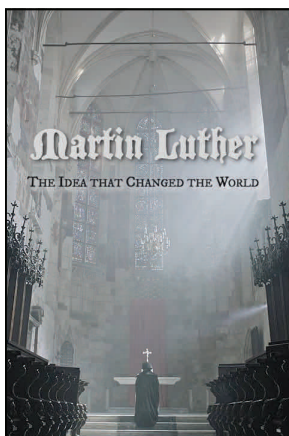
Cynthia Green, Secretary

**August Board of Directors agenda items  
are due to the church office by noon  
on Friday, August 4, 2017.**

## THE LUTHERAN HOUR

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

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



## SPECIAL SCREENING OF MARTIN LUTHER

Reminder that there will be a special screening of ***Martin Luther, The Idea That Changed the World*** at Regal Stadium 14 Theater on September 28, 2017 starting at 6:30pm. Tickets (\$11) may be purchased at the box office or online closer to the event date. All of the discount tickets have

been sold and will be distributed to those parties soon.

## COOL GIRLS LEADER(S) NEEDED

COOL Girls (Christ Over Our Lives) is a group of fun, friends, and fellowship for girls grades Kindergarten through 5th. Our purpose is to provide a group for young women that is Christ-centered and encourages: development of leadership and life skills; service to others; growing in one's faith; and exploring the gifts/talents God has given each young woman. We have so much fun! We meet on the third Tuesday of each month from August through May from 6:30 to 8pm in the Fellowship Hall of Trinity Lutheran Church.

We absolutely love being COOL Girls leaders! It's hard to believe this will be the beginning of our ninth year with COOL. We have had so much fun and made memories with so many amazing girls. But, we have always said when our youngest finished COOL it would be a natural break for us to step down. That being said, this means the 17/18 school year will be our last year as the COOL Girls leaders.

We want the COOL Girls tradition to continue! We are asking that you prayerfully consider volunteering to take over the role as COOL Girls leader next year. You are welcome to come to a meeting to see the group in action, and can contact either one of us with any questions: Jacque Eckhoff 289-0273 [jacque711@hotmail.com](mailto:jacque711@hotmail.com) or Sarah Stone 228-2130 [tsstone2@yahoo.com](mailto:tsstone2@yahoo.com).

In Christ,

*Jacque & Sarah*

## 2017 Trinity Lutheran Church Board Members

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*Vacant*

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JoAnn Schoenike

### Board of Christian Education

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Ron Dickes  
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Doug Kiehne  
Larry McCoig  
Roger Morrison

### Board of Stewardship and Finance

Conrad Brown  
Laura Grise  
Warren Harms  
Fred Luetkemeier  
Richard Mangold  
Robin Tipton

### Board of Early Childhood Education

Karen Niederjohn  
Virginia Propp  
Mark Unterreiner

### Board of Evangelism

Chelsea Browner  
*Vacant*  
Doug McDowell

### Board of Parochial Education

Pat Hansen  
Candice Kling  
Mary Raisch

### Board of Social Ministry

Carol Eggerding  
Theresa Greer  
Carol Morrison

### Board of Youth

Alyssa Famuliner  
Melissa Kiehne  
Stephanie Oetting

### Board of TLC Endowment Fund

Eldrid Easterhaus  
Beaufort Katt  
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Ken Greer  
Jim Niederjohn

***Greetings in the name of Jesus, who makes every life precious,***

Many of you may know the name of Dr. Maggie Karner as the past Director of Life and Health Ministries of the LCMS. After a long battle with glioblastoma multiforme brain cancer, she died September 25, 2015. While living she was a relentless champion of life in all its stages and conditions. She impacted many lives with her message of mercy and willingness to serve others as she served her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Her legacy of life continues even after her death as the following blog by her daughter will testify. Dr. Karner and her daughter were featured in a recent issue of the Lutherans Women's Quarterly. Read on to hear part of Dr. Karner's message through her daughter:



***Ramblings***, Monday, October 5, 2015 ([www.marykarner.blogspot.com](http://www.marykarner.blogspot.com)); **For My Mom:**

"Okay, I'll admit it: I'm an adrenaline junkie. And judging from the plethora of new TV shows like "Trauma: Life in the ER" or "Code Black," most of America is too. Except that's my life. I'm a Trauma Nurse. I eat, sleep, and breathe trauma. Every time I walk into work with a French vanilla swirl latte in my hand, life and death are waiting for me. And, up till this week, I thought I'd seen just about everything. I've performed CPR till I thought my arms would fall off to keep blood pumping through a child's body. I've administered life-saving medication to a patient having a stroke and seen the joy on his face when he regained his speech. I've had a patient fall through a ceiling onto another patient (I can't even make that up). I've held the hand of patients as they've taken their last breath, and I've hugged family members so tight I couldn't breathe. I really thought I'd seen it all.

"And then last week, my mom died. She had a glioblastoma brain tumor. I knew all about it, even cared for patients with her same diagnosis. I knew what was going to happen. But no matter how much I thought I was ready, I wasn't. Death stings. And my beautiful, 52-year-old mother's grave is freshly dug.

"But my mom's name was Dr. Maggie Karner. And she was the textbook definition of awesome. Don't take my word for it; Google her. She devoted her entire life to helping others and spreading Christ's beautiful gift of mercy for all. I'm not sure I've ever heard my mom speak more passionately than when she was talking about the word "mercy". And that's why my mom used her last days on Earth to campaign against a very dangerous use of that word. A "merciful death" some would call it, or a "right to die".

"My mom is most famous for a YouTube video that went viral entitled, "A Letter to Brittany Maynard." In the video, my mom pleaded with Brittany, who had the same diagnosis, not to commit assisted suicide. Unfortunately, Brittany eventually chose to end her life, but my mom never stopped advocating for life. In her words, "How long will it be before the right to die quickly devolves into the duty to die? What does this mean for all who are elderly, or disabled, or just wondering if they've become a burden to the family?" Even while she was receiving chemotherapy my mom spoke at the Connecticut state house to lobby against a "right to die" bill. The bill did not pass.

"Believe me, terminal illness sucks. There is no way to sugar coat that. It stole my mom from me along with so many others. But it also gave me something that I could never begin to describe: the opportunity to serve her. My family and I cared for her when she could no longer care for herself. We were her left arm when hers was paralyzed. And when that became too much, we had the distinct privilege of being able to visit her at her hospice facility during the last month of her life. She was not herself, and many times confused, but she could laugh. Even up until the day before she died. We laughed about the seagulls that she thought were drones. We laughed about how much she loved chocolate and McFlurrys. We laughed about all the stupid things I did as a kid. And, then, when she could no longer laugh, we sang to her and we prayed with her.

"My mom said it best in an Op-Ed in the *Hartford Courant*: "My brain may be cancerous, but I still have lots to contribute to society as a strong woman, wife, and mother, while my family can daily learn the value of caring for me in my last days with compassion and dignity."

"I'm here to say that she was right. No matter how hard it was and still is. She was so right. And the greatest honor of my life was to care for my mom in her last days. I hope and pray that her legacy will continue to inspire caring American voters to support those choosing to squeeze life for every drop it has to give. Support hospice and palliative care programs that give true meaning to "death with dignity." Let those fighting illness and disabilities know that they are precious, no matter what. They should never have to feel for a second that they might have a "duty to die" just because the option is available." (*Mary Karner, RAMBLINGS, Lutheran Woman's quarterly, Summer 2017*)

Every life is precious because of what Jesus Christ has done. Dr. Maggie Karner demonstrated that as she lived a life of mercy serving those less fortunate for whom Christ also died. Even in her dying, she taught her daughters and us to serve others in mercy. Whom are you serving today? Don't be deceived by "merciful death" or "right to die". Show mercy by speaking against these deceptive words and pointing to the gift of 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](http://www.word-of-hope.org).





## WHY I AM A LUTHERAN...

This may surprise everyone, since many saw me grow up in Trinity, but I really only became a true Lutheran after false teaching (in other heterodox Christian denominations) left me in utter spiritual despair. Confusion started in college when other Christians invited me to different "Christian clubs" on campus and non-Lutheran teachings started to influence me. It became worse when I started attending a nondenominational church across town. A couple years later, I also became influenced by the Charismatic movement. That is when I despaired and was absolutely convinced that if the teachings of these other denominations were true, I had no chance at "getting into heaven". By that point, to my surprise, is that I was suffering from the same problem that terrified Martin Luther's conscience before the Reformation. We both realized "as sinners," if any measure of salvation is dependent on us doing our part, it is something unattainable.

In theological terms, I was struggling with the difference between "Divine Monergism" (salvation is entirely accomplished for you by God), and the error of "Synergism" (you have to contribute works of your human free will to be saved). In comparing these conflicting ideas, I had to study the Scriptures. There, it is made clear that we fix our eyes on Jesus who is the author and perfecter of our faith as we are saved by grace through faith in Christ, and not by our works of the law. While scripture does use language that salvation is both a process and fully accomplished, it is clear that it is "the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."

I had fallen from the clear teaching of Scripture into the trap of Synergism! Jesus had been reduced into "My Partial Co-Savior." In this burdensome teaching, I hopefully could do a good enough job cooperating together with Jesus, so He and I could "get myself saved." Synergism can take many shapes among denominations. I was troubled, but never fully believed, its forms where I had to "take the first step" in salvation and then Jesus would "take the wheel" and do the remainder. However, I did fall prey to forms where it was taught it's up to me to "keep myself in the faith." These teachings took my eyes off Christ making me His child in baptism, His sufficient redemptive work, He being the author and perfecter of my faith, and His dedicated promises to never leave or forsake me. Instead, Christ

was replaced with teachings about what I needed to accomplish with my free will (focusing on my works, my self-dedication, my ability to be less of a sinner, and how sincere and pure my feelings or motivations need to be). Christ's role as my Savior "decreased" and my requirements continued to "increase" as more of "my performing" was given as the answer to my sin problem. Despair came as I looked and still saw "the Sinner" inside me. It seems the older I get, the uglier it "looks inside" as more sins pile up. Also, with many denominations teaching different (and often conflicting) necessary steps a man needs to take in accomplishing his salvation, the "to do" list I needed to accomplish was confusing and cumbersome.

Then, in my studies, I focused back on Lutheranism. It was there is no "checklist" God is waiting for me to accomplish! I heard Divine Monergism is proclaimed in Lutheranism, where Jesus is "THE Savior" who entirely accomplished your salvation, for you. He, alone, took away your sins and gives you his righteousness as a free gift to you. He even creates the faith in you that holds to His gospel promises! Your good works do not contribute to your salvation, but are necessary for the sake of your neighbor whom you are free to love having been saved. Luther summarized, "The Law says, do this and it is never done. Grace says, believe in this, and everything is already done." A major emphasis of the Lutheran Reformation was to shift the focus back to what Jesus has done for us, instead of what we need to do for God in order to merit salvation. God gets all the glory in Lutheranism.

So why am I Lutheran? It was revealed to me by Lutherans teaching scripture, that when I become entangled in the snares of different synergistic theologies, it's my sinful nature trying to manipulate God into saving me. (It's boasting to Him that there's something worthy "in me" that merits my hold to sound doctrine. Confessional Lutherans speak boldly what scripture teaches, but are wise in keeping silent when scripture doesn't give us all the answers, in order to meticulously avoid error. Through the Word and Sacraments, I am delivered by my true Savior Who takes away all my sin, Who is my salvation and righteousness, even though I don't deserve His mercies. Lutherans have the reputation of being the church for people who have been broken by other denominations. That describes me ... The stray Lutheran sheep that Jesus had to gather back into the Lutheran flock ... that is why I am Lutheran.

~John Kuehner August, on the celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

## Dear Church Family,

### Please call the church office when:

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



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# Birthdays

<b>1</b> Roger Morrison Joyce Raines Noah Wren	<b>9</b> Catherine Espinosa Tawnya Samuel	<b>19</b> Jessica Coleman
<b>2</b> Robin Tipton	<b>10</b> Nathan Francis Ashley Jones Anna Sirikwa	<b>20</b> Aaron Attebery Tobi Linneman Lou Pasley Robyn Raisch
<b>3</b> Harry Besleme	<b>11</b> John Frerking Abigail Rainey	<b>21</b> Betty Kissane Marlee Walz
<b>4</b> Lori Bresnahan Travis Provost	<b>13</b> Tim Schaumburg Corey Burton Kimberly Carpenter	<b>22</b> Carole Eilers Kevin Mott Alicia Parker
<b>5</b> Adrienne Fick Constance Istwan Pattie Smith	<b>16</b> Ralph Pickett	<b>25</b> Barbara Semmens Teresa Windsor
<b>6</b> Andrew Attebery Jim Cherrington	<b>17</b> Caroline Couper John Couper Jacqueline Hebard Lehe Hisle Eva Hopfer	<b>29</b> Kandy Kling
<b>7</b> Lexie Burgett Samantha Wren		

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.

# August Anniversaries

JP & Carissa Matlott 8/1/2000	Wayne & Connie Morrow 8/14/1981
Bill & Phyllis White 8/1/1981	Terry & Marilyn Simmons 8/15/1970
Tim & Chris Gambill 8/4/1979	Jim & Karen Niederjohn 8/17/1974
Doug & Joanna McDowell 8/5/1995	Matt & Shelly Gibson 8/18/2001
Carey & Patty Smith 8/6/1983	Larry & Diane Linneman 8/19/1978
Ryan & Kimberly Carpenter 8/7/2010	David & Brenda Sikich 8/21/1976
Kevin & Kristi Mott 8/7/1999	Herb & Jean Griggs 8/22/2015
Ray & Linda Noll 8/8/1976	Stan & Marilyn Wise 8/24/1985
Denny & Gloria Stephenson 8/9/1981	Larry & Janice Kuehner 8/28/1964
Jason & Becky Mott 8/12/1995	Roger & Carol Morrison 8/29/1970
Stephen Harris & Cynthia Green 8/14/1976	



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

## JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH -JCC Confirmation

**Schedule:** JCC Classes will resume on September 10, 2017. The JCC youth / parent Orientation with the pastors will be held on Sunday, August 20, 2017 beginning at Noon. If you are in 6th, 7th or 8th grade, please attend the Orientation.

## Acolytes Schedule:

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





**Please welcome Kali Weishaar from Seward! She will be our DCE Intern for the next year.**

## New Member

**Cody Isern**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9a TLCLC Chapel 6p Board of Christian Education	2 9a TLCLC Chapel 6p Board of Stewardship & Finance	3 7a Men's Bible Study 1130a Sr Ministry Lunch	4  <b>LAST DAY OF SUMMER SCHOOL TLCLC</b>	5
6 8a Worship / Comm 915a Bible Study 1030a Worship / Comm	7 6p Worship / Comm	8 4p Reformation Music Committee mtg 6p TLCLC Back to School Night 7p Board of Directors	9 9a TLCLC Chapel  <b>FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL TLCLC</b>	10 7a Men's Bible Study 9a TLCLC Chapel 1130a Sr Ministry Lunch 7p CLAS School Board mtg	11	12 12p Circle of Friends (Campus)
13 8a Worship 915a Bible Study 1030a Worship 12p Special Assembly of Voters mtg	14 6p Worship 6p GSLS Back to School Night	15 630p COOL Girls	16 825a GSLS Opening Chapel 9a TLCLC Chapel  <b>FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL GSLS</b>	17 7a Men's Bible Study 9a TLCLC Chapel 1130a Sr Ministry Lunch	18 11a Women's Social Connection (Flatbranch)	19
20 8a Worship / Comm 915a Bible Study 1030a Worship / Comm 12p JCC Orientation	21 9a Bible Study 6p Worship / Comm 7p Board of Evangelism	22	23 825a GSLS Chapel 9a TLCLC Chapel	24 7a Men's Bible Study 9a TLCLC Chapel 1130a Sr Ministry Lunch	25	26
27 8a Worship 915a Bible Study 1030a Worship 12p Ice Cream Social 3p Rally Sunday FLIPZ Fun Day	28 9a Bible Study 6p Worship	29 7p Board of Elders	30 825a GSLS Chapel 9a TLCLC Chapel 6p Board of Stewardship & Finance	31 7a Men's Bible Study 9a TLCLC Chapel 1130a Sr Ministry Lunch		

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MONDAY AT 6:00 P.M.  
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### **Sunday School is Cool**



**RALLY SUNDAY**  
Please join us in  
**Celebration of a New  
Sunday School Year on  
August 27, 2017.**

Join us during the church services for the Children's Sermon & Dedication of the Sunday School program. Following the sermon, children and parents will be invited forward to receive a memory booklet, a Bible or a Catechism for the 2017-18 school year.

#### **9:15am Sunday School**

All students age 3 to 8th grade meet in the Overflow Area to practice songs for the 10:30 am service.

Move up to your new grade! Meet your teacher!

#### **10:30am Worship Service**

6th-12th grade students are welcome to help greet and hand out bulletins.

Preschool - 8th grade will sing during the service.

#### **3-5pm FLIPZ Fun Day**

Sunday School Party at FLIPZ gymnastics. Snacks will be served. (900 Hillsdate Rd, Columbia)

### **JOB OPENING—CHURCH SECRETARY (APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENSION)**

The application deadline for the position of church secretary has been extended to August 1, 2017. In addition, the Executive Committee will consider any applicant who desires part-time employment. 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 or online at the church website.

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](mailto:tlcchair15@gmail.com) or Pastor Gerike.

### **WOMEN'S SOCIAL CONNECTION**

Women's Social Connection will meet on **Friday, August 18th at 11:00am** at Flatbranch.