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Trinity Lutheran Church — Columbia, MO

PASTORS' LETTER.....



September, 2017

Autumnal Greetings to you, dear brothers and sisters in Christ at Trinity. Once again our community has ratcheted up with activity following the summer months' respite. Our congregational families are also getting back into the groove of the academic year. God's blessings to you in your endeavors during the approaching fall months of this year.

It's a good time to step back and get a foundational perspective of who we are, whose we are, and what we do because of our identification. For instance, consider the psalmist's words in Psalm 116: *O LORD, I am Your servant; I am Your servant, the son of Your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds. I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD* (verses 16-17). How interestingly the psalmist puts it that that child of God acknowledges his relationship to God as the LORD's servant and then affirms that the LORD has "loosed my bonds." How can a servant be loosed of bonds? How can a servant be free and still be a servant? In the world's ears that sounds oxymoronic, but it is not so for the child of God.

When the child of God celebrates Independence Day in July, he acknowledges that he is not independent from God, free to do whatever his life is desirous of doing. Rather he is free to serve his Lord in the ways that his Lord makes available to him in his various vocations and stations in life. So each one of us can confess to the LORD, "I am Your servant... You have loosed my bonds." We are affirming that we have been freed by the blood of Christ Jesus' death on the cross who has thus loosed our bonds so that we can serve our LORD with His gifts of time, talent, treasure, and tissue which He has sanctified for our use in thanksgiving to Him. That occurs every day, every month, every year. That occurs in our homes, in our workplaces, in our congregation. That occurs in our interactions with the members of our nuclear family, our extended family, our neighbors, our spiritual family as brothers and sisters in Christ. That occurs twenty-four/seven. That occurs when we are shopping, recreating, working, and paying our bills.

The bonds which the LORD has loosed are the bonds of our sinful flesh when the Apostle Paul encourages the Christians at Rome and therefore the children of the LORD's maidservant, the Church, down through the ages: *Let not sin **reign** in your mortal bodies, to make you obey your passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been **brought from death to life**, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. For sin will have **no dominion over you**, since you are not under law but **under grace*** (6:12-14).

In essence, with loosed bonds we are freed to serve twenty-four/seven as the fiber of God's grace is woven through our life with His goodness and blessing for us and for others through us. That is why we are able to say and let our life be a way of expressing our thanksgiving to God every day. That is why our thanksgiving is also set within the corporate framework of our worship as the psalmist puts it: *I will pay my vows* (our expression of thanksgiving) *to the LORD in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem* (that is the church gathered together in worship). *Praise the LORD!* (116:18-19).

As our Church Office Secretary these past five years has entered the employment of the city of Columbia this past June, we thank the Lord for the labors of loving service which His faithful servant, Angel Arnall, has undertaken in the Church Office. She has assisted us in taking care of the regular major projects which are accomplished each week and each month during her hours when she has not been at her city occupation. Thank you, Angel, for a superb job well done on behalf of your brothers and sisters in Christ at Trinity!

We welcome Andrew Saeger to the church office as he commenced his service as our new Church Office Secretary on August 21. When you happen to be around the church's physical plant during the week, stop by and introduce yourself to Andrew. Welcome aboard, Andrew, as you serve the Lord with gladness in your new vocation!

God's abundant care and blessings to you in this beautiful month!

Pastor Kenneth J. Gierke

Pastor Brian K. Thieme

September 2017

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**WE WILL BE
CLOSED
LABOR DAY**

Church, GSLS, &
TLCLC offices will
be closed.

COLLECTIONS FOR COMMUNITY MISSIONS

Thank you for your generous donations to our Collections for Community Missions. Please continue to collect and donate the items listed below. You can place them in the labeled bins inside the Christian Resource Center (brown unit in the hallway) or just leave them nearby. Members of our auxiliary organizations will periodically process and donate the collections. If you need assistance getting the items to Trinity or if you have other suggestions for collections, please contact the church office.

Community Collection Items:

- Best Choice UPCs •
 - Tyson 1-2-3 Labels •
 - Box Tops for Education •
 - Printer ink cartridges/toners •
 - Soda & Soup Can Pop Tops •
 - Moser's Grocery Receipts •
 - Eyeglasses & Hearing Aids you no longer use
 - Coupons with no expiration date •
 - Food (nonperishable, no glass containers) •
 - Spiritual publications •
 - (Portals of Prayer, Devotions, etc.)
 - Canceled postage stamps •
- (No **Forever**, **Love**, or **Christmas** stamps)

MILITARY BOARD

On the bulletin board across from Pastor Gerike's office, you will find a place to hang photos and/or information about family and / or loved ones serving in the military. If you would like information posted for a family member / loved one, please contact the church office or deliver photo with information that you would like posted.

WOMEN'S SOCIAL CONNECTION

Women's Social Connection will meet on **Friday, September 15th at 11:00am** at location TBD.

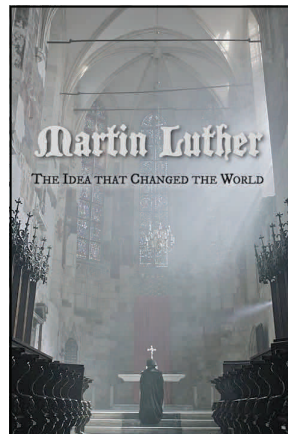
VESPER GUILD—LWML

To all the ladies of the congregation.

You are invited to join us for our monthly Bible Study and meeting starting on **Tuesday, September 19th at 6:30pm** in the Overflow Area.

We meet the third Tuesday of every month with the exception of December, June, and July.

And, if you enjoy crafting, join us for easy craft making and fun fellowship on **Wednesday, September 6th from 6:30-8pm**. We meet in the downstairs Fellowship Hall. Bring a friend or two, all are welcome regardless of crafting skills! Snacks provided! Contact Betty Buchheit at 573-823-2664 or dbuchheit305@aol.com for more information.



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.



TRUNK OR TREAT

Trunk or Treat Event is scheduled for Sunday, October 29, 3:00-5:00pm. Please consider participating with your car and trunk. Watch for more info.



Good Shepherd Lutheran School

August 16th was the beginning of the new school year. The first day went well.

Volunteer Opportunities

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

Thrivent Action Teams—Thrivent and its 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.

Chapel Offering—Chapel offering this quarter is going to the Food Bank of Central and Northeast 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 another 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@gslscolumbia.org

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

OPEN POSITIONS FOR TLCLC

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!!



Trinity Lutheran Child Learning Center (TLCLC)

Our Fall/Spring session began on August 9 with many familiar faces and some new ones. The halls were quieter this year as our teachers lovingly eased our little ones into the transition from being at home to being at school. I hear many compliments every day about our teachers, program, and playground. We are truly blessed.

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 out 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.

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



Signs along the sidewalk announcing the classroom rosters for Sneak Peek: Meet Your Teacher Night.

August 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 7:00 p.m. The following people attended: Phil Glenn (Chairman), Tammy Mangold, JoAnn Schoenike, Fred Luetkemeier, Jim Niederjohn, Karen Niederjohn, Annette Kiehne, Doug Kiehne, Ken Greer, Pastor Thieme, Ron Barrett, Theresa Greer, Kali Weishaar, Stephanie Oetting, Mary Frerking, Beaufort Katt, and Cynthia Green (Secretary). Pastor Thieme opened the meeting with devotion.

Approval of Meeting Agenda: Chairman Glenn asked that a facility use request from JoAnn Schoenike be added to the meeting agenda. A motion was made to accept the Meeting Agenda with this change; seconded and approved.

Approval of Consent Agenda: The consent agenda includes: Minutes of the July 11, 2017 BOD Meeting, Senior Pastor's Report (except Membership Changes), Associate Pastor's Report, Financial Secretary's Report, Board and Committee Reports. A motion was made to accept the consent agenda; seconded and approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda minutes and reports are filed in the congregation secretary's notebook. The highlights from the reports are summarized here. The name of the board/committee representative(s) present at the BOD meeting is listed.

SENIOR PASTOR'S REPORT – Pastor Gerike (not present)

Midweek Bible Study (North Overflow Area): Luther's Use of the Scriptures in the Catechisms. **Sunday Morning Bible Study** (Basement -West): Galatians. **Junior Confirmation Orientation:** Sunday August 20, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. **Adult Information Class:** Two sets of classes currently running. **Music Committee for 500th 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, one in August thus far 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: Working and meeting with the intern. **Other Duties:** Continues visiting with members as their needs arise; leads chapel for the Learning Center; will start chapel and religion classes with GSLS; attended the Missouri District meetings in St. Louis on August 3rd and 4th; will do one of the chapel services at Calvary Lutheran High School in August; and did the opening and closing with VBS and taught lessons on one day.

DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION INTERN REPORT– Kali Weishaar

Christian Education: Observed the Summer S.S. program, Summer Camp Chapel, Sunday Senior Youth lesson, and Pastor Gerike's Sunday adult education class; assisted with VBS music, openings and closings; and will start leading the Senior High youth lesson on August 6, 2017. **Youth:** Attended

Senior Youth movie night; worked with the youth servant event in Minot, S.D.; and is in the process of contacting youth and making home visits. **Administration:** Researching and assessing current Sunday School curriculum; typing up job descriptions for Sunday School teachers.

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

For the month of July, the Regular Envelope collections are 125.65% of the anticipated monthly amount, Loose Plate collections are 153.87%, and Sunday School collections are 148.00%. The Total Monthly collections are 126.78% of the monthly anticipated amount of \$41,227. The Total Year-to-Date collections through the end of July are 100.95% of the anticipated amount of \$306,574.

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

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (Mary Frerking):

Vacation Bible School: Ran from July 11-14, 2017 with a light supper served each night; Pastors Thieme, Gerike, and Whittle taught lessons on the three nights and the week concluded with a Family Fun Night. **Sunday School:** The Board is in the process of finalizing teachers for the 2017-2018 Sunday School year and are looking for committed volunteers to either teach each week or serve as a substitute; Rally Sunday is scheduled for August 27, 2017, where the youth of the congregation will move up to their next year of Sunday School and meet their new teachers; the children will also sing at the 10:30 a.m. service.

BOARD OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (Karen Niederjohn)

State of Missouri: TLCLC passed a surprise visit from Licensing.

Facilities: The door to the corner toddler classroom has been removed and the new one is expected soon. Work orders have been written for the urinal in the boy's bathroom, the gym roof leak, and for repair work to the kitchen cabinet door.

Personnel: Advertised Toddler Teacher, Afternoon Staff and sub openings in the Trinity Newsletter, Church News, Campus Lutheran Newsletter, Alive in Christ Newsletter, TLCLT parent e-mails and through the MU Occupational Therapy Department.

In their report, the TLCLC requested that they be permitted to purchase from Worthington Direct or School outfitters, 60" library bookcases, for a total of approximately \$1,000.00 using \$414.00 from the pancake breakfast funds and \$600.00 from Account #257.1; and the purchase of 4 premier cots to make a complete set for one classroom, for a total of \$175.00 plus shipping, using the funds from Account #751.

A motion was made to approve the purchase of the above listed items, as set forth in their report included in the Agenda packet, as well as any shipping costs; motion was seconded and approved.

The full Board of Directors Report for the TLCLC is included in

the agenda packet.

BOARD OF PAROCHIAL EDUCATION (Tammy Mangold, Administrator)

Enrollment: It is still going on and you can call the school office at 573-445-5878 for information or a tour. **Volunteer Positions**

Available: 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. and this could be a shared position; Classroom and Recess helpers are needed; Lunch room helpers are needed on Wednesdays, Thursdays or Fridays.

Eclipse 2017: An entire day is planned to incorporate the eclipse into the curriculum for that day and the days surrounding it; The School is partnering with the Board of Social Ministry to “Eclipse Hunger”, with food collection barrels located at the church through August 23rd. **Upcoming Events:** Back to school night is August 14th and August 16th is the first day of school. A financial report is included in the agenda packet.

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

BOARD OF YOUTH (Stephanie Oetting): No report was filed.

BOARD OF ELDERS (Doug Kiehne): Reviewed the first 3 chapters of the book *The Blessings of Weekly Communion*. The next “Feed my Lambs” care packages containing *Portals of Prayer* will be sent out mid-September. They also discussed holding information meetings about the alter guild to help recruit additional members.

BOARD OF SOCIAL MINISTRY (Theresa Greer): The cookout for the Circle of Friend’s will be at Fairview Park on August 12th from noon until 4:00 p.m. The Board has started collecting school supplies for the Voluntary Action Center and they collected Eighty pounds of food for the Food Bank.

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE (Fred Luetkemeier): A letter with a sample promise form and a letter from the pastors about stewardship emphasis will be mailed to each member family. On Stewardship Sunday, the last Sunday in September, the members will fill out the promise forms passed out and put them in the box at the front of the church. Member testimonials or sharing moments will be at the end of services on September 10th and the 17th.

BOARD OF TLC ENDOWMENT FUND (Beaufort Katt): Balances as of June 30, 2017 are: TLC Fund: \$16,835.25; Youth Ministry Fund: \$12,784.00; Bourret/Elliott Fund: \$32,929.18.

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

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

Committee Reports

Executive Committee: Members of the Committee, with consultation from the pastors, conducted an interview with a prospective candidate for the church secretary position. Notices for the position had been published in the *Church News* and the August edition of the *News of the Son*; notices were also sent

out to local and area Lutheran Churches. The closing date for applications was August 1, 2017.

Five Hundredth Anniversary Committee: No report was filed.

Kitchen Committee: The Committee would like for the BOD’s and ultimately the AOV’s to consider as a major construction project a new kitchen and improvements/expansion of our fellowship hall. Reasons given for the request included the fact that there have been no structural improvements to the kitchen since 1962; the floor space is small and poorly designed to efficiently prepare and serve food; there are not enough cabinets to store items needed by the various boards/groups; and there are multiple plumbing issues.

BOARD OF THE MONTH (Board of Early Childhood Education and Board of Trustees):

Board of Early Childhood: Karen Niederjohn reported that the Board of Early Childhood Education is responsible for the early childhood educational ministry for weekday early childhood education. Following are some of the highlights of her report: The Learning Center holds “Jesus Time” and Chapel Services, in addition to a Christmas Program and a Graduation Service. The Learning Center Board participates in congregational events such as the Advent Lenten Suppers and Trunk or Treat. The Learning Center worked with Good Shepherd Lutheran School on the March Pancake Breakfast. It also participated in collecting food for the Food Bank, singing to residents at a local nursing home, and working with Eagle Scouts to fulfill their program requirements. There is a website for the Learning Center and their teachers maintain individual class Facebook pages. The full report is included in the agenda packet.

Board of Trustees: Ken Greer reported that the trustees “do a little bit of everything”. It was pointed out that we have an aging building and there are many items that need their attention. Some of the projects they are either currently working on or have recently worked on are the bathrooms upstairs, the gym, plumbing issues, caulking, wall repair and changing out light bulbs.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES:

Transfer In: Mr. Cody Isern
St. John Lutheran Church
Ellinwood, KS

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

TREASURER’S REPORT –Ron Barrett, Treasurer Pro Tem
For the months ended July 31, 2017, the church income is \$364,122.26, which is 58.10% of the total budget for the year. The Learning Center income is \$386,115.51 which is 64.17% of the budget for the year. Total income is \$750,237.77, which is 61.07% 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 July 2017: Regular Envelope: \$296,489.75; Loose Plate \$12,424.48; Tuition \$375,266.44

The Treasurer reported that during July 2017, he renamed designated account #269 from "Prin Only Bldg Ln" to "Construction Fund". This was pursuant to a discussion at the May Assembly of Voter's Meeting and a motion that was made to set aside funds in an account designated for capital projects and construction projects. These funds are not to be used for church maintenance projects.

He further reported that he renamed account #827 from "Bldg Prin Pmt Veri" to "Verizon Cell Tower". This account will be used to collect the lease payments from the cell tower and then subsequently moved to the "Construction Fund" account, as also discussed at the Assembly of Voter's Meeting in May.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

CLAS Facility Lease Update: There is no update at this time. Chairman Glenn did report that Larry Kuehner and Larry Samuel have been appointed to pursue the CLAS Facility Lease.

SCOTUS Ruling Discussion: Chairman Glenn informed the BOD that there was no further update at this time and that the attorney, from Alliance Defending Freedom, who represented Trinity, is still in negotiations with the Missouri Attorney General over fees and Trinity's options.

Status of Church Office Secretary Hiring Process: Chairman Glenn reported that there was a signed offer as of August 7, 2017. The new secretary will begin their duties on August 21, 2017.

Discussion of Major Construction Needs: Chairman Glenn asked each representative from the various boards, what, if anything, their board members felt should be built as a major construction project. Some of the ideas that were reported included a kitchen renovation, narthex expansion, improved access to the fellowship hall, larger parking lot, and sidewalk, curb and parking lot repairs.

There was a motion to appoint a committee, of a minimum of three people, as a master planning committee, to investigate the next step in a major building project and/or renovation project. It was suggested that they gather input from all members of the congregation. Chairman Glenn will draw up the appointment letter, including directions to the planning committee. The motion was seconded and approved.

Nominating Committee Report for August 13, 2017 Special Assembly of Voter's Meeting:

Election of Warren Harms as Treasurer to fill Gary Kespol's 2017 term

Election of Darren Laupp to the Board of Stewardship and Finance (two years)

Election of Robert Hall 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) There is no nominee for this vacancy at this point in time.

There was a motion to recommend the above nominees for Treasurer, Board of Stewardship and Finance, Board of Evangelism and Board of Trustees, to the Assembly of Voters at the Special Assembly of Voter's meeting on August 13, 2017. The motion was seconded and approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Replacement of Exterior Education Wing Doors per Trustees:

There was a motion to approve a contract with Koonse Glass, bid price \$3,950.00, to install two new aluminum exterior doors to the Education Wing, which includes the removal of the old doors, using the funds from Account # 547, church maintenance, non-routine. The motion was seconded and approved.

Replacement of Thermostats for Trinity: There was a motion to authorize the Trustees to spend up to \$2,000.00 to replace thermostats for the church using funds from account #547, church maintenance non-routine. The motion was seconded and approved.

Facility Use Requests: There has been a request, per JoAnn Schoenike, to use the fellowship hall and kitchen for a wedding shower for her niece, on September 2, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Motion was seconded and approved.

Renovation of Classroom Bathrooms for the TLCLC: There was a motion to use funds from Account #256, TLCLC Fund, in the amount of \$1,181.00, for the purpose of renovating the classroom bathrooms in the Learning Center, the renovation to include bathroom waterproof wainscoting in all classroom bathrooms and the updating of lighting, faucets, and fixtures. The motion was seconded and approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board of Directors Meeting: September 12, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

Budget Cycle for 2018 will begin in September.

Board of the Month Sharing at the September 12, 2017 BOD Meeting: Board of Youth and Intern.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn; motion seconded and approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m. Pastor Thieme closed the meeting with prayer.

Cynthia Green, Secretary

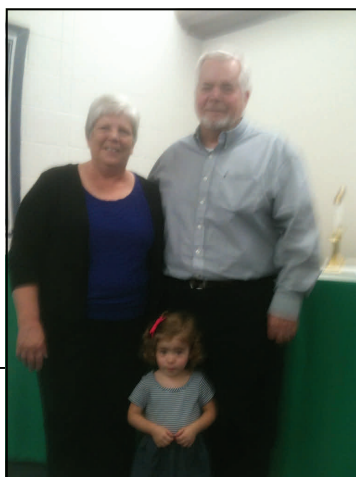
**September Board of Directors agenda items
are due to the church office by noon
on Friday, September 8, 2017.**

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

New Members



**Dan & Donna Watts
and Mackenzie**

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 or Sarah Stone 228-2130 tsstone2@yahoo.com.

In Christ,

Jacque & Sarah

2017 Trinity Lutheran Church Board Members

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Eldrid Easterhaus
Beaufort Katt
Don Malson

Board of Trustees

Vacant
Ken Greer
Jim Niederjohn

Greetings in the name of Jesus, who calls us to gather for refreshment and encouragement,

As you plan your Fall schedule, there's one more important thing for you to consider. Lutherans For Life is holding four regional conferences this year in lieu of one national conference. These conferences are one day only so less expensive or time-consuming, but filled with inspiring information about the cultural war which rages across our country. Pick one or attend all the conferences. They are held on different days with different speakers, but all are under the theme HOPE FOR LIFE based on 1 Peter 3:15: *"But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect..."*



The first 2017 Lutherans For Life Regional Conference will be held in Ft. Wayne, Indiana at the Concordia Seminary on September 16th. These are the speakers and their topics scheduled for this conference:

- Rev. Michael Salemink – **"Standing Out in the Field"** – How to be a life-minded congregation and community
- Rev. Scott Licht – **"Hope Amidst the Lies"** – A Christian Perspective on Physician-Assisted Suicide"
- Dr. Christina Francis – **"Yes, Abortion Pill Reversal Will Work"**
- Rev. Dr. Matthew Rueger – **"We've Been This Way Before"** – Christians often feel thrust into a hopeless battle previous generations didn't have to fight, especially in the culture wars raging over sexual ethics and life issues."
- Rev. Dr. Peter J. Scaer – **"The Loss of Life and Liberty in the Pursuit of Happiness"**

The second Regional Conference will be held in New Braunfels, Texas at Cross Lutheran Church on October 7th. Perhaps you have relatives or other acquaintances who live in that area who might want to attend. Here are the speakers and their topics:

- Rev. Michael Salemink – **"Standing Out in the Field"** – How to be a life-minded congregation and community
- Laura Davis – **"Defusing the Tension: Revealing the Heart of the Abortion Debate"**
- Dr. Barbara Geistfeld – **"Life...a Gift from God"** on the developing human being
- Dr. Sheila Page – **"Pain Perception in the Developing Human"**
- Rev. Dr. Laurence White on **life issues and the church**

The third Regional Conference will be held in Lincoln, Nebraska at Redeemer Lutheran Church on October 21st. Following are the scheduled speakers:

- Rev. Michael Salemink – **"Standing Out in the Field"** – How to be a life-minded congregation and community
- Laura Davis – **"Defusing the Tension: Revealing the Heart of the Abortion Debate"**
- David Zach of Remedy Drive, with a **pre-conference concert** at Concordia U. Seward, and **speaking on human trafficking**
- Brian Young on **Creation**
- Greg Baker – **"Christian Witness in the Public Square"**

The final Regional Conference for 2017 will be held in Pekin, Illinois at St. John's Lutheran Church on November 11th. Speakers include the following:

- Rev. Michael Salemink – **"Standing Out in the Field"** – How to be a life-minded congregation and community
- Dr. Sheila Page - **"Pain Perception in the Developing Human"**
- Kim Laube on **embryo adoption**
- Brian Young on **Creation**
- Sherry Sherwood – **"Pregnancy Centers vs Illinois Law Requiring Abortion Information"; the value of pregnancy centers**

For additional information, including registration, schedules, hotels, and more, go to www.lutheransforlife.org/conference. If you have questions, you may email Virginia Flo at vflo@lutheransforlife.org.

Lutherans For Life conferences are great places to meet new friends and build relationships with FOR-LIFE minded folks from around the United States and Canada....almost like a family reunion. LFL conferences are always spiritually uplifting and encouraging as knowledgeable and engaging speakers address a variety of life issues. The speakers focus directly on God's Word and how it applies to the life issues as demonstrated in the conference theme, **Hope For Life**. You will learn about life in ways in which you may not have thought before. In addition there are exhibitors at each conference who will share useful resources, products, ministries and organizations.

Lutheran For Life conferences offer wonderful opportunities to meet local, state and national LFL leaders, the LFL national office team and FOR ALL OF THEM TO MEET YOU! Won't you consider attending one or all of the conferences this Fall and be FOR Life?

In Christ,

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.



WHY I AM A LUTHERAN...

I am Lutheran because I found the “sweet, bye and bye.” It is not the final one that the hymn refers to ... it is a sweet place to bide with others of like mind, to celebrate Christian life, love, and fellowship with the Triune God.

The son of a friend, upon viewing a breathtaking sunrise said, “Mom, God has better crayons than we do!” As adults do we ever consider that? My congregation at Trinity Lutheran Church in Columbia, Missouri is a wonderful example of God’s handiwork. I feel an affinity and a blessedness with these folks that is as comforting as a family reunion. I feel that the pastors and leadership of the church are working for the ultimate good of the members, the community, the school and learning center, Lutheran missions and projects. The congregation is like a tapestry of personalities and talents melded together in colorful

aspect to achieve an ultimate good. God does have the best crayons. He created us for a higher purpose. Not everyone is privileged to be part of a congregation based on faith along where God’s love is expressed in so many ways. It is not works that save us. It is faith. But when the upwelling of faith and purpose generate goodness that spreads to others, who are we to cavil?

~Alicia Parker September, 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

September

1
Scott Sendelweck
Hannah Tipton
Steve Tubbesing
3
Braden Hemmer
4
Kevin Burns
7
Glen Beltz
Kristi Mott
8
Marian Kueck-Pierson
Sue Nack
9
Emmit Earnhart
10
Nathaniel Carpenter
Virginia Propp
11
Angel Arnall
Keith Davis
Matt Dyer

12
Will Cherrington
Cydney King
Doris Lyons
13
Erika Akers
14
Christopher Baker
Mary Lu Brown
Conner Neal
Norbert Pierson
Loanna Thompson
15
Sherrie Attebery
16
Rachel Firestone
Patsy Frisch
Michael Walz
17
Stephanie Oetting
Jerry Riggert
18
Lou Eggerding
Wade Firestone
Sarah Stone

19
Misty Grant
20
Anne Farrow
Zach Mefrakis
21
Roger Brown
Erica Milbach
Lydia Pickett
23
Dana Meyer
25
Joshua McDowell
Michelle Miller
Karen Provost
Samantha Schneider
28
Randall Simmons
Lisa Thompson
29
Ken Greer
Larry Linneman

Anniversaries

Ron & Carole Eilers 9/1/1973	Nathan & Jacque Eckhoff 9/18/1999
Forrest & Meghan Graves 9/6/2014	Ryan & Stacy Cates 9/20/2003
Kenneth & Mary Redders 9/6/1974	Fred & Doris Pistel 9/22/1962
Stephen & Denise Tackitt 9/8/1995	Henry & Kimberly Rainey 9/22/2012
Mark & Michelle Gastler 9/9/1989	Dan & Betty Buchheit 9/23/1978
Timothy & Candice Kling 9/14/2002	Roger & Mary Lu Brown 9/24/1988
Jay & Sharon Craig 9/18/1992	Travis & Jennifer McMillen 9/25/2004

The information for Anniversaries & Birthdays is obtained from our Shepherd Staff database. If your information is incorrect or omitted, please contact the church office so this information can be updated in the computer. We need your help to keep our records up to date.



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

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH

JCC Confirmation Schedule: JCC Classes will resume on September 10, 2017 at 6pm. If you were unable to attend the JCC Orientation meeting, please see Pastor Gerike for a copy of the meeting dates and other important information.

September meetings will be:

- 9-10 6pm
- 9-17 6pm
- 9-24 6pm

ACOLYTES SCHEDULE:

Acolyte schedule for September is JCC III. Please see Pastor Gerike to sign up for Sundays.

JCC ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

Adopt-a-Highway cleanup will be Saturday, September 30. Please meet at 9am by the bells. Wear work clothes (and closed-toe shoes) and bring work gloves if you have them.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

Senior High Fun Night

Sunday, September 17 at 6pm in the Youth Room

We will be using the space in the youth room and gym. Come for a time of Christ-centered fellowship, fun and devotion. We will be talking about some things that we want to do this coming year, so don't miss out!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 8a Worship / Comm 915a Bible Study 1030a Worship / Comm	4 6p Worship / Comm LABOR DAY: OFFICES CLOSED	5 6p Board of Christian Education	6 825a GSLS Chapel 9a TLCLC Chapel 6p Board of Stewardship & Finance 630p Crafting Fellowship	7 7a Men's Bible Study 9a TLCLC Chapel 1130a Sr Ministry Lunch	8	9
10 8a Worship 915a Bible Study 1030a Worship 5p Handbell Mtg 6p JCC	11 6p Worship	12 545p GSLS PTL 7p Board of Directors	13 825a GSLS Chapel 9a TLCLC Chapel	14 7a Men's Bible Study 9a TLCLC Chapel 1130a Sr Ministry Lunch	15 130p Women's Social Connection (TBD)	16 6p SR High Youth Fun Night
17 8a Worship / Comm 915a Bible Study 1030a Worship / Comm 5p Handbell Practice 6p JCC 6p SR High Youth Fun Night	18 9a Bible Study 6p Worship / Comm 7p Board of Evangelism	19 630p COOL Girls 630p Vesper Guild mtg	20 825a GSLS Chapel 9a TLCLC Chapel	21 7a Men's Bible Study 9a TLCLC Chapel 1130a Sr Ministry Lunch 7p CLAS School Board Mtg	22 6p GSLS Movie Night	23
24 8a Worship 915a Bible Study 1030a Worship 6p JCC	25 9a Bible Study 6p Worship	26 7p Board of Elders 7p Luther Lectures (MU Campus)	27 825a GSLS Chapel 9a TLCLC Chapel	28 7a Men's Bible Study 9a TLCLC Chapel 1130a Sr Ministry Lunch 630p Luther Movie (Regal Hollywood Theatre)	29	30 9a JCC Adopt-a-Highway

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SUNDAY SCHOOL/BIBLE CLASS
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CELEBRATING THE REFORMATION: A Hymn Festival with Dr. John Behnke as guest organist / festival director

November 5, 2017 3:00pm
Trinity Lutheran Church, Columbia, Mo.

Mass Choir—Singers Needed

We are soliciting members from Mid-Missouri Lutheran churches to form a mass choir celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. This festival will take place at 3:00pm on Sunday, November 5, 2017. It will last approximately 75 minutes and will be followed by a dessert reception. Music will be provided and sent to you individually that you can practice beforehand. A mass rehearsal will be held from 1:30 to 2:30pm on the 5th. If you would like to join us, please call or e-mail Ken Greer at (573) 234-1448 / winemanken@aol.com or Carolyn Holste at (573) 234-1325 / carolynholste@yahoo.com by September 15. We look forward to hearing from you.

REFORMATION 500 1517-2017: Special Lectures

Rev. Dr. Gerhard Bode & Rev. Dr. William Marler will be presenting lectures on the Reformation and the 500th Anniversary on

Tuesday, September 26 at 7p
MU Ellis Library

These lectures are hosted by Lutheran Student Fellowship and the LCMS Missouri District.

MO DISTRICT FALL JUNIOR HIGH RETREAT

A multi-session Bible study, games, fellowship, talent show, and worship at Camp Windemere near Roach, Mo. The retreat will be October 20-22, with the group embarking from Trinity at around 4pm on the 20th. There is a \$120 registration fee, including a \$50 deposit due by October 1.



*"as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us."
~ Psalm 103:12*