

NEWS OF THE SON

Trinity Lutheran Church — Columbia, MO



*From the
Pastors*

November, 2017



Dear Friends in Christ at Trinity Lutheran, Columbia,

Throughout the history of the church on earth the Lord had provided people to get the message of salvation clear and straight amid all the veering temptations to slide away from His plan of salvation centered in the person and ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ. In the early sixteenth century in Germany Martin Luther was one of those instruments of the Lord to get the church back in line with that God-given and crystal clear plan of salvation.

The church had fallen into the trap of believing that God's blessings were deserved because of what one could do to warrant His favor. Luther pointed out that there is nothing a person can do to gain God's favor. It is all God's doing by GRACE alone through FAITH alone focused solely on the LORD JESUS CHRIST as revealed in HOLY SCRIPTURE as God's Word.

GRACE is God's undeserved love which He expresses for all humanity by the saving work which the Lord Jesus accomplished in His death on Calvary's cross and victorious resurrection from the Garden Tomb. We don't deserve it because our sins hinder us from ever doing anything to make us worthy of God's favor.

We receive His saving work through FAITH which is the God-given gift of trusting that what Jesus did to accomplish our salvation He did for us. Faith states: "Jesus, what You did when You died on the cross and rose from the dead, You did for me!"

We receive that undeserved love and that gift of saving faith through SCRIPTURE – God's Holy Word – which enables us to keep the focus of our salvation solely and squarely on Jesus. That which other people write about Jesus must always be viewed against the backdrop of Scripture to make sure it is in sync with God's Word and its most valuable message regarding the person and ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ for the salvation of mankind.

There is no other Savior. There is no other way to salvation than through the death and the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus said, *I am the Way and the Truth and the Life; no one comes to the Father except through Me* (John 14:6).

That is why as we celebrate the five hundredth anniversary of God's gift to the church in the service of Martin Luther with the Reformation we continue to affirm: "It is STILL all about Jesus!"

Luther had said, "Song is prayer doubled." He realized that music was a way to convey God's Word which could strike the chords of a person's heart. Hymnody puts the message of God's Word to music for people to latch hold of, rejoice in, and sing.

That is what we look forward to doing with the Hymn Festival on Sunday afternoon, November 5, beginning at 3:00. Come join us for the Lutherfest German/American meal at noon in the fellowship hall sponsored by the Board of Social Ministry, stay for the Hymn Festival in the sanctuary as we raise our hearts and voices in praise to the Lord, and enjoy the Reception afterwards in the fellowship hall.

Your friends in Christ,

Pastor Kenneth Gerike

Pastor Brian Thieme

**November
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**Knowing Christ's Love
Seeking His Will
Spreading His Word**

LLL FELLOWSHIP CLUB

Please come join the LLL for their next Bible Study on Sunday, November 12 at 6pm in the fellowship hall. In this Bible Study entitled "A Man Named Martin Part 2: the Moment—Session 3" participants can learn about the Lutheran view of religious issues in contrast with the views held by Roman Catholics and other Protestant denominations.



COME FOR A FESTIVE DAY AT TRINITY



November 5th commemorates All Saints' Day in our morning worship services. At noon we invite you to join us for a festive meal of German and American food as we celebrate Lutherfest in the fellowship area.

Then at 3:00pm in the sanctuary, it's the Reformation Hymnfest celebrating the hymnody of Martin Luther. In addition to congregational singing, the festival will include a mass choir comprised of members from our area Missouri Synod Lutheran congregations, brass, and handbells. Dr. John Behnke from Milwaukee, Wisconsin will serve as our organist for the festival. The fellowship area downstairs will be the site for the Post-Hymnfest Reception.

November 5—All Saints' Day, Lutherfest, and Hymnfest—a day to remember, to celebrate, and to share God's gifts of his gracious blessings with one another in worship, in fellowship, and in singing!



"No, it's not a mistake, all bad cats go to Doggie Heaven."

WARM UP COLUMBIA

The Board of Social Ministry is again in collecting hats, coats, gloves, blankets, scarves, and socks for the Voluntary Action Center's (VAC) Warm Up Columbia drive. Collection containers will be in the hallway. The 13th annual drive is coordinated by VAC and churches in our community. These warm items are collected and given to low-income, elderly, homeless, and disabled individuals and families. For more info on VAC, visit their website: www.vacmo.org



SENIOR MINISTRY WEEKLY LUNCH

Every Thursday Trinity seniors gather at Denny's restaurant north of the Columbia Mall on Stadium Blvd. A private room is reserved for our group. We meet at 11:30 a.m. We hope you will come whenever your schedule allows. Each week is different as is the number who attend. It's a fun time and a great way to get to know each other. Hope to see you there!

"For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow.

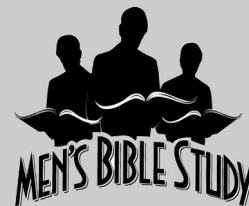
But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up!"

~Ecc. 4:10



"DEATH – THEN WHAT?"

The Men's Thursday morning bible study will begin a new study November 2, 2017 entitled *Death – Then What?* This Lutheran Hour Ministries bible study is an award-winning four-part video series. That we all die is pretty much agreed upon; it's what takes place two seconds later that makes us wonder. Explore this lively and completely relevant topic with us in *Death ... Then What?* The Men's Thursday Morning Bible Study meets at 6:30 AM at The Terrace Retirement Community, 1408 Business Loop 70 West, in the cinema room on the second floor. Following the one-hour study period, we share an optional breakfast and fellowship time in the lovely Terrace dining facility. You are warmly encouraged to join the group and bring along a friend!



Items for the monthly *News of the Son* are due to the church office by noon on the 25th of the month (or the previous Friday if the 25th falls on a weekend).

Announcements for the weekly *Church News* are due to the church office by noon each Thursday. Announcements of 50-75 words are preferred.

Craft Fair

**November 11-13 and
November 19-20**

**LOOKING FOR UNIQUE GIFT
ITEMS? VISIT THE ANNUAL
CRAFT FAIR ON SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 11TH, OPEN FROM
8:00AM TO 2:00PM.**

Here you can select from a variety of choices including jewelry, ornaments and hand-sewn items. Baked goods will also be available.

And you can order honey from the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch and receive it before the holidays! 100% of honey sales go to the Ranch.

The Craft Fair will also be open after each church service on Sunday November 12th & 19th and Monday November 13th & 20th.

If you're interested in contributing hand-made items to the Fair, sign up on the LWML bulletin board or call Betty Buchheit (573) 823-2664 or Dianne Mirtz (573) 823-7448. Please include your name and suggested price with your work. Unsold items will be returned to the maker. Talk with Betty or Dianne to drop



All profits from the Craft Fair go to support the local mission projects sponsored by Trinity's LWML Vesper Guild.

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING PASTOR GERIKE'S TIME PLAN FOR RETIREMENT

The following information had been shared by Pastor Gerike verbally with the Board of Elders on August 29, 2017, the Chairman of the Congregation, Phil Glenn, on September 3, 2017, and the Assembly of Voters on October 15, 2017. It is now provided via the Newsletter in its written format.

Members of Trinity Lutheran Church of Columbia, Missouri,

Permit me to share with you the timeline and its rationale for my approaching retirement.

This timeline is, as is the case in all things, operating under the good and gracious will of God. Hence, I say, *Deo volente*, that is, "God willing."

In February, 2014 when I turned sixty-five I dutifully applied for Medicare, Part A, insurance, the only portion of Medicare I would be eligible to receive since I remain employed at Trinity. During the course of my conversation with the Social Security attendant, I was informed that I would have the option to commence drawing upon my own Social Security, or receive for a period of four years my deceased wife, Darlene's, Social Security benefit. Not desiring to touch my Social Security, I opted to begin drawing upon Darlene's Social Security in March, 2015.

That will cease in February, 2019 when I turn seventy.

In August, 2019 when I reach seventy-and-one-half years of age, I will be required to commence drawing upon my Social Security. Hence, my time plan date for retirement is August 24, 2019.

In thinking about when to announce the date of my retirement, I have considered providing the congregation plenty of time to explore and decide how she wants to proceed in the areas of full time professional church work. It is my belief that these next twenty-one months would be sufficient time for the congregation to move in the direction under the Lord's guidance for future professional ministry at Trinity. I firmly believe that it is totally inappropriate for me to be involved in such planning.

What am I going to do in retirement and where will I reside? The short-range plan is that I would remain in Columbia for at least two years following my retirement. Missouri District responsibilities in which I currently participate have a maximum timeframe of being completed in July, 2021. During those two years (2019-2021) I would not see myself as actively involved at Trinity as I am currently, but visiting other congregations in worship (which I have always appreciated doing when on vacation).

At this point, when it comes to July, 2021 the location of residence is uncertain. Remaining in Columbia where I will have lived for a little over thirty-nine years remains a possibility, as well as returning to my birthplace of Saint Louis, or being closer to Omaha, NE or Williamsburg, VA, or Wisconsin (where I will eventually be laid to rest next to my beloved). That is all open-ended for now.

As the Lord gives me health to do so, I would plan to be involved in some sort of ministry availability during my retirement years wherever He guides me to go. As always, *Deo volente*.

God's continued care and blessings to each one of us in Jesus' name.

Pastor Kenneth Gerike

OCTOBER 10, 2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES (Draft Minutes - Yet to be Approved)

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was held October 10, 2017, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The following people attended: Phil Glenn (Chairman), Tammy Mangold, JoAnn Schoenike, Fred Luetkemeier, Annette Kiehne, Doug Kiehne, Ken Greer, Pastor Thieme, Theresa Greer, Kali Weishaar, Mary Frerking, Mary Raisch, Karen Niederjohn, Pastor Gerike, Pete Easterhaus, Jim Niederjohn, Stephanie Oetting, Warren Harms, and Cynthia Green (Secretary). Pastor Gerike opened the meeting with devotion.

Chairman Glenn introduced two representatives from Thrivent, Krista Jones and Chuck Nichols, who were there to speak to the BOD about Thrivent Action Teams and Choice Dollars.

Approval of Meeting Agenda: Chairman Glenn noted that a new item, the Christian Bible Stories Conference, needed to be added under New Business on the 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 September 12, 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 Class: 12 in JCC III.

Adult Information Class: Three sets of classes currently running.

Guest Preacher for Mission Festival: Trinity, Clarks Fork, MO on October 8, 2017.

Missouri District E2 Conference (Encourage-Equip Conference): October 14, 2017 at Trinity from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Hymnfest: November 5, 2017, at 3:00 p.m.

Professional Church Workers Conference: November 14-16, 2017 at Tan Tar-A (See also Membership Changes.)

ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S REPORT – Pastor Thieme

DCEI: Weekly meetings with the intern.

Marriage: Officiating at a wedding in Eugene, MO on October 14, 2017; three couples going through premarital sessions.

District: Missouri District presidium meeting on October 19, 2017 in St. Louis; Missouri District Board of Directors meeting on October 20, 2017 in St. Louis; The Church Workers Conference is November 14-17, 2017.

Other Duties: Continues visiting with the homebound and those in the hospital; leads chapel for the Learning Center and Good Shepherd; taught religion classes at Good Shepherd; Holy Land tour meeting will be held October 22, 2017.

DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION INTERN REPORT– Kali Weishaar

Christian Education: Teaching the 3rd-5th grade religion class at

GSLS on M, T, Th, and F.; led chapel at GSLS on October 11, 2017; Assisting Chris Bailey in developing a Reformation Escape room to promote Reformation knowledge and interest.

Youth: Leading the H.S. Youth class on Sunday mornings-continuing the study of Acts; Hosting a Sr. youth night on October 15, 2017; Youth Family Fun Event on October 28, 2017; Building a relationship with Shepherd's kids and is continuing to contact youth and make home family visits.

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

For the month of September, the Regular Envelope collections are 89.91% of the anticipated monthly amount, Loose Plate collections are 57.92%, and Sunday School collections are 104.40%. The Total Monthly collections are 88.43% of the monthly anticipated amount of \$42,790. The Total Year-to-Date collections through the end of September are 97.97% of the anticipated amount of \$395,031.

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

The Consecrated Stewards Summary Sheet, updated as of 9/25/2017, is included in the agenda packet on page 13 and a Consecrated Steward's Summary Sheet, updated as of 10/9/17, is also included in the agenda packet.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

(Mary Frerking):

Sunday School: The Board has ordered a new curriculum, Church Year Connections, which follows the calendar year of the church; a Family fun Day was held October 8, 2017 from noon till 2 p.m.

500th Anniversary of the Reformation: The Board will be sponsoring a contest for all children ages K-8th grade in honor of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation- children will submit writing, a work of art or piece of music that reflects the chosen theme of "The Three Solas".

Trunk or Treat: The Board will be handing out "Count Your Blessings" Book Mark/ Activity Cards and candy bags.

Thanksgiving: The Board has decided to purchase a small craft activity which provides that "God will supply every need of yours".

Christmas: The Board is looking to purchase a Nativity calendar for each Sunday School family and an orna-ment for all children ages Pre-K through 12th grade.

BOARD OF EARLY CHILDHOOD ED.

(no Board representative was present)

Facilities: Repair work was done to the air conditioning unit.

Personnel: Approval of three afternoon hires at \$9.00/hour; Interviewed candidate for toddler teaching position.

Other: Recognized Mr. Dennis, the custodian, for National Custodian Day on October 2, 2017, with posters from the children and gift cards from the staff.

BOARD OF PAROCHIAL EDUCATION

(Mary Raisch)

Enrollment: It is still going on and you can call the school office at 573-445-5878 for information or go to www.gsiscolumbia.com. Currently 31 students are enrolled.

Open Houses: These continue to be held on the third Thursday of each month from 10:00a.m. until 2:00p.m. *Cornerstone*

Campaign: The campaign kicked off on October 15, 2017. The goal this year is 18,000.00. All the money will go for scholarships for the 2018-2019 school year; The classes will be featured, October 6, 13, 20, and 27, on KOMU Channel 8's "The Daily Pledge", which is the last segment before the morning news goes off, airing between 6:55 and 7:00 a.m.

Upcoming Events: October 30, 2017, the Boone County Health Department will be at the school with free flu shots and on October 31, 2017, there will be Reformation parties. November 3, 2017 is Grandparent's Day. A financial report is included in the agenda packet.

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

BOARD OF YOUTH (Stephanie Oetting):

There will be a Senior High youth night on October 15, 2017; A family youth event for both Jr. and Sr. High families will be held on October 28, 2017; Trunk or Treat is October 29, 2017. A financial report of the Youth Fellowship Account is included in the agenda packet.

BOARD OF ELDERS (Doug Kiehne):

Options for the 2018 worship calendar were discussed at length with the goal of offering communion more frequently than this past year; the nominating committee has been actively working on filling the various Board positions for 2018.

BOARD OF SOCIAL MINISTRY (Theresa Greer):

The Board will host the Circle of Friends on October 14, and December 9, 2017; they have started *Warm Up Columbia* collection for cold weather items; the Board is planning for the Lutherfest and need cooks- they will be serving both German and American food.

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE (Fred Luetkemeier):

The promise forms were distributed in September and collected the last weekend of the month; the information from the promise forms was given to JoAnn Schoenike, who entered the information for the budgeting process.

BOARD OF TLC ENDOWMENT FUND (Pete Easterhaus): Balances as of August 31, 2017 are: TLC Fund: \$17,225.41; Youth Ministry Fund: \$13,078.85; Bourret/Elliott Fund: \$33,652.07.

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

No reports were filed for the Executive Committee, Five Hundredth Anniversary Committee or the Kitchen Committee.

PRESENTATION BY THRIVENT (ACTION TEAM/CHOICE DOLLARS):

Krista Jones and Chuck Nichols from Thrivent gave a presentation on Thrivent Action Teams. They stated there were approximately 136 Thrivent members in the congregation and each member can do two action teams a year. The action team needs to be a servant event, fundraiser or educational event. There was \$250.00 available to use for each event. They also discussed Choice Dollars. You have until the end of the year to indicate where you want your Choice Dollars to go, or the money goes "back into the pot".

BOARD OF THE MONTH:

Board of Stewardship and Finance: Fred Luetkemeier informed the BOD of some of the activities the Board of Stewardship and Finance are involved with, including but not limited to, developing and maintaining a list of Time and Talent surveys and encouraging members to be involved in our church activities; providing the Financial Secretary assistance by counting the offering, properly documenting and assigning the weekly funds into proper accounts and preparing documentation of deposits; supervising fundraising activities for the congregation that are approved by the AOV; initiating, planning, and conducting a stewardship program to encourage participation from church members; working with the Trinity IT Committee to post the Time and Talent survey on-line as a fill-in document on the church website; and assisting others with the development of a new member welcome program, including posting pictures of the new members on the church website. Their full report is included in the agenda packet.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES:

Transfer In:

Mrs. Carzell Frerking
Memorial Lutheran Church, Houston, TX
Mr. Andrew Saeger
St. John's Lutheran Church, Waco, NE

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Warren Harms, Treasurer

For the 9 months ending September 30, 2017, the church income is \$456,167, which is 73% of the total budgeted income for the year. The Learning Center income for this period is \$532,710, which is 89% of the budgeted income for the year.

Church expenditures for this period were \$415,721 (66% of the annual expenditure budget of \$626,740).

The Learning Center expenditures for this period were \$427,250 (71% of the annual expenditure budget of \$601,710).

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

The Treasurer also reported that the budget committee met on September 27th to formulate a budget for Trinity for 2018.

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:

Chairman Glenn reported that there is no update at this time.

SCOTUS Ruling Discussion:

Chairman Glenn informed the BOD that the attorney for Alliance Defending Freedom has informed him that they are still negotiating with the State. Negotiations are aimed at the recovery of attorney fees and court costs for Alliance Defending Freedom; having DNR abide by the Governor's Executive Order; and having DNR acknowledge that Trinity would have received a grant and if Trinity wants to use the grant, that they can activate that request. The Alliance Defending Freedom believes that they may have to litigate to recover their fees and court costs.

Columbia Forum Circuit Representatives (November 12, 2017):

There was a motion to elect Pastor Gerike and Pete Easterhaus to attend the Circuit Forum. Motion was seconded and approved.

Pastor Gerike informed the BOD that the task of the Circuit Forum is to select/elect a new Circuit Visitor for the Columbia Circuit.

NEW BUSINESS

Bible Stories Proposal:

Pastor Thieme informed the BOD that the Christian Bible Story Conference would like to hold their conference at Trinity next year. There would be approximately 75-80 individuals attending the conference and approximately 10 host homes would be needed to house the storytellers. Assistance from the congregation would also be needed for the registration table, snacks, and lunches. There was motion to recommend to the AOV at the October 15, 2017 meeting, that the Christian Bible Story Conference be permitted to hold their conference at Trinity on June 28-30, 2018. Motion was seconded and approved.

2018 Draft Budget Presentation:

The *Draft 2018 Trinity Budget* was presented to the Board of Directors. Chairman Glenn pointed out that \$15,600 had been added to the budget for a maintenance person next year.

Chairman Glenn also reported that he had received a cursory bid of approximately \$30,000 from Septagon Construction of Columbia, to fix the gym ceiling. He noted this was significantly cheaper than the \$60,000 bid that we had received from another company, and were budgeting for in 2018. He pointed out that we still had \$35,000 in the Capital Outlays, Account, # 623, for this fiscal year.

It was reported that there had been \$1,200 budgeted for the District Convention this year and Trinity's assessment was only for \$700.00. There was a motion to place the remaining \$500.00 into Capital Outlays, Account #623. Motion was seconded and approved.

When the 2018 Budget was prepared, only 92 giving units had completed response cards and the Regular Envelope, Account #301, had a proposed figure of \$499,200. Since then, three additional giving units have completed a response card and the proposed figure is now \$504,100, an increase of \$4,900. There was a motion to place this additional \$4,900 into the Capital Outlays, Account #623. Motion was seconded and approved.

There was a motion to recommend the *Draft 2018 Trinity Budget* to the AOV on October 15, 2017, for their approval. Motion was seconded and approved. The entire Draft 2018 Budget is included in the agenda packet.

There was a motion to recommend the *Draft 2018 Trinity Lutheran Child Learning Center Budget* to the AOV on October 15, 2017, for their approval. Motion was seconded and approved.

Nomination Committee Report:

There was no report at this time.

Facility Use Requests:

There has been a request by the Trinity LLL Fellowship Club to use the church's facilities in 2018 for MO District LLL activities. Due to a conflict on one of the requested dates, with the Pancake Breakfast hosted by Good Shepherd, there was a motion to table this request till the November BOD Meeting, in order to give Good Shepherd and the LLL some time to try and work out the conflict. Motion was seconded and approved.

There has been a request by Club Co Mo Volleyball, per Mary Frerking, to use the gymnasium on Wednesdays from January 3rd through February 7th from 5:00 p.m. till 9:00 p.m.; and Mondays beginning January 8th through April 30th from 7 p.m. till 9:00 p.m.

(excluding March 26th-Spring Break). There was a motion to approve the above request. Motion was seconded and approved. There was a motion to invite a representative from Thrivent to do a presentation on Thrivent Action Teams and Choice Dollars at the October 15, 2017, AOV Meeting. Motion was seconded and approved. Chairman Glenn will notify Thrivent of our invitation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October Assembly of Voters Meeting: October 15, 2017 (Potluck at noon).

Board of Directors Meeting: Nov. 14, 2017, 7:00p.m.

Board of the Month Sharing at the November 14, 2017 BOD Meeting: Board of Evangelism

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

2017 Trinity Lutheran Church Board Members

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Phil Glenn

Secretary

Cynthia Green

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Warren Harms

Financial Secretary

JoAnn Schoenike

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Childhood Ed.

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Don Malson

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Vacant

Ken Greer

Jim Niederjohn

**November Board of Directors agenda items
are due to the church office by noon
on Friday, November 10, 2017.**

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



It's not too late to register to attend one of the Lutherans For Life Regional conferences! The last one scheduled for this year will take place November 11, 2017 at St John's Lutheran Church in Pekin, Illinois, a short two and a half hour drive away. Don't miss this last opportunity to gather for refreshment and encouragement in dealing with life issues. 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. Won't you join your fellow Lutherans in celebrating the lives that God creates, redeems and calls into a relationship with Himself? You will be glad you did! The theme for all the conferences is 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..."

What better way to bring **hope** into the life of young person in need of a home and loving family than through adoption? November is National Adoption Month which makes it a good time to encourage families to consider providing a home for a child who needs one. Focus on the Family believes that every child deserves a family. That's why they created "Wait No More" events to equip families as they open their hearts and homes to children in foster care. Learn more at **WaitNoMore.org**. Most people think of babies when they think of adoption, but there are literally thousands of children in the foster care system who need and 'long for' a 'forever family'. **Have you considered providing a home for such a child? Won't you pray about it and consider whether this may be God's plan for your life in this season?**

'Empty-nest' families have much to offer children who have no home of their own. "**EMPTY-NEST**" families usually aren't trying to fill a void in their lives," says Jason Weber, national director of foster care initiatives for the Christian Alliance for Orphans. "They're looking solely to give a home to a child who needs one. They're more likely to adopt a child from foster care, from an orphanage or from another country—the kids who are harder to place."

"Empty-nest adoption and foster care come with unique advantages and challenges," Weber says. Among the advantages: The families are better able to handle kids who've been through trauma. They're more experienced and often more flexible with their time and finances. Among the challenges: It can be tough to muster up the required physical energy. And they may have to alter their expectations for spending time with their grandchildren.

If you are considering adoption at all, Paul J. Batura, the vice president of communications for Focus on the Family and author of the book *Chosen for Greatness: How Adoption Changes the World*, has the following advice: **7 things I wish I'd known before adopting:**

- 1. THE ADOPTION PROCESS IS HARD, BUT IT'S GOOD.** If you're the kind of person who likes everything neat and predictable, you're going to have to let that go. Almost every adoption discussion involves more questions than answers.
- 2. A CANDID FAMILY PROFILE CAN MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE.** Everyone wants to put their best foot forward when putting together an adoption profile, but don't be afraid to be vulnerable and down-to-earth. Most birthparents appreciate authenticity.
- 3. DON'T LET THE COST SCARE YOU AWAY.** Private and agency adoptions tend to be the most expensive, but the federal adoption tax credit is significant. Adopting from foster care, meanwhile, is often less than \$2,000. Low-interest loans are also available. In the end, don't be afraid to ask for help.
- 4. DON'T KEEP YOUR DESIRE TO ADOPT A SECRET.** Although it's a very personal and intimate matter, resist the urge to keep quiet about it. Adoption placements often occur through family and friends of friends, so the more people who know of your interest to adopt, the greater your chances of being matched with a child.
- 5. PATIENCE IS A NECESSITY.** That stress-free, smile-filled, picture-perfect meeting between the adoptive parents and their new son or daughter—the one you see in the movies? That may happen eventually, but before it does, there are mountains of paperwork, interviews, financial disclosures, difficult decisions, home visits, parent training, CPR classes, fingerprints and waiting. Lots of waiting.
- 6. A GOOD ATTORNEY IS WORTH THE EXPENSE.** Skilled legal counsel is invaluable. Some adoption agencies have attorneys, but they're responsible for representing the agency, not necessarily your family.
- 7. YES, YOU CAN LOVE THEM JUST AS MUCH.** Partially out of ignorance and admittedly out of pride, I was initially determined to do whatever my wife and I could to conceive a child naturally. I'm so thankful that God had other plans. (All of the above material is excerpted from The October 2017 issue of **Focus on the Family** magazine.)

God has called us to care for widows and orphans. Won't you pray about how He can use you to bring hope to the orphans in our midst, or if you know of someone who is in the process of adoption or caring for foster children, consider how you might assist them on this journey?

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 630-990-0909, email help@word-of-hope.org, or

FELLOWSHIP HOUR MINISTRY TEAM

Thank you so much for helping!

One of the most integral portions of our Sunday worship experience is the Fellowship Hour held after the 8 am worship each week. Thank you to the church members below who hosted the fellowship hours during 2017:

Ron & Barb Barrett
Pete & Carol Easterhaus
Ron & Lori Dickes
Ron & Carole Eilers
Gary & Patsy Frisch

Judy Frost
Ken & Theresa Greer
Gary & Patty Kespohl
Don & Susan Malson
Doug & JoAnna McDowell

Roger & Carol Morrison
Bill & Joyce Raines
Larry & Elaine Samuel
Allen & Karen Weber

It's a ministry anyone can choose! Please consider volunteering for 2018.

Our Fellowship Hour is a wonderful time when worshipers can connect, catch up, and meet new people. None of this would be possible without the hosts, and we can use your help in 2018.

What is involved with being a host?

- Set up the coffee urns and supplies. All the supplies are maintained for you and there are instructions.
- Pick up the donuts and bagels at Hy-Vee. All pre-charged to our account. You just dash to the bakery, snag the boxes and head straight out.
- Prior to the 8 am service, start brewing the coffee, set up the trays, and get cups, napkins, etc. set up.
- A few minutes prior to the end of 8am service, be ready to host and welcome.
- Clean up. Return everything to the fellowship carts.

Hosts commit to 5-6 Sundays in the year. There are substitute hosts you can call if a conflict comes up, or you can switch Sundays with another host.

If you want to volunteer or have any additional questions about what it involves please contact Ron Eilers (816)305-3183 or roneilers64@gmail.com) or speak to the Fellowship Hosts at the next Fellowship.

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, board, 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 or address changes
- 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



TRAVEL WITH US TO THE LAND OF THE BIBLE

Please join us on an inspiring journey! We will be visiting Israel April 14-27, 2018 to see and experience 45+ biblically significant sites in the Holy Land. We began collecting deposits during October, and much more information will be forthcoming for those who wish to join us.



Al & Jacqueline HebardNovember 4, 1961
 Jim & Pat Stenberg.....November 9, 1973
 Kenneth & VeNora Klusman ..November 12, 1966
 Norbert and Eva HopferNovember 22, 1945
 Willis Linneman & Jonedra Phillips-Linneman
November 26, 2004
 John & Summer KuehnerNovember 26, 2011
 Randall & Jill SimmonsNovember 27, 2004
 Lexie & AJ BurgettNovember 29, 2014

Birthdays

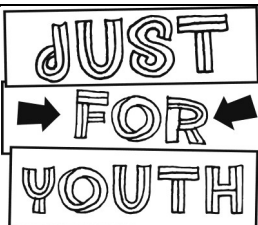
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 Carol Morrison
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 Monica Smith
 Pat Stenberg
 Karen Weber
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Jim Sternberg
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Sharon Craig
 Chris Gambill
 L. Hunter Kevil
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Judy Frost
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Harold Grant
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Alyssa Famuliner
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Melissa Fitzgerald
 Amy Reiss

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Elly Eckhoff
 Sofia Littell
 Denny Stephenson
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Rob Gannon, Jr.
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Patty Smith
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Stacy Cates
 Danielle Dyer
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Lindsey Sall
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Tracey Summerfield
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Katie Starbuck
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Mike Samuel
 Samuel Turner
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Lena Crutchfield
 Lynn Frerking
 Carter Messervy
 Ethan Mott
 Leah Sanchez
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J.P. Mariott, Jr.

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Ryan Cates
 Ryan Mott
 Wyatt Thompson
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Sarah Weber
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Josie Kespohl
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Randy Thoroughman, Jr.
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Rebekah Laupp
 Amanda McDowell



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.



JCC CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE:

JCC Classes will continue for the upcoming months. November meetings will be: 11/12 & 11/19 at noon.

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE:

JCC I will be the acolytes for November. Go to the Trinity website → Ministries → Youth → Jr. High Youth to sign up or change your Sundays.

COMING SOON TO A ROOM NEAR YOU...THE REFORMATION ESCAPE

We are in the process of developing a Reformation-themed escape room for the whole family, young and old alike! Get your thinking caps primed and keep your eyes peeled for more updates!

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Pastor Thieme will lead an "Angry Birds" activity for the Jr. High youth Sunday, November 12 from 1:30-2:15pm. Kali will lead a Sr. High activity the same day from 6:00-7:45pm.

COLLECTIONS FOR COMMUNITY MISSIONS

Thank you for your generous donations to our 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) . If you need assistance getting the items to Trinity or 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**) •

November 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 8:25a GSLS Chapel 9a TLCLC Chapel	2 6:30a Men's Bible Study (Terrace) 9a TLCLC Chapel 11:30a Senior Ministry Lunch (Denny's) 6:30p Facility Planning Committee Meeting	3 GSLS Grandparents' Day	4 9a Handbell Workshop
5 8a & 10:30a Worship / Comm. 9:15a Bible Study & Sunday School 12p Lutherfest Dinner 3p Hymnfest	6 9a Bible Class 6p Worship w/ Communion	7 5:45p PTL Meeting	8 8:25a GSLS Chapel 9a TLCLC Chapel	9 6:30a Men's Bible Study (Terrace) 9a TLCLC Chapel 11:30a Senior Ministry Lunch (Denny's) 7p CLAS Board Meeting	10 5p GSLS Movie Night	11 Vesper Guild Craft Fair
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Return Service Requested

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