

NEWS OF THE SON

Trinity Lutheran Church — Columbia, MO



*From the
Pastors*



December, 2017

Dear Friends in Christ at Trinity Lutheran, Columbia,

"Come, your hearts and voices raising, Christ the Lord with gladness praising."
As we enter the new church year with the seasons of Advent and Christmas, we are privileged to gather together and prepare our hearts for the celebration of the anniversary of our Savior Jesus' birth. We do so as the Lord graces us with being on the receiving end of the downward arrow of His blessings to us in His holy Word. And then we are enabled to respond to our Lord with the upward arrow of our songs and prayers as we join our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ in worshipping Him. We invite you to avail yourselves of these special opportunities of fellowshiping with our Lord and therefore also with one another in thanksgiving for His Gift – our Savior Jesus Christ!

+++ Midweek Advent Worship Services +++

12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m.

Light Supper serving from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m.

Preservice Hymnsing from 6:45 to 7:00 p.m.

December 6

The LORD Shows Up for Abraham ... and Us

Light Supper sponsored by the Mary-Martha Guild

December 13

The LORD Shows Up for Jacob ... and Us

Light Supper sponsored by the Board of Elders

December 20

The LORD Shows Up for Joshua ... and Us

Light Supper sponsored by the Boards of Christian Education and Evangelism

+++ Christmas Worship Services +++

December 24 at 7:00 p.m.

The LORD Shows Up at the Right Time

Includes the Children's Christmas Celebration

December 24 at 11:30 p.m.

Holy Night Candlelight Worship Service

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

December 25 at 9:00 a.m.

Christmas Day Festival Worship Service

The LORD Shows Up for the Shepherds ... and Us

(NO Monday Evening Worship Service)

+++ New Year's Eve Worship Service +++

December 31 at 7:00 p.m.

The LORD Shows Up for Simeon ... and Us

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

A Christ-Blest Advent and Christmas Seasons to You in Jesus' Name!

Your friends in Christ,

Pastor Kenneth J. Gerike

Pastor Brian K. Thieme

December 2017

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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 evening December 3rd at 6pm in the fellowship hall. In this Bible Study entitled "A Man Named Martin Part 3: The Movement—Session 1," participants can learn how the Reformation transformed European society and, eventually, left a profound impression



THANK YOU FROM MARY MARTHA GUILD

Mary Martha Guild would like to thank you all for your support of our fall fundraiser. The nut sales were a success, and we were able to meet our goal. Farmstead Nuts & Treats made the delivery at no charge due to the high volume of nuts ordered. Some funding from Thrivent was also received. The proceeds from sales will be used for financial donations for missions selected by Guild members.

We would also like to give a special THANKS to those who served on the nut committee to complete this project so successfully: Chris Cott, Carol Easterhaus, Carol Eggerding, Patsy Frisch, Karen Harms, Carol Morrison, Barbara Semmons, Carol Squires, Loanna Thompson-Boyce, Marilyn Wise, and Janice Kuehner. A big thanks goes to Pat Hansen who managed the spreadsheet and served as treasurer.

~ Chairman Elaine Samuel

WOMEN'S SOCIAL CONNECTION

The Women's Social Connection meets the third Friday of each month at rotating locations. December's gathering will be at the home of Barb Semmens on the 15th at 1:30pm.

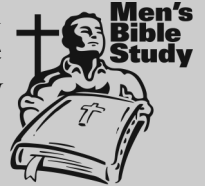
POINSETTIA ORDERS



A sign-up sheet to order poinsettias for the Sanctuary Christmas beautification is posted on the bulletin board across from Pastor Gerike's Office. The cost is \$8 per plant. Please write your check to Trinity Lutheran Church with "Altar Guild" in the memo line and place it in the collection plate. Help setting up the poinsettias when they arrive at 11am on Dec. 19 will be greatly appreciated.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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!

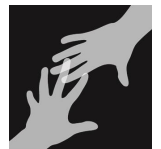


SENIOR MINISTRY WEEKLY LUNCH

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



THANK YOU

I can't begin to express my sincere gratitude for the over whelming support from church family since my fall down the flight of balcony stairs at TLC. The prayers, cards, texts, phone calls, and delicious meals have been so appreciated and very heart-warming. We have always been grateful for our church family but have certainly experienced that support, encouragement, and love in a whole new way the past several months. We are very blest and thank God for our church family. Thank you so much!

~ Joanna McDowell and family



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).

Because of upcoming holidays and vacations, items for the January 2018 *News of the Son* will be due by noon on December 18, 2017.

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



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN SCHOOL



"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." ~Hebrews 13:8

Cornerstone

Our Cornerstone Campaign funds scholarships for the 2017-2018 school year. Pledge cards are located on the bulletin board outside Pastor Thieme's study. You can place them in the envelope provided and mail them to the school or you can drop them off at the church office and I will pick them up.

Blue and Green Gala

Save the date for March 3rd., 2018, and watch for more information. All proceeds of this fundraiser go to the operating budget of the school for next fiscal year.

Open Houses

December 5, 3:30-7:00pm: Come see what Kindergarten is like and meet our teacher Mrs. Key.

December 21, 10:00am-2:00pm.

January 18, 2018, 10:00am-2:00pm & 6:00-8:00pm.

Open Enrollment

Enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year will open January 1st. You can go to www.gslscolumbia.org to register.

Neighborhood Caroling

We will be caroling around the neighborhood on December 15th. We'll leave the school at 6:00 p.m. When we return to school there will be hot chocolate and snacks.

National Lutheran Schools Week: January 21-27

Watch for information in the bulletins as it gets closer.

CLAS School Board

Please prayerfully consider serving on the school board or if you think of someone, let Sandy Dirks or the church office know.

Everyone Can Help

Word of mouth is our most powerful recruitment tool. Tell everyone you know about the school. Have them come in and talk to us. Let us show you what we have to offer. Thank you for all of your prayers and support this school year.

Tammy Mangold, Administrator

GSLS Office Phone: 573-445-5878

GSLS Office Email at office@gslscolumbia.org

Website: <http://gslscolumbia.org/>



Classroom Spelling Bee Winners



Reformation Party



Grandparents' Day

BE COOL FOR OUR SCHOOL

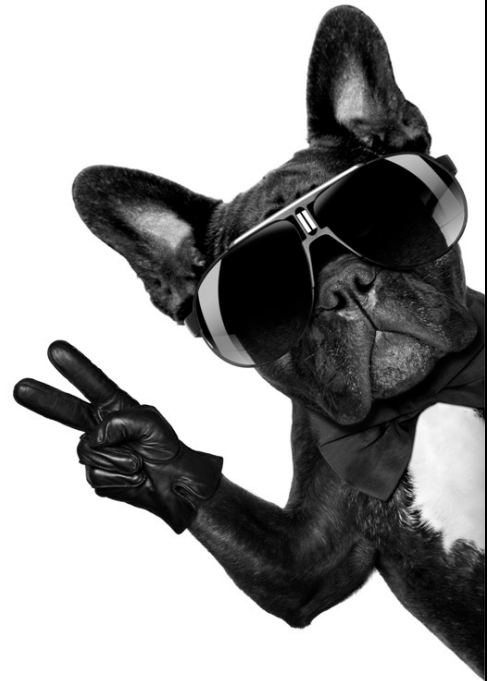
SAVE THE DATE

3.3.2018

BLUE & GREEN GALA
to benefit
Good Shepherd Lutheran
School

Columbia Country Club, Columbia, MO

Sponsorships, Silent Auction baskets and Live Auction items are key to the success of our 2018 Gala which benefits our Good Shepherd Lutheran School. "Be COOL for our School" and as you shop and consider gift giving during the Holidays, please keep our March 3, Gala mission in mind. Are you not sure how you can help? Give a jingle, send a text, write an email to: Candice Kling, Gala Chair, Home: (573) 442-4409, Cell: (252) 267-2791, Email: docanddesign@me.com.



Are you ready for the challenge?

Luther's

Reformation

Escape Room

Coming December 27, 2017 - January 5, 2018 to Trinity Lutheran Church, Columbia, Mo. Contact the church office to schedule your family's 45-minute escape. Group size is 4-6 people. Free-will donations to benefit hurricane relief efforts will be collected.



OCTOBER 15, 2017 ASSEMBLY OF VOTERS MINUTES (Draft Minutes - Yet to be Approved)

The regular meeting of the Assembly of Voters was held October 15, 2017 beginning at 12:30 p.m. The following people signed the attendance sheet: Phil Glenn (Chairman), Warren Harms, Karen Harms, Laura Grise, Sylvia Glenn, Theresa Greer, Tammy Mangold, Richard Mangold, Marian Pierson, Norburt Pierson, Mary Frerking, Debi Derendinger, Karen Niederjohn, JoAnn Schoenike, Kali Weishaar, Andrew Saeger, Ken Greer, Pastor Thieme, Lonny Dirks, Sandy Dirks, George Rattelmuller, Pastor Kenneth Gerike, Archie Bourret, Pat Hansen, Carol Squires, Bill Raines, Ron Barrett, Gary Kespohl, Doug Kiehne, Annette Kiehne, Charles Nichols, Pat Campbell, and Debbie Antel (Secretary Pro Tem).

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Thieme opened the meeting with prayer.

INTRODUCTION OF FIRST-TIME ATTENDEES

Andrew Saeger, Charles Nichols, and Kali Weishaar were recognized as first-time attendees to an Assembly of Voters meeting. Chairman Glenn welcomed them and Charles' wife Lynn and coworker Krista Jones.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Glenn indicated he would entertain a motion to accept the agenda as published. Mary Frerking so moved; motion seconded and approved.

PRESENTATION BY THRIVENT

Charles (Chuck) Nichols and Krista Jones spoke as to opportunities and funding available to our congregation. They distributed a flyer entitled *101 Ways to Spark Action in Your Community*, provided information on *How to Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars*, and referred everyone to Thrivent.com for more information.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Glenn invited attendees to review the minutes of the May 21, 2017 regular meeting and the August 13, 2017 special meeting and indicated he would entertain a motion to accept the minutes and place them on file.

Pat Hansen made a motion to approve the May 21, 2017 minutes; motion seconded and approved.

Ron Barrett made a motion to approve the August 13, 2017 minutes; motion seconded and approved.

SENIOR PASTOR'S REPORT – Pastor Gerike

Membership Changes:

Rite of Confirmation (May 7, 2017):

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

Transfer In:

Mr. and Mrs. Garrett (Carrie) Cupp, Baptized daughter Emily, Baptized son Warren, Christ Lutheran Church, Albuquerque, NM
Mrs. Carzell Frerking, Memorial Lutheran Church,

Houston, TX

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel (Christina) Hartman, Baptized son Peter, Trinity Lutheran Church, Jefferson City, MO

Mr. Cody Isern, St. John Lutheran Church, Ellinwood, KS

Mr. Andrew Saeger, St. John's Lutheran Church, Waco, NE

Mr. and Mrs. Dan (Donna) Watts, Baptized granddaughter Mackenzie Watts, Zion Lutheran Church, Macon, MO

Profession of Faith (May 21, 2017):

Mr. Michael Brown

Ms. Misty Grant

Transfer Out:

Ms. Danielle Unterreiner, Campus Lutheran Church, Columbia, MO

Mary Frerking made a motion to accept the Membership Changes; motion seconded and approved.

The Senior Pastor's full report is included in the agenda packet. Pastor Gerike announced his retirement will be effective August 24, 2019.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S REPORT - Pastor Thieme

The Associate Pastor's full report is included in the agenda packet. Pastor Thieme elaborated that the Holy Land trip is scheduled for April 14-27, 2018. An informational meeting will be held October 22.

DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION INTERN REPORT – Kali Weishaar

The DCE Intern's full report is included in the agenda packet. An Escape Room event is being organized for the near future. Anyone interested in sponsoring an Action Team was asked to contact Kali.

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.

Mary Frerking made a motion to accept the report and place it on file. The motion was seconded and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Warren Harms, Treasurer

The budget committee met September 27 to formulate a budget for Trinity for 2018. Regular envelope offerings are based on the 95 promises received in the March of Faith on September 24 plus an estimate of gifts from members who did not complete a promise form but have a history of giving through regular envelopes.

Budgeted expenses are based on input from four different boards and a discussion from the entire budget committee. The Board of Early Childhood Education

presented a budget for the Child Learning Center based on expected tuition and expenses for 2018. Following their meeting and discussion, the budget committee recommends the combined balanced budget to the October Board of Directors for approval and presentation to the October Voters Assembly meeting.

For the nine months ending September 30, 2017, the Church income is \$456,167 (73% of the total income budgeted for the year). Total Church income is \$1,369 less than the same nine-month period last year. Loose plate giving is \$2,392 less (14%) than the same period last year. The total Learning Center income for this period is \$532,710 (89% of the budgeted income for the year). This is a 12% increase in income over the same period last year.

For this current nine months, Church expenditures are \$415,721 (66%) of the annual expenditure budget of \$626,740). The Learning Center expenditures for these nine months total \$427,250 (71% of the annual expenditure budget of \$601,710).

Net operating cash as of September 30, 2017 is \$230,562. Cash in our dedicated accounts totaled \$70,427 (not a part of the operating cash balance). Reserve accounts at LCEF on September 30, 2017 total \$71,608.

Ten pages of detailed financial reports are in the agenda packet. Warren reviewed the reports and offered to answer any questions at any time. JoAnn Schoenike made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and place it on file; motion seconded and approved.

BOARD REPORTS – A summary of actions by the Board of Directors for the period June-September 2017 is listed in the agenda packet. Chairman Glenn highlighted some of the actions and gave everyone an opportunity to review the summary and ask questions.

Reports for all ten boards are included in the agenda packet. Attendees were given the opportunity to review, ask questions, and offer input on each. Board representatives offered to answer any questions as we reviewed each report.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS - Reports for the Executive Committee and some of the Standing Committees are included in the agenda packet. Attendees were given the opportunity to review, ask questions, and offer input on each. Sandy Dirks corrected the Nominating Committee report to indicate that Jim Niederjohn has accepted a one-year appointment to the Board of Trustees.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS - The reports for the Five Hundredth Reformation Anniversary Committee and the Kitchen Committee are included in the agenda packet. Attendees were given the opportunity to review, ask questions, and offer input on each.

OLD BUSINESS

Frequency Regarding the Offering of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Articles have been printed in the newsletters. The Board of Elders will have a proposed calendar at the December AOV meeting.

SCOTUS Case Update (Recycled Rubber Tire Grant Program Litigation)

Chairman Glenn summarized the case, including that the United States Supreme Court voted 7-2 in favor of Trinity. He detailed three settlement points and indicated the parties are still in settlement negotiations.

Columbia Lutheran Association of Schools Lease Task Force

Chairman Glenn indicated he has not received a draft of the revision. The most current lease ran out in 2005.

NEW BUSINESS

Gymnasium Ceiling Project

Chairman Glenn summarized the need for repair to the gymnasium ceiling and the research that has been done to date to find a suitable remedy. There was brief discussion.

Ken Greer read a prepared motion:

Move that the Board of Trustees, Chairman and Secretary be authorized to conduct a final analysis of a Septagon Construction proposal and St. Louis Lighting Group quote to repair the gymnasium ceiling and remove and replace the existing gas-vapor light fixtures with light-emitting-diode (LED) fixtures and roof inspection with resealing. The Chairman and Secretary will authorize the work not to exceed \$35,000. Funds for this project will be designated from the 2017 Capital Outlay budget Line #623. The motion was seconded.

Further discussion included that an entry will be made to record the expenditure in 2017 on the day the contract is signed.

The motion was approved.

2018 Budget Presentation (first reading)

JoAnn Schoenike, Financial Secretary, spoke as to the Consecrated Stewards computation of \$504,600 proposed in the 2018 Budget Worksheet Line #301-Regular Envelopes.

Pat Hansen made a motion to appeal to the Assembly of Voters for an additional \$500/mo for 2018 for Good Shepherd Lutheran School. The motion was seconded. Discussion included current rent and WIFI expense of \$3600/mo and contribution of \$4000/mo, the cost of utilities, and the need to update the Lease. The motion for an additional \$500/mo was approved.

Gary Kespohl made a motion to take \$6000 out of the 2018 Capital Outlay for GSLS Support. The motion was seconded and approved.

Gary Kespohl made a motion for Chairman Glenn to appoint a committee of three people to study the use by the school and the contribution of rent to the church and get it done by the end of 2017. The motion was seconded and approved.

Pat Hansen distributed a two-sided financial report on GSLS. Pat and Tammy Mangold answered a few questions.

Congregation Serving as Host Site for Bible Telling Workshop (June 2018)

Pastor Thieme described a Christian Storytelling Conference

and asked if the congregation would be interested in hosting it June 28-30, 2018. Theresa Greer made a motion to approve hosting the conference. The motion was seconded and approved.

Congregational Representatives at Columbia Circuit Forum (November 12, 2017)

Ron Barrett made a motion to approve Mr. Eldrid Easterhaus and Pastor Kenneth Gerike as congregational representatives. The motion was seconded and approved.

Congregational Nomination for Columbia Circuit Visitor (to be voted on at Columbia Circuit Forum)

Ken Greer made a motion to approve Rev. Joshua C. Ketelsen, Immanuel-Boonville, as the congregational nomination. The motion was seconded and approved.

Congregational Delegates for Missouri District Convention (June 10-12, 2018)

Chairman Glenn called for any further nominations from

the floor; there were none. Mary Frerking made a motion to approve the following congregational delegates, and the motion was approved:

Voting Pastoral Delegate – Pastor Kenneth Gerike

Alternate Pastoral Delegate – Pastor Brian Thieme

Voting Lay Delegate – Mr. Ron Barrett

Alternate Lay Delegate – Mr. Phil Glenn

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Assembly of Voters Meeting: December 17, 2017 with a 12:00 noon potluck.

There was further discussion about the scholarship process at GSLS.

ADJOURNMENT

Mary Frerking made a motion to adjourn; motion seconded. The meeting adjourned at 3:23 p.m. Pastor Gerike closed the meeting with prayer.

Debbie Antel, Secretary Pro Tem

2017 Trinity Lutheran Church Board Members

Chairman

Phil Glenn

Secretary

Cynthia Green

Treasurer

Warren Harms

Financial Secretary

JoAnn Schoenike

Board of Elders

Ron Barrett

Kevin Burns

Ron Dicks

John Frerking

Doug Kiehne

Larry McCoig

Roger Morrison

Board of Evangelism

Chelsea Browner

Robert Hall

Doug McDowell

Board of Youth

Alyssa Famuliner

Melissa Kiehne

Stephanie Oetting

Board of Social Ministry

Carol Eggerding

Theresa Greer

Carol Morrison

Board of Stewardship and Finance

Conrad Brown

Laura Grise

Darren Laupp

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Richard Mangold

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Mary Frerking

Teresa Gooch

Karen Harms

Board of Early

Childhood Ed.

Karen Niederjohn

Virginia Propp

Mark Unterreiner

Board of Parochial Ed.

Pat Hansen

Candice Kling

Mary Raisch

Board of TLC Endowment Fund

Eldrid Easterhaus

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Don Malson

Board of Trustees

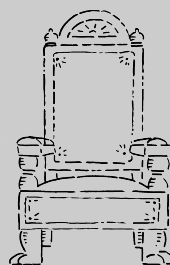
Vacant

Ken Greer

Jim Niederjohn

VIEW FROM THE CHAIR

For those of you who attended the Reformation celebrations, I'm certain you will agree the day's events were a wonderful recognition of not only the work of Martin Luther but a testament to the tremendous impact the Reformation had on the entire world. More importantly, it was a glorious celebration of what Jesus does for us! For those of you who were unable to attend, you missed a wonderful day starting off with great Sunday services followed by a delicious Luther Fest luncheon and culminating with the combined choir hymn fest with organ and brass accompaniment. If I attempted to express appreciation to everyone involved in the planning and execution of these events, I would most likely miss someone. So suffice it to say that if you were involved in ANY way with the Reformation celebrations, I want to heartily say "well done good and faithful servants!" Everyone with whom I talked thoroughly enjoyed the day!



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In His Gentle Grip, Phil Glenn

The Board of Directors will meet
Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 7:00pm
in the Fellowship Hall.

The Assembly of Voters will meet
Sunday, December 17, 2017 at 12:30 in
the Fellowship Hall following a potluck
lunch at noon.

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

Greetings in the name of Jesus, whose birth we celebrate this month,

The adoption theme continues as we realize that we are all adopted into God's family, thanks to Jesus' birth, death and resurrection.

The following article by Rev. Michael W. Salemink, the executive director of Lutherans For Life, speaks of the blessings of adoption:



"God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons" (Galatians 4:4-5).

God adopts. The Gospel is about adoption. Salvation's story can't be told apart from adoption. Christianity can't happen without it. The Old Testament features an adopted leading man. Pharaoh's daughter adopting Moses leads to the Hebrews ending up liberated. The New Testament also stars an adopted hero. Joseph adopting Jesus sets in motion sinners getting forgiven. Father Almighty offers His Son and adopts human beings for us to have a faith relationship with the Lord God and the hope of resurrection to everlasting life in His heavenly kingdom.

No wonder early Christians opened the world's first orphanages. Psalm 68:5-6 proclaims God **"Father of the fatherless and protector of widows. God settles the solitary in a home."** James 1 27 NIV describes **"looking after orphans and widows in their distress"** as **religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless."** The blessings of adopting are plentiful.

1. Adopting embodies God's own self-sacrificial love and unconditional grace. He chooses for His own those who once did not belong.
2. Adopting rescues a child in need into a forever home and a better life (and sometimes also provides relief to the family or origin).
3. Adopting bestows the treasures and joys of a son/daughter (and sibling, grandchild, cousin, etc.) upon the receiving family: **Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward....Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them!** (Psalm 127:3, 5).
4. Adopting enriches families even when not facing infertility and alongside their biological childbearing.
5. Adopting helps heal the hurts of a child feeling (often repeatedly) abandoned.
6. Adopting extends also to children older than infants (and not only as an alternative to abortion!) Many orphaned or fostered teenagers still want to become part of your household.
7. Adopting forges the deep and strong bonds of facing difficult challenges together.
8. Adopting connects hearts across cultures, ethnicities, and nationalities and forms unions from around the world.
9. Adopting enlists whole communities (especially congregations!) in support, cooperation, and fellowship.
10. Adopting speaks and shows the boundless preciousness of every human life---created, redeemed, and wanted forever by the LORD Himself!

(Ten Blessings of Adopting by Rev. Michael W. Salemink, Executive Director of Lutherans For Life, *LifeDate*, Fall 2017)

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?

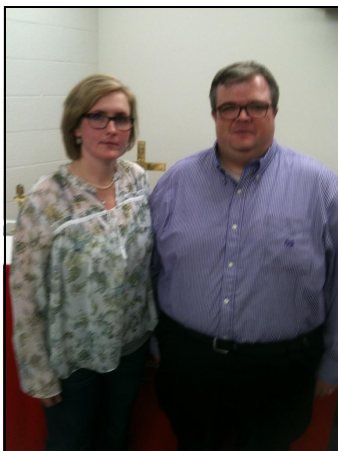
Another way to stand up for the sanctity of all human life is to participate in the **March for Life in Washington, D.C.** on January 19th, 2018. A bus from Jefferson City will leave at 10:00 am on Wednesday, the 17th and return back to Jefferson City on the 20th. Won't you join with thousands of others including many Lutherans in celebrating life in all its stages? For more information please contact Barb Stahlman at 573-636-2058. If Washington seems too far, how about the **Midwest March For Life in Jefferson City** at the Capitol on January 27, 2018? God calls us to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves. Won't you do your part in sharing the Good News that every person has value because of what God has done?

Christmas blessings to you,

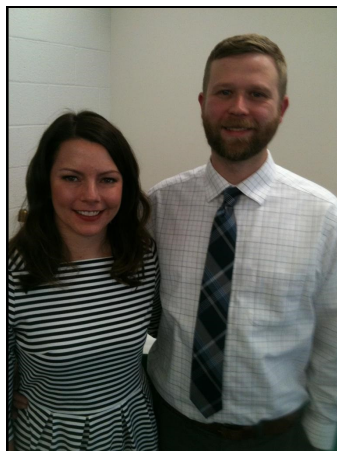
Sylvia Glenn

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 visit www.word-of-hope.org.

New Members



**Charles and Jessica
Murphy**



**Matthew and Michele
Moyer**



RADIO RESOURCES

The Lutheran Hour

The Lutheran Hour with Rev. Kenneth Klaus and Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer proclaims the salvation story of Jesus every week to hundreds of thousands of listeners. The Lutheran Hour weekly half-hour program can be read/heard on www.lhm.org, on their mobile app, or Sundays on several radio stations:

8am on **KMCV 89.9FM** in Jeff City

8am on **KLTE 107.9FM** in Kirksville

9am on **KMCR 103.9FM** in Montgomery City

10am on **KMMO 1300AM** in Marshall

10am on **KFRU 1400AM** in Columbia

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Issues, Etc.: Christ-Centered, Cross-Focused

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. You can listen on-demand at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

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

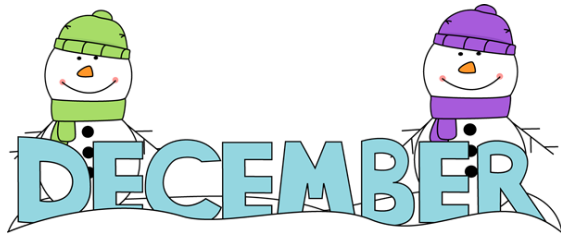
Telephone: 573-445-2112

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. Please see the Trinity website or contact Pastor Thieme for more information.



Glen & Elke Beltz December 2, 2006
 Lou & Rex Pasley..... December 4, 1988
 Karl & Barbara Christopher December 7, 1984
 Ron & Barb Barrett.....December 16, 1977
 Phil & Sylvia GlennDecember 19, 1970
 Don & Susan MalsonDecember 22, 1974
 Larry & Virginia ProppDecember 23, 1971
 Rob & Melba HallDecember 24, 1990
 Danny & Carla Yung.....December 26, 2003
 Norburt Pierson & Marian Kueck-Pierson
December 28, 2008
 Don & Lynne ScharlottDecember 30, 1972

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.

Birthdays

1
 Kyle Dickes
 Larry Samuel

2
 Brianna Chiu
 Kristin Gerike
 Stan Wise

3
 J.R. Littell

5
 Matt Gibson
 Andy Mott

6
 Debbie Crutchfield

7
 Annette Kiehne

8
 Ainsley Thoroughman

9
 Julie Calfee
 Nolan Froese
 Sylvia Glenn
 Kevin Kiehne

10
 Shelly Gibson
 Jan Lang

11
 Laura Grise
 Lynne Scharlott
 Diane Smith

12
 Henry Rainey

13
 Avery Linneman
 Barbara Sanchez

15
 Allie Smith

17
 Zachary Jones
 Chuck Murphy

19
 Jason Starbuck

20
 Erika Berry
 Emelia Mangold
 Brian Tate

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 Elizabeth Crutchfield
 Lillian Fei

22
 Elke Beltz
 Joseph Buchheit

23
 Becky Mott

26
 Matt Gerike

27
 Mia Simmons

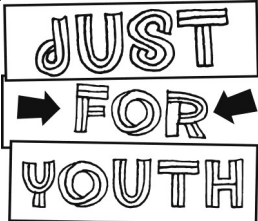
28
 Chloe Gibson

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 Herbert Griggs
 Noah Mefrakis

29
 Jackson Gooch
 Izabel Hanson
 Michelle Wren

30
 Jon Berendzen

31
 Ruth Stone
 Colin Weber
 Marilyn Wise



JCC CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE:

JCC Classes will continue for the upcoming months. December meetings will be: 12/3 & 12/10 at noon and 12/17 at 3pm.

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE:

JCC III will be the acolytes for December. See Pastor Gerike to sign up on the schedule.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Pastor Thieme will lead an activity for the Jr. High youth Sunday, December 3 from 1:30-2:15pm. Keep your eyes open for info on more Jr. and Sr. High events.

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**) •

December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 8a & 10:30a Worship / Comm. 9:15a Bible Study & Sunday School 12p JCC 1:30p Jr. High Youth Activity 5p Handbell Practice 6p LLL	4 9a Bible Class 6p Worship w/ Communion	5 4p GSLS Kindergar- ten Open House 6:30p Vesper Guild Craft Night	6 8:25a GSLS Chapel 9a TLCLC Chapel 12p Advent Worship 5p GSLS Cookie Walk 5:30p Advent Light Supper 7p Advent Worship	7 6:30a Men's Bible Study (Terrace) 9a TLCLC Chapel 11:30a Senior Ministry Lunch (Denny's) 5p GSLS Cookie Walk	8 5p GSLS Cookie Walk	9
10 8a & 10:30a Worship 9:15a Bible Study & Sunday School 12p JCC	11 9a Bible Class 6p Worship	12 7p Board of Directors	13 8:25a GSLS Chapel 9a TLCLC Chapel 9:20a Mary Martha Guild 12p Advent Worship 5:30p Advent Light Supper 7p Advent Worship	14 6:30a Men's Bible Study (Terrace) 9a TLCLC Chapel 11:30a Senior Ministry Lunch (Denny's) 7p CLAS Board Meeting	15 5p GSLS Caroling	16
17 8a & 10:30a Worship / Comm. 9:15a Bible Study & Sunday School 12p Assembly of Voters 3p JCC	18 9a Bible Class 6p Worship w/ Communion 7p Board of Evangel- ism	19	20 12p Advent Worship 5:30p Advent Light Supper 7p Advent Worship	21 6:30a Men's Bible Study (Terrace) 9a TLCLC Chapel 11:30a Senior Ministry Lunch (Denny's)	22	23 9a Children's Christmas Dress Rehearsal
24 8a & 10:30a Worship 9:15a Bible Study & Sunday School 7p Christmas Eve Worship 11:30p Christmas Eve Worship / Comm.	25 9a Christmas Worship	26 7p Board of Elders	27	28 6:30a Men's Bible Study (Terrace) 9a TLCLC Chapel 11:30a Senior Ministry Lunch (Denny's)	29	30
31 8a & 10:30a Worship / Comm. 9:15a Bible Study & Sunday School 7p New Year's Eve Worship / Comm.						

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MONDAY AT 6:00 P.M.
SUNDAY SCHOOL/BIBLE CLASS
9:15 A.M.
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MONTHLY CRAFT NIGHT

Join us on Tuesday, December 5 for fellowship while you enjoy making a craft project along with fellow crafters. No skill required! We will have extra projects to work on, or you can bring your own. Snacks and beverages are provided! We meet in the downstairs Overflow Area from 6:30-8:00pm. If you have any questions, contact Betty Buchheit (573) 823-2664.



MITE BOXES

Thank you for the contributions to the LWML Mite box in October and November. There was a total of \$72.69. The money is split between local and national LWML mission projects that were approved at the convention in June.

Look for the large box in the narthex the second Sunday/Monday every month. Scheduled to be available for December 10 & 11.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO VISITED AND PURCHASED AT THE CRAFT FAIR!

We were so happy to see the excitement, especially when the GSLS students visited the fair. The Vesper Guild appreciates your support and prayers. The profits will be divided and dispensed in May-June to several Lutheran based charities. For more detailed information, feel free to contact Betty Buchheit dbuchheit305@aol.com or Tammy Mangold rtmangold@gmail.com



God's blessings to all involved with the Craft Fair!

**NO VESPER GUILD
MEETING IN DECEMBER.
SEE YOU JANUARY 16, 2018!**