

NEWS OF THE SON

Trinity Lutheran Church — Columbia, MO



April 2018

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

*From the
Pastor*



Does God Care about The Body?

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25-26)

The parents stood next to their son with a heavy heart. They were filled with concern (it was out of their control), with apprehension (not knowing what to expect), and with a tinge of fear (what did the future hold). Tomorrow their boy would be undergoing major surgery. Without the operation, a slip of the foot, a jarring of the head, or one wrong twist and their son could be paralyzed at best—or lose his life at worst.

God loved their son, but it is so hard when it is one of your children. Christ went to the cross. Spiritually their son would be fine, but does God care about what happens to the body?

Was Jesus not conceived in the body, born in the body and lived in the body? Did He not suffer in the body? Was He not crucified, died and buried in the body? His resurrection and ascension were in the body. He promises that in the body He reigns at the right hand of God and will return to judge the living and the dead in the flesh. Does God care about what happens to the body?

Alleluia!

Did not God create your body? Knit you together in your mother's womb? Did not God baptize His body? Will He not raise your body so that before your own eyes you will see God on the last day? Does God care about what happens to the body?

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

I stood with the family and gave to them the body and blood of Christ into their bodies! Yes, Jesus cares about the body.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed.

The Hebrew word in the Old Testament for soul (Nephesh) doesn't simply mean spirit, but it means the whole of you. So when God redeems your soul, He is redeeming your spirit, mind, and body. Healing may or may not occur while we are here on earth, but God did promise perfect healing at the resurrection. Yes, Jesus cares about your body, your mind, and your spirit.

With Easter joy we say:

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Brian K. Thieme





GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN SCHOOL



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

Thank you to all the people who supported the pancake breakfast. Either in manpower, donations or eating. We make over \$1657.00. Your support of GSLS and TLCLC is very much appreciated.

On April 11th you are all welcome to come to the school for their **Literacy Fair**. Good Shepherd is hosting the bookmobile and a Lutheran Children's author will be here to sign books. Come see Jonathan Schkade. Kids can visit each classroom and get their passports stamped. After they fill their books, they will get a special treat. There will be other drawings, and refreshments for all. It runs from 6-8 p.m.

This month's **movie is Wall-E**. Come and bring a blanket to sit on from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, April 20th.

Dates to Remember

April 11—Family Literacy Fair—6-8 p.m.

April 20—Family Movie Night—6-8 p.m.

We are looking for a music teacher for the remainder of the school year. The hours are 1:15 – 3:15 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. If you could some of the days, please call the office and see what is available.

Thank you for all your prayers and support this school year.

Tammy Mangold, Administrator

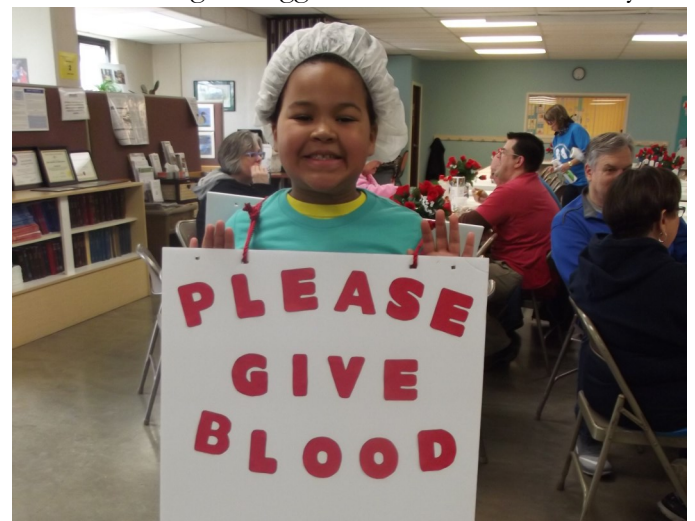
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Alexa with green eggs & ham on Dr. Seuss Day



Emelia looking for Blood Donors



Josh and Mike cooking pancakes

Dear Trinity Family,

There is no better word that describes you than that word “family.” We are joined together in that wonderful communion of saints by virtue of our baptism into Christ. Through Him we are children of God and brothers and sisters of one another.

But there is another reason we address you as “family.” Over the past thirty-five years, our beloved father was as much a part of your lives as he was of ours. Though we knew him as “Dad,” and you knew him as “Pastor Gerike,” he was, in so many ways, a part of your own families, and a spiritual father to many. We thank you for sharing all your memories of Dad with us during the weeks of Dad’s hospitalization, at the visitation, the funeral, and in your many cards and notes. As much as it was abundantly clear over the years that Dad loved this congregation, it was made equally clear over those years, and especially in these past months, that he was and is loved back.

So many of you were with us during our childhood and youth and accompanied our family through its many joys. Now you are with us to accompany us through this time of need and sorrow. There are not enough words to adequately express our gratitude for your many expressions of Christian kindness and love to us, yet we also know of your own grief at this time. In one way or another we have all lost a father.

But Dad would be the first to remind us all: we have an even greater Father in heaven. He has called His beloved child, Kenneth, out of this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven. The hands of care which now hold Dad are the very same hands of care that hold us as well. And that is the very best place to be: in the hands of our heavenly Father – whether in life or in death. Here too we are given opportunity to be comforted, and to call to mind that “blest communion, fellowship divine” (LSB 677:4). The Church Militant and the Church Triumphant are one church. We are still joined in Jesus!

And we give thanks in these joyous days for that first Easter morning and the promise of the resurrection of the dead. As Dad so often said throughout those almost eleven painful years of adjustment after Mom’s death: “Thank You, Lord Jesus, for giving us the victory!” We are comforted in our sorrow, and through our tears we look with certain hope to the resurrection of the body and a happy reunion in heaven with those we love who have died in the faith. “Thank You, Lord Jesus” indeed!

As a congregation you face a future that is unknown, and even as our own lives as a family must now adjust, so also the congregational family at Trinity must adjust. You are all in our prayers as you continue to be the people of God in this place, in His hands of care. Because of God’s promise to *His* church, you are able to pray that prayer which Dad shared so often, and which we ourselves were given occasion to pray these past months: “Thank You, dear Lord Jesus, for what You have done and what You continue to do through this congregational family at Trinity, Columbia!”

Thank you, dear friends, and family, in Christ!

Kristin, Matthew, Rachel, and Andrew Gerike

**MARCH 13, 2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES
(Draft Minutes - Yet to be Approved)**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order on March 13, 2018 at 7:05 p.m. Attendees included Gary Kespohl (Chairman), Jacque Eckhoff (Secretary), Carol Morrison, Roger Morrison, Mary Frerking, Pastor Brian Thieme, Kali Weishaar, Andrew Saeger, Chris Bailey, Tammy Mangold, Ken Greer, Virginia Propp, JoAnn Schoenike, Doug McDowell, Annette Kiehne, Doug Kiehne and Warren Harms.

Pastor Thieme gave the opening devotion.

Chairman Kespohl added two items to New Business. Item one is Pastoral Support Pay and item two is Scholarship Payment. He then added Phil Glenn to the beginning of the Meeting Agenda. Pastor Thieme noted he had a handout listing new membership changes to go with his report. Roger Morrison moved to accept the Meeting Agenda with these changes; seconded and approved.

Jesse Bray, with GFI Digital, spoke to the Board of Directors about a copier service/maintenance bid. He stated that GFI is a Missouri based copier company, and actually the only one left. He noted some of their current clients include LCMS in St. Louis and Alive in Christ Lutheran Church in Columbia. His proposal was for three brand new copiers, and he suggested a Manage Print Program that has a 60 month term. Under this program, every 48 months you get a new fleet of copiers. He stated that you save money over time. Some perks he mentioned of going with GFI are as follows: technicians completely clean and look the machine over on service calls, and they are the only company offering free IT support on copiers Pricing...with GFI it's cost per copy, meaning you only pay for what you use. The price would be \$374.30/month, which is \$22,550 total for 60 months. But remember you are getting new copiers at 48 months. Maintenance ONLY will increase 10% per year. He ended by saying GFI keeps 98% of their customers, and the bid will be good until the end of month. Discussion continued after Mr. Bray left. One point made is that current copiers are not that old, and still functioning at an efficient level. Warren Harms moved to discuss the copiers again in a year; seconded and approved.

Phil Glenn spoke to the Board of Directors about the SCOTUS Ruling and its current status. He began by reviewing the situation and where we are at

this point. He then reiterated that as part of the settlement the State said they would accept our old application for a new grant year. If we want the rubber product we will need to reapply At this point, the earliest we could reapply is 2019. Phil stated that nothing has been signed, and cautioned that we should allow the attorneys to negotiate the settlement.

Andrew Saeger moved to accept the Consent Agenda; seconded and approved.

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 13, 2018 MEETING

Chairman Kespohl stated that under New Business the radio station should be corrected to KFUE. Also under New Business, the Facility Use Request for McDowell Graduation Party should be changed to May 26, 2018, 1:00-8:00 PM. Mary Frerking moved to accept the Minutes of the February 13, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting with these changes; seconded and approved.

The Consent Agenda meeting minutes and reports are filed in the Congregation Secretary's notebook. The following are summaries of the reports, with the name of the board representative at the Board of Directors meeting listed:

ASSOCIATE PASTOR - Pastor Thieme

Pastor Thieme has taken JCC III and John Frerking has taken JCC II. JCC III are preparing for their presentations. May 5th in the morning is practice and pictures for Confirmation. May 5th in the evening they will give their presentations. May 6th is Confirmation in the 10:30 Service.

Adult Classes: There are four couples going through premarital classes, Sunday morning we are going through I Peter, the Monday morning class is going through the Large Catechism, and the Monday evening class is going through a series on reconciliation.

Pastoral visits continue to be made with individuals, couples and families. Trinity has a plethora of meetings to attend. The DCEI has only 4 months before she returns to the university setting and gets married.

DIR. OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION INTERN - Kali Weishaar

Taught 6-8th Grade Religion February 19-23, assisting with planning VBS and leading short Ladies Lenten Bible Study on Wednesdays. Leading Sr. Youth on Sunday mornings, building relationships with Shepherd's Kids through baking and storytelling, and planning Sr. High Lock-In.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY - JoAnn Schoenike (Financial Secretary)

For the month of February, the Regular Envelope collections are 96.09% of the anticipated monthly amount. Loose Plate collections are 178.64% and Sunday School are 78.73%. The Total Monthly collections are 99.14% of the monthly anticipated amount.

BOARD REPORTS:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - Mary Frerking

For the next two Sundays, the Sunday School kids will participate in presenting a Passion story play and an Empty Tomb play for the Adult Bible Study members.

On Palm Sunday the children will process into the church with palms during both services, and will sing with the choir at the 10:30 service. On Easter Sunday there will be the yearly egg hunt, the story of the Resurrections and an Easter craft. The BOCE will take over responsibility for the summer Sunday School lessons. This summer's VBS will run from July 10-13th in the evenings from 5:30-8:00 PM. Dinner will be provided each evening. The BOCE is planning to make a thorough review of all their materials stored in the Sunday School closet. They are also planning to prepare a yearly calendar of tasks/activities to make it easier to transition each year and assist new members joining the board.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION - Virginia Propp

100% Enrollment. Summer 2018 Enrollment is on track for seven toddler/preschool/preK/school age classes. Fall/Spring 2018-19 Enrollment is operating a waiting list to optimize final open spots. Two toddler spots and three T/Th preschool/preK spots yet to be filled with many on waiting lists to be turned away. Approval from AOV to purchase Creative Curriculum. Purchase will be made in March. License renewal will be required in July 2018. Freezer and refrigerator installed and has increased the efficiency of the kitchen. Phyllis White has been conducting chapel on Thursdays.

ELDERS - Doug Kiehne

The Elders met on February 27, 2018. Discussion was held with regard to the calendar for the last six months of 2018. Also discussed were short term options to help with Pastoral needs. First, the Board gave approval for Pastor Thieme to schedule someone to preach once a month. Also he will bring forth names of a person to visit shut-ins 20-30 hours a month. The Board is requesting a bulletin board space dedicated for keeping the congregation informed about the Call Process. They discussed the Call Process and next

steps. A ministry description is needed and the options presented by President Hagen on how to proceed were discussed.

EVANGELISM - Doug McDowell

The Board of Evangelism met February 21, 2018. Doug McDowell volunteered to be the Chairman of the BOE. Items discussed were Social Media as an Outreach Opportunity, Missouri District "Plus-One" Initiative, Christianity 101, and TLC at TLC.

PAROCHIAL EDUCATION - No Representative Present.

See agenda packet for financial report.

SOCIAL MINISTRY - Carol Morrison

Final report of Souper Bowl of Caring benefiting the Food Bank showed 134 pounds of food collected. The total free-will donations collected were \$204.00. There was one Member Assist request in February through Pastor Thieme. Social Ministry will help with the Pancake Breakfast and Blood Drive.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE - Andrew Saeger

During the month the Board of Stewardship and Finance held on-line meetings to plan for the Lenten Light Supper. The Board served soup and sandwiches along with dessert on February 28th. The offering count continued during the month per the agreed upon schedule.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND - No Representative Present.

No report filed.

TRUSTEES - Ken Greer

No report filed.

YOUTH - Chris Bailey

No report filed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - No report filed.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES:

Pastor Thieme did an overview of the current Membership Changes. Virginia Propp moved to accept the changes; seconded and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Warren Harms (Treasurer):

For the month ending February 28, 2018, the Church income is \$46,455, and year to date is \$90,770 (14.9% of the total income budgeted for the year).

The total Learning Center income for this period is \$62,821 for February and \$135,738 for the

year to date (20.0% of the budgeted income for the year).

For the month of February, 2018, Church expenditures are \$42,417, and \$92,196 year to date (15.1% of the annual expenditure budget of \$609,775).

The Learning Center expenditures for February 2018 total \$48,113 and \$89,147 year to date (13.2% of the annual expenditure budget of \$677,900).

Total income for the first two months of 2018 is \$226,508 which is 17.6% of the annual budget. Total expenses for the first two months of 2018 is \$181,342 which is 14.1% of the annual budget.

The invoice from Septagon Construction for the gymnasium ceiling repair and new LED lighting was paid in February at a total of \$27,212. The total project was expensed in 2017 as the project was actually completed the last week of December. The new refrigerator and freezer in the educational wing kitchen were installed in February and are in use. The estimated cost of \$4,330 was also expensed in 2017 when they were ordered. No invoice has been received as of the end of February.

Net operating cash as of February 28, 2018 is \$241,763. Cash in our dedicated accounts totaled \$91,583.

Per the AOV approval at the February meeting, \$35,000 was sent to the 197-TLCLC Reserve account at Lutheran Church Extension Fund. We were able to send this to the savings account from the surplus the Learning Center was blessed with in 2017. The total of the reserve accounts at LCEF on February 28, 2018 is \$106,706, Andrew Saeger moved to approve the Treasurer's Report; seconded and approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

SCOTUS Ruling Reconciliation Update

Phil spoke at the beginning of the Meeting Agenda.

Nomination Committee Update – Board of Social Ministry: There are two names to fill open positions on the Board of Social Ministry, Angel Arnall and Loanna Thompson. Mary Frerking moved to accept these nominations; seconded and approved.

Trustees

Ken reported that he'd received a revised bid from Septagon for installing the two new bathrooms in the TLCLC. Septagon was asked to price up-flush toilets.

Price came in at \$25,850 as opposed to \$28,000 for the regular toilets.

NEW BUSINESS:

Freewill Offering April 15 & 16 for Love INC: Carol Morrison moved to approve these dates; seconded and approved.

Scholarship Guidelines

The Board of Directors reviewed page 34 of the packet. The amendments on the bottom of the page would be replacing the information on the top of the page. Doug Kiehne moved to adopt the amendments. Seconded. Discussion...Ken Greer mentioned the possibility of Scholarships being handled by a Board, possibly Endowment or Executive Committee. It will be considered. Approved.

Constitutional Revision Committee – Andrew Saeger, Buck Katt, Mike Walz

Mary Frerking moved to approve the members of the Committee. Seconded. Discussion...It was asked what is the purpose of this Committee? Chairman Kespohl stated there are 127 proposed constitutional changes they need to review. Andrew Saeger will send the list to the Board of Directors for informational purposes. Approved.

Pastor Gerike's Final Check Update:

Chairman Kespohl stated he has looked in the 1999 handbook. Vacation, sick leave, and holiday are defined and employees carry over one year's worth of days. But, the handbook says that Pastors are exempt. Because there was no policy for the Pastors, Chairman Kespohl called Lee Hagen for advice. Lee said a Pastor who has been at a church as long as ours have usually get five weeks vacation with no carry over. All five weeks are given on the first day of January.

Therefore, Pastor Gerike would have received all five weeks on January 1, 2018. Discussion...We did not file for short term disability, but Ron Barrett is in the process of doing that. If short term disability is approved Pastor Gerike would get 70% of his salary from disability. Note: Pastor Gerike was paid for the three weeks he was in the hospital. For future, Trinity needs in writing what Pastors will receive for vacation, sick leave and holiday. Mary Frerking moved that if the disability payment comes to Pastor Gerike's Estate, then TLC will pay the Estate 100% of 10 days minus 70% of his salary for 15 days. But, if the payment comes to TLC, we will pay 100% of 10 days salary. Seconded.

Discussion. Mary Frerking asked to amend the motion to state that if the disability payment causes a negative to the Estate, the Estate does not pay anything to TLC; amendment seconded and approved. Jacque Eckhoff restated the motion as amended to read: if the disability

payment comes to Pastor Gerike's Estate, then TLC will pay the Estate 100% of 10 days minus 70% of his salary for 15 days. But, if the payment comes to TLC, we will pay 100% of 10 days salary. And, if the disability payment causes a negative to the Estate, the Estate does not pay anything to TLC; seconded and approved.

Good Shepherd Congregational Support

Chairman Kespohl discussed financials for the current school year, as well as enrollment numbers for the 18/19 year. By the end of the current school year, in July, GSLS will be in a \$94,000 deficit. Chairman Kespohl suggested that Trinity Lutheran Church fund the school until the end of the school year. \$30,000 is an approximate amount. The land money cannot be used. If Trinity loans the money to GSLS, when the land money can be used. CLAS will pay Trinity back. CLAS agreed they would do that. Another idea was to ask both congregations, Trinity and Campus, to vote that the land money could be used to finish out the 17/18 school year. Mary Frerking moved to call a Special Assembly of Voters Meeting for Sunday, March 25th following the 10:30 AM service, to discuss GSLS and recommend a release of land money to cover operating expenses to end the 17/18 school year. Seconded. Discussion...Campus can vote on April 5, 2018. Approved.

June Storytelling Conference

Pastor Thieme stated that volunteers are needed, including hosts for our storytellers. Conference is June 28 -30, 2018, however storytellers will come in on the 27th.

Elders Recommendation for Pastoral Support

Doug Kiehne stated they are currently looking at two short term options. First, someone would come in and preach once a month. The Elders recommend the following pay schedule for an ordained Pastor preaching at Trinity:

One Service.....\$75.00 Two Services.....\$100.00 Three Services.....\$150.00

Second, someone would visit shut-ins 20-30 hours a month. The Elders recommend to pay any individuals contracted to assist with this church work \$35/hour plus mileage to be reimbursed at the current IRS rate. Doug Kiehne moved to adopt the pay schedule for an ordained Pastor preaching at Trinity, contingent on no existing policy; seconded and approved. Doug Kiehne moved to have someone visit shut-ins 20-30 hours a month at the rate decided; seconded and approved.

Scholarship Payment

Virginia Propp moved to approve second semester payment to Grace Thieme for the 17/18 school year; seconded and approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on April 10, 2018.

Andrew Saeger will write up the announcement for the Special Assembly of Voters Meeting to be held on March 25, 2018.

Mary Frerking moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.; seconded and approved.

Pastor Thieme led the group in closing prayer.

Jacque Eckhoff, Secretary

2018 Trinity Lutheran Church Board Members

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Jacque Eckhoff

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Warren Harms

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**March Board of Directors agenda items
are due to the church office by noon
on Friday, April 6, 2018.**

**The Board of Directors will meet
Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 7:00pm in the
Fellowship Hall.**

EASTER WORD SEARCH

N C M R E T S A E Y R A Y G
O R M A S P R I N G R L A K
I O N J G Y T N M I I R N G
T S M N K D U J M L D X B J
C S E M N B A A N E D J W N
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BUNNY
CROSS
DAFFODIL
EASTER
EGG HUNT
EMPTY TOMB
GARDENER
HE IS RISEN

JESUS LIVES
JOHN
LILY
MAGDALENE
PETER
RESURRECTION
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SUNDAY

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SAVE THE DATE

Life Network's 27th Annual Banquet



April 5, 2018

CBO Events Center
4747 East Park Dr.,
Columbia



Keynote Speaker:

Kirk Walden, author of *The Wall*

Purchase discounted, early bird tickets and table reservations online at lifenetworkfriends.com/banquet or contact Sylvia Glenn

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



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!



LLL FELLOWSHIP CLUB

Please come join the LLL for their next Bible Study Sunday, April 8, 2018 at 6pm in the fellowship hall. From Luther's 95 Theses in 1517 to the Peace of Westphalia in 1648, God was at work in the Reformation. "The greatest thing about the Reformation are the solas: grace alone, faith alone, Christ alone, Scripture alone because, in reality, what it does is it establishes the worth of a human being before God in a way that can't be done by people; it's done by God in Jesus Christ." Learn more about this period of time in our Bible study topic: A Man Named Martin—Part 3: The Movement.



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. 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.

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**) •

THANK YOU

The Richard Nack family would like to thank the Trinity family for the comforting words, sympathy cards, and memorials we have received for us and Good Shepherd Lutheran School. It helps to know we have all of you with us in our lives.

WOMEN'S SOCIAL CONNECTION

The Women's Social Connection meets the third Friday of each month. April's gathering will be in the Trinity Family Room April 20 at 1:30pm.



What joy there is in celebrating the resurrection of Jesus which gives us hope for today and assurance of our own resurrection in the future! He promised to prepare a place for us! It is important to remember that there would not be a celebration if not for the suffering that Jesus endured for our sake. He has shown us that suffering can have purpose and can bring about good. Unfortunately, the world does not see it that way. Many people want to do away with suffering by ending lives prematurely instead of trusting God's timing. The following article, "Assisted Suicide Is Not Real Compassion", addresses this issue and offers a better way:

"Proponents of assisted suicide argue that helping someone end their life is a compassionate act. In fact, many of them contend that this lethal, risky practice is consistent with the ethical teachings of the world's great faiths, which call each of us to care for those who are suffering.

"But although those pushing to legalize assisted suicide may have good intentions, the practice for which they advocate could not be more unlike the compassion that our Christian faith asks us to show to our brothers and sisters.

"Compassion, at its root, is about accompanying others through trying times. It does not ignore the reality of death or the fact of human suffering. Instead, it underscores that even in someone's darkest days, people of faith are not allowed to abandon them. We must provide love and accompany them each step of the way.

"As a Lutheran, I can see this clearly modeled in the ministry of Jesus, most notably in how He engaged with those who were suffering. He did not send the sick and afflicted away; instead He said, **"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest"** (Matthew 11:28 NIV). The relief that Jesus offers includes, but is beyond, physical healing. It is a peace that comes from being loved and comforted. Christians are called to follow His example.

"But assisted suicide is the direct opposite of loving care and companionship. Instead of providing both the medical and personal attention that those near the end of life need and deserve, this practice sends them home with a vial of pills to die alone..... How can we call this a "compassionate" choice? Proponents of assisted suicide contend that it is necessary to relieve the pain of suffering people.

"But this itself is misleading. Evidence from states where assisted suicide is legal, such as Oregon and Washington, shows that the vast majority of those who choose assisted suicide are not motivated by a desire to relieve pain. Instead they cite other reasons for ending their life, such as the worry that they would be a burden on their loved ones if kept alive. This is not "compassion". Instead, legalized assisted suicide perpetuates the tragic myth that the elderly and infirm are "burdens to be dealt with instead of human beings deserving of love and care.

"Furthermore, the latest advances in palliative care and end-of-life treatment have made pain-based arguments for assisted suicide unnecessary. Pain can be managed, and our lawmakers and healthcare system should focus on continuing to advance real care options, not hastening death.....

"Finally, legalizing assisted suicide cannot be considered compassionate given the adverse impact it will likely have on the poor and vulnerable to whom people of faith are called to give special care. Given the economic dynamics of the healthcare industry and the fact that ending life will likely be cheaper than ongoing care, assisted suicide could be pushed on disadvantaged people. It will also likely disincentivize efforts to expand affordable and accessible care for all. In fact, we've already seen evidence of this: a mother of four in California was denied treatment for her cancer, but her insurance company said they could provide her with suicide drugs instead. Is this the type of "compassion" proponents of assisted suicide have in mind? And how can we have real "choice" when medical options are being limited instead of expanded?

"The stark truth is that assisted suicide is not a compassionate practice; it amounts to abandonment of those who need us most, perpetuates dangerous views that the sick and elderly are "burdens," and will unjustly prevent the poor and vulnerable from receiving the care they deserve. Assisted suicide is entirely inconsistent with the values that people of faith hold dear.

“It is also inconsistent with who we are as Americans. In a country that prides itself on exceptional healthcare and communities that stick together, let’s commit ourselves to advancing real care, not hastening death.” (Assisted Suicide Is Not Real Compassion by Virginia Flo, regional director of Minnesota and national conference director of Lutherans For Life, LifeDate, Winter 2016)

Be vigilant and share the Truth when you hear people advocate for physician assisted suicide. It is **not** a compassionate choice and goes against Jesus’ example and our charge to “Carry one another’s burdens”. Won’t you help others understand what true compassion really is?

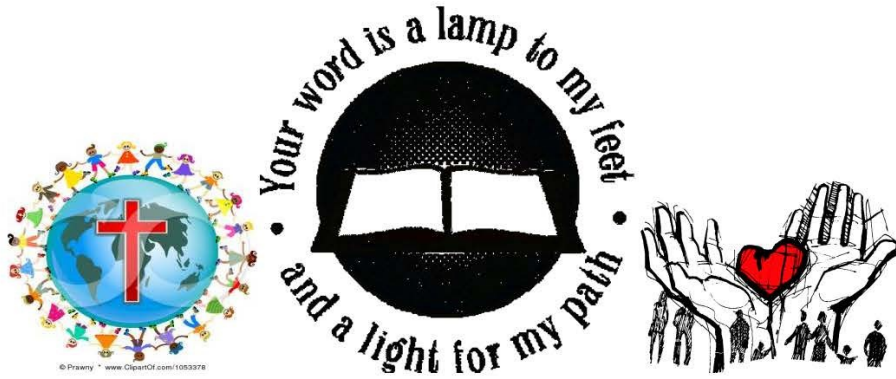
Don’t forget to start planning now to attend the Lutherans For Life National Conference which is scheduled for October 12-13th in St Louis, MO under the theme **From Age to Age the Same**, based on the scripture Isaiah 46:4: “...I am he, and to gray hairs I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save.”. Please do not miss this opportunity!

Easter joy in the name of Jesus, our resurrected Savior!

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.





Columbia Zone LWML Spring Rally
Hosted by Campus Lutheran Dorcas Guild

April 22, 2018

Campus Lutheran Church
304 South College Avenue
Columbia, MO 65201

Registration begins at 1:30 p.m.

Rally begins at 2:00 p.m.

Cost will be \$3.00

The Campus Lutheran MOST Mission team
will give a presentation about their
Belize Eye Glass Ministry mission trip

Refreshments will be served after the business meeting

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all of the world, and
preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15

Ingathering of eye glasses
Including prescription glasses, sun glasses, readers, and cases

Concordia Seminary Hosts
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Saturday, April 28, Registration 9:00–Start 10:00 am

801 Seminary Place, St. Louis, MO 63105

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 Thomas and Sarah StoneApril 18, 1998
 James and Bonnie Lawler.....April 20, 1985
 Larry and Dianne JeideApril 21, 1993
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 Don and Jan Lang.....April 24, 1976
 Buck and Norma Katt.....April 25, 1952
 Jeffery and Nanette SchneiderApril 25, 1981
 Jim and Debbie Harms.....April 26, 1980
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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.

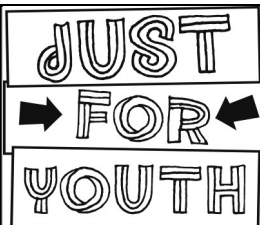


APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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Arla Benskin
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Gideon Anderson
 John Fischer
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Rylee Eckhoff
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Andrew Lawler
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Jason Kiehne
 Megan Walz
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Timothy Kling
 Butch Reynolds
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Tori Thompson
 12
Nathaniel Dyer

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Abby Eckhoff
 Stephen Harris
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Zachary Mariott
 Grace Thieme
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Elizabeth Cherrington
 Mark Unterreiner
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Kim Crouch
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Emma Crouch
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Reese Eckhoff
 Conner Gibson
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Trinity Reiss
 Nicholas Swartz
 Nicole Thompson
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Mary Earnhart
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Betty Landers
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Connie Hanson
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Sue Pickett
 Jeff Smith
 Nick Weber
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Kenneth Klussman
 Fred Luetkemeier

26
Gary Frisch
 Lauren Schaumburg
 Austin Tipton
 Rachel Weber
 27
Michael Laupp
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Dale Smith
 Sam Tackitt
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Bob Clark



JCC CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE:

JCC Classes will continue for the upcoming months. March sessions will be: 4/15, 4/22, and 4/29 at 6pm. JCC will not meet 4/1 or 4/8.

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE:

JCC II will be the acolytes for April. Go to the Trinity website → Ministries → Youth → Jr. High Youth → Acolyte Schedules to sign up or change the services you would like to acolyte.

JR. HIGH OUTING

April 8: Meet at the church at noon for pizza, and bring \$15 to go to Sky Zone at 12:30.

KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN FOR INFO ON MORE JR. AND SR. HIGH EVENTS



Be Prepared!

Circuit Wide Lock-In

Where: Trinity Lutheran Church, Columbia

When: April 20, 7pm-8am

Who: High School Students and Chaperon

RSVP @ <http://bit.ly/2ph7lhf>

Contact: DCEJosh@gmail.com

April 2018

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1 Easter

7a Sunrise Worship w/Communion
8:15a Easter Breakfast
10:30a Easter Worship w/Communion

2

9a Bible Class
9a TLCLC Chapel
6p Worship w/Communion

3

9a TLCLC Chapel
6p Bd. of Early Childhood Ed.

4

8:25a GSLS Chapel

5

6:30a Men's Bible Study @ Terrace
11:30a Senior Ministry Lunch @ Denny's

6

7

8 8a & 10:30a

Worship / Comm.
9:15a Bible Study / Sunday School / Fellowship
12p Jr. High Activity
5p Handbell Practice
6p Choir Practice
6p LLL

9

6p Worship w/Communion

10

9a TLCLC Chapel
6p GSLS PTL
6:30p BOD Book Study
7p Bd. of Directors

11

8:25a GSLS Chapel
9a TLCLC Chapel
9:30a Mary Martha Guild
5:30-8:30p GSLS Science Fair

12

6:30a Men's Bible Study @ Terrace
11:30a Senior Ministry Lunch @ Denny's
7p CLAS

13

14

Group Leaves for Holy Land

15

8a & 10:30a
Worship / Comm.
9:15a Bible Study / Sunday School / Fellowship
6p JCC
6p Choir Practice

16

6p Worship w/Communion

17

9a TLCLC Chapel
6p Vesper Guild
6:30p C.O.O.L. Girls

18

8:25a GSLS Chapel
9a TLCLC Chapel

19

6:30a Men's Bible Study @ Terrace
11:30a Senior Ministry Lunch @ Denny's

20

1:30p Women's Social Connection
5:30p GSLS Family Movie Night
7p Sr. Youth Lock-In

21

22

8a & 10:30a
Worship / Comm.
9:15a Bible Study / Sunday School / Fellowship
5p Handbell Practice
6p Choir Practice
6p JCC

23

6p Worship w/Communion

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9a TLCLC Chapel

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9a TLCLC Chapel

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11:30a Senior Ministry Lunch @ Denny's

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5:30p GSLS Family Movie Night

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8a Worship / Comm.
9:15a Bible Study / S.S. / Fellowship
10:30a TLCLC Sunday
5p Handbell Practice
6p Choir Practice
6p JCC

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6p Worship w/Communion

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- 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

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 *Trinity Weekly News* are due to the church office by noon each Thursday. Announcements of 75-100 words are preferred.