

# NEWS OF THE SON

Trinity Lutheran Church — Columbia, MO



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

*From the  
Pastor*



## “The Listening Heart”

He was overwhelmed by the daunting tasks that lay before him. The responsibilities were like heavy weights upon his shoulders. He couldn't turn to his experiences for they were too few. He couldn't turn to his own powers for they would not hold up to the strain. He could not turn to his own strength for it surely would not be enough. Where then? Where could he turn? Where could he seek and find strength? TO GOD!

And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?” (I Kings 3:6-9)

We translate it as an “understanding mind,” but from Hebrew it literally means a “listening heart.” Solomon could only truly rule God's great people if his heart was open to hear the Lord's Words. Only with the Lord's Words could he face the daunting tasks and responsibilities. Diving in daily to the Lord's Word, his heart, his mind, and his life would be shaped and molded. From such he could readily discern good from evil, right from wrong, and true from false. With a “listening heart” to Holy Writ, Solomon would face each day for the good of his neighbor and to the glory of God. Only with Scripture tucked away in his heart did his own thoughts and will give way to God's thoughts and will. The one who seeks and prays for a listening heart finds a God ready to oblige.

On the other hand, Eve in the Garden of Eden had closed her heart to the sound of God's Word. That void in her heart was not left empty, but another word echoed in its chambers. The heart heard not the sweet sounds of correction and life, but instead it heard words of deceit that lead to death. How many times has the heart been deaf to the Word and found itself wallowing in sin, despair, deceit, lies, pride, and destructive behavior.

Have we turned a deaf ear? Do we follow that well beaten path of Sin? In our tasks and responsibilities we have neglected these words, “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work” (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

“Simon Peter answered him, ‘Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life’” (John 6:68). Rejoicing in the Gift of the Word of God, the Gospel of John so wonderfully reminds us that “these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name” (John 20:31).

We prayerfully ask God to give us a “listening heart” that through His Word our thoughts and will would be shaped and molded by His will. May too His life-giving Word echo in the chamber of our hearts and flow forth from our lips to those around us.

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*

April proved to be a busy month with Achievement testing. The school hosted a literacy fair and brought in a Lutheran Children's Author to read and sign his books. In addition, we squeezed in field trips and a movie night around a week of Academic Achievement testing. The K-2 grades went to Arrow Rock for Family Life & School days and the 3-8 grade tested out their knowledge of science at the St. Louis Science Center.

May is filled with lots of activities too. Especially trying to stay focused to finish out the school year.

## Dates to Remember

- May 9—CLAS meeting at Trinity at 7:00  
—**Note date change**
- May 20—Graduation—10:30 a.m. Trinity
- May 21—Field Day—If you would like to help in any way-contact the school office
- May 23—Last day of school
  - \* Awards ceremony
  - \* Kindergarten promotion
  - \* School closing service

Reminder what the Mission of Good Shepherd is:

Good Shepherd exists to be a partner with parents, assisting them in raising their children, and helping everyone to grow in love, knowledge, and faith in Jesus Christ.

And Good Shepherd is currently a mission of Trinity. Thank you for all your prayers and support for the school.

*Tammy Mangold*, Administrator

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



John Schkade reads one of his books at the Literacy Fair



Waiting for their prizes at the Literacy Fair



Holding the Snake: The rain forest came to TLCLC & GSLS

## U.S. SUPREME COURT CASE UPDATE

As you may remember, in June 2017 The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in Trinity's favor by a vote of 7 to 2 in the case relating to the Missouri Recycled Rubber Tire Grant Program. The ruling by the justices was much broader than just confirming that Trinity had standing to litigate with The State of Missouri; it stated that states/governments cannot discriminate against religious organizations for purely secular grant programs open to all other organizations. After many months of negotiations between the Trinity attorneys from The Alliance Defending Freedom and The State of The Missouri Attorney General office, a settlement has been signed by all parties concerned.

**Summary of the settlement:** The terms of the settlement stipulate three basic requirements:

1. The State will allow religious organizations to apply for grants and funding opportunities administered by The State and will not disqualify or disadvantage churches or religious organizations in any way because of their religious status (the "Religious Non-Discrimination Policy"). The State will also revise all documents and policies associated with its grant programs to reflect the Religious Non-Discrimination Policy. As part of this settlement agreement, The State agrees to continue to maintain the Religious Non-Discrimination Policy in its grant programs in the future.
2. The State agrees that the scrap tire surface material grant application submitted by Trinity Lutheran in 2012 will be deemed as submitted for the current grant application cycle and will be considered on an equal basis with all other grant applications received and considered by The State (additional explanation follows below).
3. The parties stipulate that Trinity Lutheran is the prevailing party in the litigation and agree to submit the determination of the reasonableness and amount of Trinity's attorneys' fees and costs to the District Court (Western District of the 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals).

### **Additional Information:**

The State of Missouri has signed the settlement. In addition, in accordance with the direction by the February Assembly of Voters (AOV), Chairman Gary Kespohl and Church Secretary Jacque Eckhoff have signed the document as well. The Alliance Defending Freedom must now submit the settlement agreement with a motion to the Western District of the 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals to confirm item 3 above. The State is in the process of revising all policies and documents as outlined in item 1.

At the recommendation of the Board of Early Childhood Education and the February BOD, the February AOV confirmed that Trinity still wishes to compete for the grant (item 2 above). However, submission of the 2012 application may put Trinity at a disadvantage during the scoring of competing applicants due to potentially outdated information/data on the 2012 application. However, the revised application form is still in coordination at The State and has not been promulgated for organizations to apply for the 2018 grant cycle. During the April BOD meeting, it was decided that the best course of action will be to update the 2012 application with current recycled rubber material vendor quotes and await the publication of the new application form and revise the 2012 application if required.

I will be happy to answer any additional questions you might have on this issue.

Your servant in Christ,

Phil Glenn

**MARCH 25, 2018 ASSEMBLY OF VOTERS  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
(Draft Minutes - Yet to be Approved)**

The special meeting of the Assembly of Voters was called to order on March 25, 2018 at 11:33

a.m. Attendees included Gary Kespohl (Chairman), Jacque Eckhoff (Secretary), Warren Harms (Treasurer), Pat Campbell, Mindy Cherrington, Hunter Kevil, Mary Raisch, Robyn Raisch, Bonnie Lawler, Carol Easterhaus, Pete Easterhaus, Myra McCoig, Larry McCoig, Dana Leutkemeier, Fred Luetkemeier, Karen Harms, Joyce Raines, Bill Raines, Carol Morrison, Roger Morrison, George Rattelmuller, Jim Harms, Debbie Harms, Pat Hansen, Carolyn Holste, Carol Squires, Richard Mangold, Tammy Mangold, Melissa Fitzgergerald, Michael Brown, Misty Brown, Debbie Antel, Andrew Saeger, Joanna McDowell, Barbara Barrett, Ron Barrett, Nicole Thompson, Kali Weishaar, Larry Kuehner, Janice Kuehner, Kevin Mott, Elizabeth Couper, Nicholas Couper, Larry Samuel, Elaine Samuel, Larry Propp, Virginia Propp, Karen Niederjohn, Jim Niederjohn, Sandy Dirks, Lonny Dirks, Annette Kiehne, Doug Kiehne, Dan Buchheit, Betty Buchheit, Candice Kling, Timothy Kling, Rob Hall, Melba Hall, Phil Glenn, Sylvia Glenn, Norburt Pierson and Marian Kueck-Pierson.

Pastor Thieme gave the opening devotion.

Chairman Kespohl welcomed everyone and gave an overview of the financials of GSLS for the 17/18 school year, and explained why the Special AOV meeting was called.

Timothy Kling moved that the Trinity Assembly of Voters authorize the Columbia Lutheran Association of School Board to release up to \$75,000 from the land sale proceeds to cover school expenses for the 2017-2018 school year. Seconded. Discussion. Andrew Saeger asked to amend the motion by replacing "authorize" with "encourage", and by replacing "up to \$75,000" with "necessary funds"; amendment seconded and approved. Chairman Kespohl restated the motion as amended; seconded and approved.

Meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m. Pastor Thieme led the group in closing prayer.

Jacque Eckhoff, Secretary

**APRIL 10, 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 April 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Attendees included Gary Kespohl (Chairman), Jacque Eckhoff (Secretary), Andrew Saeger, Warren Harms, Virginia Propp, Carol Morrison, Roger Morrison, Tammy Mangold, Annette Kiehne, Ken Greer, Robert Hall, JoAnn Schoenike, Mary Frerking and Phil Glenn.

Chairman Kespohl gave the opening devotion.

Andrew Saeger asked to remove the Facility Use Request under New Business. Chairman Kespohl added two items to New Business. Item one is Removal of Modular Classroom and item two is 2016 Financial Review. Robert Hall moved to accept the Meeting Agenda with these changes; seconded and approved. Robert Hall moved to accept the Consent Agenda; seconded and approved.

**MINUTES OF MARCH 13, 2018 MEETING**

Andrew Saeger stated that in the GFI Digital portion, Warren Harms' motion was to discuss the copiers in October of 2018, not in one year's time. Andrew moved to accept the Minutes of the March 13, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting with this change; 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:

**PASTOR'S REPORT - Not Present**

Pastor Thieme is gone April 9-30. There is a list of phone numbers accessible to congregation members to be used if they need assistance while he is gone.

Confirmation: Rev. Whittle will help with draft papers in preparation for Confirmation presentations. May 5th will be practice, pictures and presentations. Confirmation is May 6th during the 10:30 service.

Adult Classes: There are four couples going through premarital classes, Sunday morning is 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.

**DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION  
INTERN - Not Present**

Taught 6-8th Grade Religion April 3-6, assisting with planning VBS, leading TLCLC and GSLS Chapels on

certain dates in April. Leading Sr. Youth on Sunday mornings, sending youth birthday cards and planning Sr. High Lock-In for April 20th. Supervised Luther College Frisbee team March 2-4, and involved with Calvary Lutheran High School Evangelism Workshop on April 25th.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY - JoAnn Schoenike**  
(Financial Secretary)

For the month of March, the Regular Envelope collections are 95.83% of the anticipated monthly amount. Loose Plate collections are 157.59% and Sunday School are 60.81%. The Total Monthly collections are 98.38% of the monthly anticipated amount. The Total Year to Date collections through the end of March are 96.43% of the anticipated amount of \$128,132.

#### **BOARD REPORTS:**

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - Mary Frerking**

Now that the Lenten schedule of activities has concluded, teachers will resume regular curriculum from "Growing in Christ". The BOCE will take over responsibility for the summer Sunday School lessons to give teachers a break.

This summer's VBS is scheduled for July 10-13th in the evenings from 5:30-8:30 PM. A light supper 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 has seven classrooms. Fall/Spring 2018-19 Enrollment is operating a waiting list to optimize final open spots. Monthly tuition with current enrollment should be approximately \$61,258. Summer 2017 has a past due balance. Cleaning up enrollment records in Procure to allow all school emails and texting for improved parent communications. Sent request to Creative Curriculum for Sales Rep to purchase new curriculum. License renewal will be required in July 2018. Freezer and refrigerator vendor needs to return to burnish out a rust spot and fix the light on the refrigerator. Awaiting quote for bathroom additions. Window coverings purchased.

**ELDERS - Roger Morrison**

The Elders met on March 27, 2018. Rev. Spotts will begin assisting with visiting and serving Communion to shut-ins. Roger M., Larry M. and Ron B. volunteered to

serve on a committee for developing vacation/sick time/etc. policies for Pastors. Elders were assigned to unlock and lock the church while Pastor Thieme is in Israel. The Elders have met several times as the screening committee to address the vacancy left by Pastor Gerike. The group is gathering information about the process and formulating a plan of how to proceed.

**EVANGELISM - No Representative Present**

The Board of Evangelism met March 19, 2018. Items discussed were Social Media, Christianity 101 and TLC at TLC. Topic was raised on Greeters and contacting Trinity members to volunteer for this before each service. Upcoming BOE activities were reviewed.

**PAROCHIAL EDUCATION - No Representative Present**

See agenda packet for financial report.

**SOCIAL MINISTRY - Carol Morrison**

Served Lenten Lite Supper along with Mary Martha Guild on March 7th, and helped with GSLS/TLCLC Pancake Breakfast and American Red Cross Blood Drive on March 10th. See agenda packet for overview of the Senior Ministry bus trip to LCMS sites in St. Louis on March 22nd.

**STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE - Andrew Saeger**  
No report filed.

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND - No Representative Present**  
No report filed.

**TRUSTEES - Ken Greer—No report filed.**

**YOUTH - No Representative Present—No report filed.**

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - No report filed.**

#### **MEMBERSHIP CHANGES:**

Chairman Kespohl did an overview of the current Membership Changes. Andrew Saeger moved to accept changes; seconded and approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT - Warren Harms**  
(Treasurer)

For the month ending March 31, 2018, the Church income is \$49,680, and year to date is \$140,451 (23.03% of the total income budgeted for the year). But this is <\$7,747> less than in 2017.

The total Learning Center income for this period is \$61,855 for March and \$197,593 for the year to date (29.15% of the budgeted income for the year). This is \$16,506 greater than in 2017 when the additional classes had not yet been opened.

For the month of March, 2018, Church expenditures are \$43,877, and \$136,073 year to date.

The Learning Center expenditures for March 2018 total \$52,072 and \$141,218 year to date (20.83% of the annual expenditure budget of \$677,900).

Total income for the first three months of 2018 is \$338,044 which is 26.25% of the annual budget. Total expenses for the first three months of 2018 is \$277,291 which is 21.5% of the annual budget. The total expenses for the first three months of 2018 are \$9,746 less than the first three months of 2017.

Net operating cash as of March 28, 2018 is \$260,110. The amount due in our dedicated accounts totaled \$98,627. I will intend to send the \$17,749 plus the April receipt deposited to the 827-Verizon Cell Tower designated gift to the 190-Capital Outlay Reserves account at LCEF during April.

The total of the reserve accounts at LCEF on March 31, 2018 is \$106,800. Joann Schoenike moved to approve the Treasurer's Report; seconded and approved.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

##### Surveillance System:

This revised proposal from Sound Solutions is due to the closing of GSLS. This proposal eliminates all cameras in the basement. It covers exterior entrances, playgrounds and parking for a total of 10 cameras. Price reduced to \$23,560 plus the \$30 monthly charge. Monitors could be in the TLCLC office and church office. Ken Greer moved to recommend to the May AOV the intercom system proposal that is also included in the April BOD packet be approved. Seconded.

Discussion. Ken withdrew the motion until we have cleaner information and numbers. There was more discussion of the video surveillance. Andrew Saeger moved to accept the revised proposal; seconded and approved.

##### SCOTUS Settlement Offer:

Phil stated the current status is that the settlement offer is still unsigned by the church and attorneys. A conference call then followed between the BOD and attorney, Erik Stanley. Erik gave an overview of the status....

The Supreme Court ruled in our favor to be treated equally in the future. We were seeking equal treatment of churches and religious organizations. The agreement acknowledges the DNR has changed its policy and is no longer excluding churches. Second, it binds the

to its old policy. If they do it violates the First Amendment. The agreement also takes the issue of attorney's fees and submits that issue to the court. Because we were successful we can ask for the attorney's fees to be paid. We were able to get the DNR to take our 2012 application and file it this year.

If we reject the offer, the case will proceed before the federal judge, who is very liberal, and we would likely have depositions, document review, etc. Then likely another appeal. Erik's advice is to sign the settlement offer. Attorney's fees and costs would then be settled later.

There was then discussion of what the Trinity AOV decided at the February Meeting. The following motion was made and approved at the February AOV Meeting:

Ken Greer moved to authorize the Executive Committee to make a final decision on behalf of Trinity. Seconded. Barbara Barrett asked to amend the motion to have Virginia Propp and Annette Kiehne work with the Executive Committee to make a final decision; amendment seconded and approved. Jacques Eckhoff restated the motion as amended to read: the Executive Committee along with Virginia Propp and Annette Kiehne will make a final decision on behalf of Trinity; seconded and approved.

Warren Harms moved we accept the offer. Joann Schoenike Seconded. Approved by Executive Committee, Virginia Propp and Annette Kiehne. Chairman Kespohl and Secretary Eckhoff signed the offer.

Virginia Propp will work on updating the quotes for the new grant application.

##### Trustees:

Ken reported there is a work day for this Saturday, April 14, 2018.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

##### AED Maintenance Agreement:

There is a five year maintenance service agreement. Renewal is \$350 a piece. We have two, making total cost of renewal \$700. It was brought up that Neil Eckhoff, who is a first responder, could possibly renew the certification. Mary Frerking moved to approve the \$700, subject to Neil Eckhoff not being able to renew the certification; seconded and approved.

##### TLCLC Unpaid Tuition Policy (Page 48):

BOECE asked for guidance regarding tuition debt. \$1384.78 was incurred during 2017 Summer School. Ken Greer moved we forgive the debt and move on; seconded and approved.

TLCLC Intercom System:  
See minutes above regarding Surveillance System.

**Furnishing Offers:**

There is a list of free furnishings from the Boonville Casino. Chairman Kespohl suggested the Trustees, and anyone else interested go look at the furnishings before taking.

**Tuition Support to be Released in August and January:**

It was discussed that Scholarship Tuition checks be released in August and January. Mary Frerking moved to accept the request; seconded and approved.

**Renovation of Pastor Gerike's Office:**

Andrew Gerike will be visiting for a week in April to clean out books from Pastor Gerike's office. Chairman Kespohl stated the desk, carpet and shelves are very old. It might be nice to renovate while empty. There was discussion of Pastor Thieme temporarily moving into Pastor Gerike's office. Renovation will be discussed at a later date.

**Facility Use Request – Glenn Wedding Shower 4-28:**  
REMOVED - No longer needed.

**Removal of Modular Classroom:**

Neighbors have complained about the disrepair of the modular classroom. Removal will be discussed after the end of the GSLS school year.

**2016 Financial Review:**

Chairman Kespohl received the 2016 Financial Review today. He went over the checklist. There were minimal irregularities. Chairman Kespohl will make copies for Annette Kiehne and Warren Harms. Mary Frerking moved to accept the TLC Financial Review for 2016; seconded and approved.

**Thank You Note:**

Chairman Kespohl read a thank you note from Mid-Missouri Lutheran Hospital Ministry, Inc.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Next Meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on May 8, 2018. Next Meeting of the Assembly of Voters will be held on May 20, 2018.

JoAnn Schoenike moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m.; seconded and approved. Chairman Kespohl closed by leading the group in the Lord's Prayer.

Jacque Eckhoff, Secretary

**May Board of Directors reports and agenda items are due to the church office by noon on Friday, May 4, 2018.**

**The Board of Directors** will meet  
Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 7:00pm in the  
Fellowship Hall.

**The Assembly of Voters** will meet  
Sunday, May 20, 2018 at 12:00pm in the  
Fellowship Hall.

**2018 Trinity Lutheran Church  
Board Members**

**Chairman**

Gary Kespohl

**Secretary**

Jacque Eckhoff

**Treasurer**

Warren Harms

**Financial Secretary**

JoAnn Schoenike

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Karen Niederjohn

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Mark Unterreiner

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Cynthia Green

Candice Kling

Mary Raisch

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Fund**

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Don Malson

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Ken Greer

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## HELP WANTED: PRESCHOOL SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS AND AFTERNOON STAFF

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

Hours for subs are dependent on the needs of the teacher.

Hours for afternoon staff are variable but are usually around 2:30- 5:15 p.m.

Contact Annette Kiehne at Trinity Lutheran Child Learning Center at 573-445-1014 or by email at [TLCLC@trinity-LCMS.org](mailto:TLCLC@trinity-LCMS.org).

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



## WEIGHTED BLANKETS PROJECT

A huge thanks to the "blanket ladies" who have made a difference in the lives of many families in our community over the past several years. Another blanket blessing gathering took place April 12th. Fourteen blankets were delivered to Thompson Center and Boone County Family Resource Center who tell us their families love the blankets.

*We absolutely love our blanket! We received this darling animal print from a local agency. It has been easy to keep clean and is sturdy. My 4 year old uses it on nights when she just can't seem to "settle down" (her words). It has also been used by my other kids to snuggle and my husband to hold an ice pack in place. After numerous hours of soothing different ages in my home, I wanted to make sure that someone knew how much all 6 of us rely on it. Thank you for taking the effort, time, and money to create something that soothes different people for different reasons.*

We thank God for enabling His love for each of us to shine through to others in our community. You are welcome to join the "blanket ladies" for fellowship and fun in this Weighted Blanket Project, supported by Thrivent Financial Community Outreach.

Judy Frost, (573) 823-0008.



ChristianStorytelling.com

12th Annual

## Christian Storytelling Conference

June 28-30, 2018  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
Columbia, MO

Register before May 15 and save \$10 per person.

The conference web site includes...

- detailed [agenda](#)
- workshop [grid](#) (showing day and time)
- workshop [descriptions](#)
- speaker [bios](#)

The 12th annual **Christian Storytelling Conference** allows you to select up to 10 workshops led by professional storytellers and BibleTellers. For those who can't get away on Thursday and Friday, there is a special Saturday (morning)-only registration option.

The conference [prices](#) include lunches served on Thursday and Friday, as well as snacks and drinks at break times between sessions.

This conference is especially for...

- storytellers (whether just getting started or professional)
- youth, youth leaders, and others who work with youth
- teachers, parents, and other leaders interested in helping others learn Bible stories
- Sunday school teachers, parents, and others involved in ministry to children
- missionaries or short-term trip participants interested in sharing Jesus across cultures through Bible stories
- pastoral staff and church leaders interested in BibleTelling in the church

### SUMMARY

#### [Christian Storytelling Conference](#)

June 28-30, 2018  
at Trinity Lutheran Church  
2201 W. Rollins Road  
Columbia, MO 65203

#### 7 Tracks!

Storytelling in Ministry  
Crossing Cultures  
Pastors  
Teachers  
Youth Leaders  
Children's Ministry  
New Attendees

#### 30 Workshops!

#### 20+ Expert Presenters!

#### [Online](#)

Workshop details  
Presenter bios  
Travel/Housing info



For more details and to register go to

[christianstorytelling.com](http://christianstorytelling.com).

## THANK YOU

Thank you so much to each of you who has contributed to Lutherans For Life in the last few months! Your continued generosity helps Lutherans For Life fulfill its mission of “equipping Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life”, and its vision of “every Lutheran, both individually and in community, upholding the God-given value of human life and influencing society to do the same.” Feel free to continue your support at any time. (You may make checks out to Trinity and designate the funds for Lutherans For Life.) Thanks again!

## 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, May 6, 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](http://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

### KFUO Lutheran Radio

Listen to Worldwide KFUO.org, your station for practical Lutheran talk, daily Bible and Confession studies, daily worship, and current issues from a Lutheran worldview. Programs are archived at KFUO.org for on-demand listening. You can also find our programming wherever you get your podcasts!

### 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](http://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**) •

## WOMEN'S SOCIAL CONNECTION

The Women's Social Connection meets the third Friday of each month. May's gathering will be in the Trinity Family Room May 18 at 1:30pm.

## VESPER GUILD MEETING

The final meeting of the 2017-2018 year will be held on Tuesday, May 22 at 6:00 pm in the church library. Every woman at Trinity is welcome to attend. You won't want to miss a wonderful Bible study presented by Linnea Lilja.



**TRINITY'S SENIOR MINISTRY TRIP TO SEE SAMSON  
WITH JOY RISSMILLER  
AT THE SIGHT AND SOUND THEATRE  
IN BRANSON, MISSOURI  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2018**

Samson defeated an entire army and slayed a lion with his bare hands. But there's a secret behind Samson's superpower. Chosen by God from birth, he's been given superhuman strength – as long as he follows the rules. And that's where the trouble begins. Samson soon falls prey to temptation, losing his strength and sight. And it's here where he will face his greatest challenge.

Journey with this unlikely hero as he battles the Philistines – and his own personal calling.

It's an unforgettable, uplifting story that will literally bring the house down!

**Trip Price: \$132.00**

**Trip Price Includes:**

- Motor coach Transportation
- Admission to Sampson
- Lunch
- Dinner
- All tips and gratuities

If you would like to join us, please email or call:

**Sandy Dirks (573) 815-0951; [sandydirks@gmail.com](mailto:sandydirks@gmail.com)**

**Debbie Antel (573) 819-3140; [debbieantel@gmail.com](mailto:debbieantel@gmail.com)**

A sign up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board.

**RAPTOR REHABILITATION  
PRESENTATION**



Senior Ministry will host a presentation by the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine's Raptor Rehabilitation Program early in June. This program provides medical care to hawks, owls,

eagles and vultures that have been injured, with the goal of returning them to the wild. The program saves wild animals and educates the Missouri public about the role that raptors play in Missouri's ecosystem. The College of Veterinary Medicine will be bringing three birds for a live presentation. Come join us and see the birds in action.

June 7, 1:00 p.m. — Trinity Gym

For more information, please email or call:

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**HELP WANTED- SERIOUSLY**

The 4 active members of Vesper Guild are asking the members of Trinity to help prepare items for the annual Craft Fair held in November. Money raised from the fair is used to support mission projects. A craft day is scheduled for Wednesday, May 16 at 1:00 pm in the overflow room at church. Felt-based projects (level-Easy!) will be available for all to work on. All necessary supplies will be provided.

Come one and all, bring a friend, a pair of scissors, 5 sandwich size plastic bags and join in the fun and fellowship! Any questions, contact Betty Buchheit at 573-823-2664 or [dbuchheit305@aol.com](mailto:dbuchheit305@aol.com). Thank you for your help.



### ***Greetings in the name of Jesus our Resurrected Savior!***

May 3<sup>rd</sup> is the National Day of Prayer which is a time for all Americans to come together to pray for our nation. The National Day of Prayer was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of Congress, and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. In 1988, the law was unanimously amended by both the House and the Senate and signed into law by President Ronald Reagan on Thursday, May 5, 1988, designating the first Thursday of May as a day of national prayer. Every president since 1952 has signed a National Day of Prayer proclamation.



Prayer brings people together. Prayer builds bridges between opposing persons and even political parties. Prayer reminds us that we are created in God's image and He desires for us to represent Him everywhere we go. Prayer brings UNITY. The theme for this year's National Day of Prayer is **Pray for America - UNITY**, based upon **Ephesians 4:3** which challenges us to mobilize unified public prayer for America, ***"Making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."*** Won't you join your fellow citizens in prayer for America? Many resources along with locations of prayer events may be found on the webpage [www.nationaldayofprayer.net](http://www.nationaldayofprayer.net).

May brings another opportunity to affirm all human life that God creates and redeems. Lutherans For Life of Missouri sponsors Missouri's Largest Diaper Shower every year between Mother's Day and Father's Day. All diapers received are given to a local pregnancy resource center to support mothers who choose **life** for their babies. Please collect as many diapers as possible, report the total number of diapers to the Board of Directors of Lutherans For Life of MO, ([lflofmo@gmail.com](mailto:lflofmo@gmail.com)), and then take them to the pregnancy center nearest you. When a Lutherans For Life chapter or Life Team reports to the state, the state will send an additional \$50 towards diapers to that same pregnancy center. (So there's an incentive for reporting!)

The Annual meeting of Lutherans For Life of Missouri took place on April 14, 2018 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in St. Louis, MO. Pastor Brian Whittle, pastoral advisor of the Board of Directors of Missouri gave the opening devotion based on the national theme, *From age to age the same*, from Isaiah 46: 3b-4, ***"You have been borne by me from before birth, carried from the womb, even to your old age I am he, and to gray hairs I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save."*** Pastor Whittle said that some things are subjective, but God's Truth is NOT! God loves and values every life so much that He gave His Son to die for us!

One highlight of the meeting was the reading of the winning essays of the 2018 Missouri Essay Contest by the students who wrote the essays. David Nissing of Trinity Lutheran Church in Bridgeton, MO wrote the winning essay in the elementary school category. His essay is titled *Abortion, Destroying God's Creation*. The high school winner is Abigail Wagner from Hope Lutheran Church, High Ridge, MO. The title of her essay is *"From Age to Age the Same"*. Both students received recognition certificates and checks for one hundred dollars. Their essays will also be in the essay competition at the national level. The national winner receives \$250, a free registration for the national conference and an opportunity to read their essay at the national conference in St. Louis in October. The essay contest is open to any Lutheran student or any student at a Lutheran school, so please encourage your young people to think about the God-given value of all human life and enter the contest next year. It is so refreshing and encouraging to hear young people speak about the value of every human life.

The keynote speaker for the Annual meeting was Chrissie Gillet, the new director of Word of Hope which offers counseling and hope to those who are suffering from past poor decisions, especially abortion. Mrs. Gillet joined the Lutherans For Life family in April 2017 when the founder of Word of Hope Grace Kern retired. She is a pastor's wife and the mother of 7 children. She has her doctorate in psychology and is currently finishing up her deaconess studies. It has been a year of changes and expanded focus for Word of Hope, but it continues to offer Hope based on Lutheran doctrine of law and gospel. Please note the change in contact information at the end of this article.

The meeting closed with 'the state of the state' report by president Diane Albers and the re-election of the following Board members: Kim DeLuce, Sylvia Glenn, Ruth Kirchhoff, Elaine Ott and Pastor Brian Whittle. A delicious lunch was served by St. Paul's life team who were the hosts for the day. Their hospitality was appreciated by all.

**Don't forget to pray on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and bring diapers to the 'shower'!**

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](mailto:help@word-of-hope.org), or visit [www.word-of-hope.org](http://www.word-of-hope.org).

# Confirmation Word Search

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# Congratulations Confirmands!

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*1 Corinthians 9:24*

**Norah C. Stone**

*Romans 12:12*

**Rylee M. Eckhoff**

*Romans 12:21*

**Jason A. Starbuck**

*Acts 2:4*

**Reece E. McMillen**

*Romans 15:13*

**Kaitlynn V. Starbuck**

*John 3:16*

**Abraham L. Mefrakis**

*Joshua 1:9*

**Rachel A. Weber**

*1 Peter 1:6*

**Caitlyn J. Smith**

*Ephesians 2:8-9*

**Hannah H. Wise**

*Isaiah 54:10*

**May 6, 2018**



Daniel and Debi Derendinger ..... May 1, 1970  
 Eric and Alison Hemmer ..... May 4, 2002  
 Amy and Robert Sanders ..... May 4, 2002  
 Paul and Marlee Walz ..... May 7, 2005  
 Rob and Cherrie Gannon ..... May 9, 2015  
 Trenton and Jessica Coleman ..... May 12, 2012  
 Hunter and Nancy Kevil ..... May 15, 1991  
 Jere and Candis Francis ..... May 16, 1981  
 Ronald and Veronica Feilner ..... May 17, 1980  
 David and Sherrie Attebery ..... May 19, 1984  
 John and Toni Hemmer ..... May 19, 1973  
 Mary and Tyler Sanders ..... May 27, 2016  
 Larry and Connie Hanson ..... May 29, 1982  
 Tom and Rachel Marler ..... May 29, 2011  
 Patrick and Jordan Rowan ..... May 29, 2016



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

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 Amber Monroe  
**3**  
 Candis Francis  
 Carolyn Licht  
 Connie Morrow  
**4**  
 Nick Couper  
 Al Hebard  
**5**  
 Dan Buchheit  
 Pat Campbell  
**6**  
 April Brown  
 John Hemmer  
**7**  
 Carol Hull  
 Caitlyn Smith

Esther Stone  
**8**  
 Libbie Couper  
 Clay Firestone  
 John C. Kuehner

**9**  
 Grayson Fick  
 Sue Ousley

**12**  
 Gay Matthiesen

**13**  
 Carol Eggerding  
 Meghan O'Neill-Graves

**15**  
 Damon Linneman

**16**  
 Aaron Cook

**18**  
 Sophia Frerichs

**20**  
 Derrick Harms  
 Timothy Jones  
 Kristin Tipton

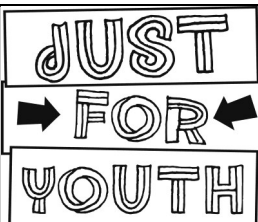
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 Jon Arnall

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 Joni Schaumburg  
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 Chris Cott  
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 Elizabeth Raisch  
 Alan Weber  
**29**  
 Amber Martin-Cameron  
 Cooper Stine  
**30**  
 Kyle Burns  
 Tucker Cates



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:

Regularly scheduled JCC Classes have ended for the season. You will be contacted about make-up sessions as necessary. Regular classes will resume in the fall.

### ACOLYTE SCHEDULE:

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

### SENIOR HIGH YOUTH NIGHT

Join Kali and the gang for a Sr. High Youth Night on Sunday, May 13 from 6-8pm.

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



# May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6p Board of Early Childhood Ed.	2 8:25a GSLS Chapel 9a TLCLC Chapel	3 6:30a Men's Bible Study @ Terrace 9a TLCLC Chapel 11:30a Senior Ministry Lunch @ Denny's	4	5 10a Confirmation Rehearsal and Pic- tures 6p Confirmation Presentations and Reception
6 Confirmation 8a Worship / Comm. / Handbells Play 9:15a Bible Study / S. S./ Fellowship 10:30a Worship / Confirmation / Communion / Handbells Play 6p LLL	7 9a Bible Class 6p Worship w/ Communion	8 6p Board of Directors	9 8:25a GSLS Chapel 9a TLCLC Chapel 9:30a Mary Martha Guild 7p CLAS	10 6:30a Men's Bible Study @ Terrace 9a TLCLC Chapel 11:30a Senior Ministry Lunch @ Denny's	11	12
13 Mothers' Day 8a & 10:30a Worship / Comm. 9:15a Bible Study / Sunday School / Fellowship 6p Choir Practice 6p Sr. Youth Night	14 9a Bible Class 6p Worship w/ Communion	15 6p C.O.O.L. Girls 6p Vesper Guild	16 8:25a GSLS Chapel 9a TLCLC Chapel 1p Vesper Guild Craft Day	17 6:30a Men's Bible Study @ Terrace 9a TLCLC Chapel 11:30a Senior Ministry Lunch @ Denny's 5:30p GSLS Volun- teer Appreciation Dinner	18 1:30p Women's Social Connection	19 4p Mott Wedding
20 Pentecost 8a & 10:30a Worship / Comm. / Choir Sings 9:15a Bible Study / Sunday School / Fellowship 12p Voters' Assembly 6p Choir Practice	21 9a Bible Class 6p Worship w/ Communion	22	23 GSLS Last Day of School 8:25a GSLS Chapel 9a TLCLC Chapel	24 6:30a Men's Bible Study @ Terrace 9a TLCLC Chapel 11:30a Senior Ministry Lunch @ Denny's	25	26
27 Trinity Sunday 8a & 10:30a Worship / Comm. / Choir Sings 9:15a Bible Study / Sunday School / Fellowship	28 9a Bible Class 6p Worship	29	30 9a TLCLC Chapel	31 6:30a Men's Bible Study @ Terrace 9a TLCLC Chapel 11:30a Senior Ministry Lunch @ Denny's		

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**MONDAY AT 6:00 P.M.**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL/BIBLE CLASS**  
**9:15 A.M.**  
**PHONE: 573-445-2112**  
**FAX: 573-445-4078**

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***Dear Church Family,***  
***Please contact 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](mailto: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.