

NEWS OF THE SON

Trinity Lutheran Church — Columbia, MO



July 2018

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

*From the
Pastor*



“The Words and Promises of Christ”

The family was in pain. They had resigned themselves to seeing mom waste away. With mom's fading consciousness and failing health, why come visit? Prayers at church would be enough. They told me there was no reason to come and visit. She wouldn't even know I was there.

Their mother sat alone in the living room as we dined in the kitchen. Their mother was dressed and ready to go. She had been unresponsive whether lying down or sitting in her wheelchair. Days, weeks, and even months had passed since she had last been part of any kind of conversation.

With dinner over and the conversation ended, it was time to engage this child of God. Here was an unresponsive person sitting alone in the living room. What was I to say or do for her? Sitting down in front of her, I turned to the Lord (ok Lord you got me into this, now what?)

“Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life” (John 6:68).

I began to sing an old faithful hymn she would know from childhood. A hymn filled with Christ and His word. Stanza after stanza the hymn laid out who we were and who God was. Promise after promise of a loving Jesus was poured forth in song. Hope was carried by an ancient tune. And mom? Her lips began to move. She was trying to sing along.

Now to Psalm 23 -- As the words spoken by the Holy Spirit, written by David, rolled across my tongue and into her ears, this child of God responded with her eyes opening and her lips softly proclaiming these very same words.

Together we approached the throne of grace praying the prayer the Lord had taught us. Her eyes were fully open. With her head up she found herself not alone, but in the presence of the Lord and His people. The Lord's Prayer was prayed to the fullest. Each and every word pronounced clearly, distinctly and loudly.

Each subsequent visit was made in the same manner, going to the Lord who has the words of eternal life. They went on that is, until the day she was called to her eternal heavenly home.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God (Colossians 3:16).

Because hymns and liturgies had filled her life with the words and promises of Christ, the Holy Spirit could draw them up out of memories in the hours she needed them most. May the Lord fill your life and memories with His words and promises.

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Brian K. Thieme



New Members



Loralee Adam



Kathy Ferguson



Ruthann Wunder



Dennis and Patti Haubein



Joel, Amber (Martin), and Kimberly Cameron

JUNE 12, 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 June 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Attendees included Gary Kespohl (Chairman), Jacque Eckhoff (Secretary), Andrew Saeger, Mary Frerking, JoAnn Schoenike, Carol Morrison, Pattie Smith, Warren Harms, Annette Kiehne, Pastor Brian Thieme, Ken Greer, Virginia Propp, Melissa Kiehne and Doug Kiehne.

Pastor Thieme gave the opening devotion.

Ken Greer asked to add Trustee Requests to New Business on the Meeting Agenda. Mary Frerking moved to accept the Meeting Agenda with this addition; seconded and approved.

Andrew Saeger distributed an updated report for the Board of Evangelism, as the back page had been mistakenly omitted. Warren Harms moved to accept the Consent Agenda, including the Minutes of the May 8, 2018 Meeting and the updated Board of Evangelism report; 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 - Pastor Thieme

Rev. Spotts is visiting 2/3 of the "homebound" each month (started in April), and Pastor Thieme visits 1/3.

At some point a presentation on the Holy Land trip will be given to the congregation.

Adult Classes: There are three couples going through premarital classes, three individuals are taking the adult information class, Sunday morning is going through I Peter, and the Monday morning class is going through the Large Catechism.

One individual was baptized June 10th. June 17th at 10:30 Service a Profession of Faith for two individuals, and June 24th at 8:00 Service for one individual.

July 13th will be the last day for the DCEL.

DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION INTERN -
Not Present

No report filed.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY - JoAnn Schoenike

For the month of May, the Regular Envelope collections are 98.41% of the anticipated monthly amount. Loose Plate collections are 91.01% and Sunday School are 119.16%. The Total Monthly collections are 98.20% of the monthly anticipated amount.

The Total Year to Date collections through the end of May are 95.79% of the anticipated amount of \$216,963.

BOARD REPORTS:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - Mary Frerking

Sunday School is currently on its summer schedule, allowing regular teachers to have a break until Rally Sunday. VBS is scheduled for July 10-13th, from 5:30-8:00 PM. Set up will be Sunday, July 8th, from noon to completion. Lunch will be provided. The registration link and volunteer sign up have been emailed to congregation members and posted on the Sunday School bulletin board. Rally Sunday is set for August 26th. Kali will complete her work with TLC as Music Coordinator for VBS.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION - Virginia Propp

Summer 2018 has eight classrooms. For Fall/Spring 2018-19 there is 1 FT toddler spot and 1 TTth preK spot yet to be filled. TLCLC is fully staffed for the summer.

TLCLC will make an offer to a teacher to replace PreK teacher that resigned.

TLCLC passed their Fire Dept. Inspection on 6/7/28, and their Health Dept. Sanitation Inspection on 6/8/18.

First day of Summer Session was June 5th, and the last day will be August 8th.

ELDERS - Doug Kiehne

The Elders met on May 29, 2018. The Board passed a motion affirming Pastor Thieme's trip to Israel was paid work time. Pastor Thieme will try to schedule a time for Pastor Gene Wyssman to meet with the Board of Elders while he is in Columbia June 10-12. Topic of discussion will be a potential congregational survey. The Board is recommending a Special AOV Meeting on July 15th to address a change for Pastor Thieme to sole Pastor. Pay for visiting preachers was again discussed. A motion was passed to clarify any discrepancies by following District guidelines. Finally, the Board assigned a Benefits Subcommittee to address benefits recommendations for called workers.

EVANGELISM - Pattie Smith

The Board of Evangelism met on May 21, 2018. Mary Frerking, chairman of the BOCE, was present to discuss working with BOE on Family Fun Day (Rally Sunday) in conjunction with the BOE Ice Cream Social. Leftover snack bags from Finals Week for college students will be offered at the Christian Storytelling Conference at the end of June. Suggestions were discussed on how to welcome visitors to TLC. Participation in the Christian Storytelling Conference was also discussed.

PAROCHIAL EDUCATION - No Representative Present

See agenda packet for financial report.

SOCIAL MINISTRY - Carol Morrison

The Board met on May 1, 2018 for their monthly meeting. They continue to collect food items for the Food Bank and deliver to them. Pastor Thieme's Storytelling Conference Cookout will be provided by Board of Social Ministry.

The shelter at Fairview Park has been reserved for June 27th from 2:00-10:00 PM.

The Board will also be helping with VBS.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE - Andrew Saeger

No report filed.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND - No Representative Present

No report filed.

TRUSTEES - Ken Greer

As time permits, the Trustees will be replacing thermostats in education and office wing with the programmable thermostats removed from the sanctuary and basement. Other topics of discussion at the June Trustees meeting were replacement of one of two AC compressors in 10 ton units, extension of ductwork ceiling vents in basement, the Septagon contract for the TLCLC bathroom addition, and the disconnect of electrical service to the modular building.

YOUTH - Melissa Kiehne

No report filed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

No report filed.

CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMITTEE

Second meeting will be 6-13-18.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES:

JoAnn Schoenike moved to accept changes; seconded and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Warren Harms

The attached reports are for the first five months of 2018 which is 41.7% of the full budget year.

For the month ending May 31, 2018, the Church income is \$44,196 and year to date is \$238,667 (39.14% of the total income budgeted for the year). This is <\$17,520> or <6.84%> less than in 2017. The major difference from 2017 is that the 301-Regular Envelope is down <\$12,919> or <6.2%> less than at the end of May 2017.

The total Learning Center income for May is \$58,418 and \$315,527 for the year to date (46.5% of the budgeted income for the year).

For the month of May, 2018, Church expenditures are \$42,492, and \$211,619 year to date (34.7% of the annual expense budget of \$609,775).

The Learning Center expenditures for May 2018 total \$49,932 and \$242,839 year to date (35.82% of the annual expense budget of \$677,900).

In May, we paid the assisting pastors a total of \$1,976 in salary and mileage for their services in assisting Pastor Thieme in the pulpit, Sunday School, and member visits for April and May. These pastors are reporting their individual services performed by Pastor Thieme, the treasurer and the Board of Elders. They are being paid through the same pay-

roll service as the pastor, secretary, organists, and TLCLC director and staff.

Total reserve accounts at Lutheran Church Extension Fund are now \$136,218. There is currently no building loan on the books.

Andrew Saeger moved to approve the Treasurer's Report; seconded and approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Surveillance System Update

Chairman Kespohl spoke to David Attebery and the official install is scheduled for July 9-11, 2018.

Together In Mission (TIM)

TLC would partner with a missionary. We can specifically choose Erin Mackenzie. The church would set a budget amount, and congregation members could give extra. We would need AOV approval to participate. Pastor Thieme suggested that if we are interested and want to move forward we can ask Erin to visit TLC. Andrew Saeger moved that we invite Erin Mackenzie to visit/speak at TLC and then get feedback from congregation members; seconded and approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Plans for Improvements to Back Parking Lot once Portable Classroom is removed:

Chairman Kespohl stated that CLAS is taking inventory of the trailer. He will ask CLAS to order the disconnect of electricity to the trailer on July 1, 2018. A member of CLAS has made arrangements for the trailer to be removed. Once the trailer is removed, decisions will need to be made regarding the back parking lot.

Format and Scheduling of AOV Meetings:

Virginia Propp brought the information to the attention of the BOD. There are things that could be changed at TLC regarding the format and scheduling of AOV Meetings. Andrew Saeger moved that this topic go to the Constitution Review Committee; seconded and approved.

Request Change in Policy for Purchases over \$500 needing AOV Approval: See Above Motion

Basement Room Requests:

Handbell Choir

Chairman Kespohl suggested maybe Choir could share the space with the Handbell Choir. Handbell Choir is hoping for the GSLS First Grade room.

Sunday School

They would want all five GSLS classrooms for Sunday School. Mary Frerking moved to approve permanent usage of the basement classrooms for the Sunday School Program, who would then share the spaces with the Handbell Choir, and other groups as requested; seconded and approved.

LFCS Chipotle Fundraiser Advertising

JoAnn Schoenike moved that the Chipotle flyer be put in the church bulletin the weekend of June 17th; seconded and ap-

proved.

Standing Rules

Chairman Kespohl and Pastor Thieme have discussed having Standing Rules for AOV Meetings. Examples being setting a maximum length of time that individuals can speak, number of times an individual can speak, etc. The purpose of Standing Rules is so everyone is heard and a small number do not dominate. Chairman Kespohl would like suggestions of Standing Rules. Ken Greer suggested that BOD members could email suggestions to Chairman Kespohl. All agreed.

Trustees

The Trustees met on Saturday, June 9, 2018. They have two recommendations for the BOD. One, Trustees recommend for TLC to receive legal counsel on an “as

need” basis for contracts. Two, Trustees recognize the TLCLC bathroom project needs to designate a Project Manager. They suggest it be Ken Greer, Virginia Propp, Larry Propp, or some member of the Facility Planning Committee. Chairman Kespohl asked how much time the Project Manager would need to spend on site. Annette asked to be made aware of who it will be so she can communicate with them. JoAnn Schoenike moved that Chairman Kespohl appoint a Project Manager for the upcoming TLCLC bathroom project; seconded and approved.

Mary Frerking moved that TLC establish a relationship with legal counsel for contracts, with the BOD choosing the counsel. Seconded. Discussion. Who would we consider? Chairman Kespohl will bring a list to next month’s BOD meeting. Approved.

Elders

Regarding the Ministry Timeline and Plan, the Board of Elders is recommending a Special AOV Meeting on July 15, 2018 to address a change for Pastor Thieme to sole Pastor. Doug Kiehne asked the BOD if that date is workable. All seemed to think that date would work.

After some conflicts between motions and paperwork were found, the Board of Elders revisited the pay for visiting preachers. A motion was passed at the May 29th Board of Elders Meeting to clarify any discrepancies by following District guidelines of \$125 for one service, \$160 for two services, and \$200 for three services. Doug Kiehne moved that the Board of Directors also approve this motion to follow District guidelines on the topic; seconded and approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled to be held on July 10, 2018. That date is during VBS, therefore Pastor Thieme could not attend BOD. BOD members agreed to change the date of the meeting to July 17th at 6:30 PM.

Read *Built on the Rock* Chapter 7 for July 17th.

Andrew Saeger moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m.; seconded and approved.

Pastor Thieme led the group in closing prayer.

Jacque Eckhoff, Secretary

July Board of Directors reports and agenda items are due to the church office by noon on Friday, July 13, 2018.

The Board of Directors will meet Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

The Assembly of Voters will hold a special meeting July 15, 2018 at 11:45 a.m. in the church sanctuary to consider recognizing Rev. Brian Thieme as Sole Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church.

2018 Trinity Lutheran Church Board Members

Chairman

Gary Kespohl

Secretary

Jacque Eckhoff

Treasurer

Warren Harms

Financial Secretary

JoAnn Schoenike

Board of Elders

David Attebery

Ron Barrett

Jim Cherrington

John Frerking

Doug Kiehne

Larry McCoig

Roger Morrison

Board of Evangelism

Betty Buchheit

Robert Hall

Doug McDowell

Pattie Smith

Board of Youth

Chris Bailey

Melissa Kiehne

Melissa Fitzgerald

Board of Social Ministry

Angel Arnall

Carol Morrison

Loanna Thompson

Board of Stewardship and Finance

Lori Bresnahan

Laura Grise

Darren Laupp

Fred Luetkemeier

Richard Mangold

Andrew Saeger

Board of Christian Ed.

Mary Frerking

Teresa Gooch

Julie Smith

Board of Early

Childhood Ed.

Karen Niederjohn

Virginia Propp

Mark Unterreiner

Board of Parochial Ed.

Ron Dickes

Cynthia Green

Candice Kling

Mary Raisch

Board of TLC Endowment Fund

Pete Easterhaus

Buck Katt

Don Malson

Board of Trustees

Michael Brown

Ken Greer

Jim Niederjohn



**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 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 and Dinner
All tips and gratuities

If you would like more information, please email or call:

Sandy Dirks (573) 815-0951; sandydirks@gmail.com

Debbie Antel (573) 819-3140; debbieantel@gmail.com

A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board across from the church office.

KITCHEN CLEANING — THANK YOU!



A big thank you to all the hardworking, energetic members of the congregation who helped last week in cleaning the fellowship hall kitchen! We couldn't have done it without your help!

**BACK-TO-SCHOOL-SUPPLY
COLLECTION**

The Board of Social Ministry, in conjunction with the Voluntary Action Center, Family Impact Center, and Family Health Center, is requesting items for the 2018 Back-to-School Health Fair that will be held July 28, 2018 at Derby Ridge Elementary School. Local Children from low-income families will receive free vision, hearing, and dental screenings. They will also receive free haircuts and school supplies. Over 700 children have benefited from this program.

Back To School



Items will be collected July 1-16 and may be left in a marked container in the church hallway near the Christian Resource Center. Thank you!

If you choose to donate, these items are requested:

#2 Pencils
Washable Markers
(10 Pack)
Dry Erase Markers
Crayons (Box of 24)
Glue Stick
Scissors
Large Erasers

2-pocket Folders w/
Brads
Spiral Notebooks (wide
and college-ruled)
Loose Paper (wide and
college-ruled)
Earbuds

DIAPER SHOWER THANK YOU

Thank you so much to those of you who donated diapers for Life Network of Central Missouri, the local pregnancy resource center! 1,660 diapers and 240 baby wipes were collected at Trinity between Mother's Day and Father's Day this year. They have been delivered to Life Network. Your support saves babies' lives and gives them and their mothers hope for their future. Diapers are a very tangible way to



defend the sanctity of all human life. Donations are always welcome at Life Network, 802 North Providence Road (My Life Clinic).



**Coming in
375 days:**

**REAL.
PRESENT.
GOD.** | **2019** | **LCMS Youth
Gathering**



Trinity's 2018 VBS

Tuesday, July 10 - Friday, July 13
Evenings 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Light Suppers served each night from 5:30-6:00PM

Friday night is **FAMILY FUN NIGHT!**

Closing service starts at 5:30pm

Please plan to attend with your child

STUDENT REGISTRATION:

Visit <https://vbsmate.com/events/TLCCOMO/16699>

The registration link is also available on the Trinity Website

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

We need you!!!

Please sign up to today to volunteer!

See the Sign up Genius for opportunities to get involved

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0849a8a62ea64-vbs2018>

The volunteer link is also available on the Trinity Website



Lonny and Sandy Dirks.....	July 1, 1978
Rev. Ken and Lynn Frerking.....	July 2, 1956
Chris and Jessica Kespohl.....	July 4, 1998
Andrew and Hannah Nandor.....	July 5, 2014
Daniel and Christina Hartman	July 6, 2009
Jim and Mindy Cherrington	July 11, 1987
Lynn and Diane Allen.....	July 12, 1975
Timothy and Ashley Jones.....	July 12, 2014
Brian and Mitzi Clayton.....	July 13, 1996
Rev. Brian and Carrie Whittle	July 13, 1996
Ron and Lori Dicks	July 15, 1978
Warren and Karen Harms	July 17, 1982
Casey and Amanda Stine.....	July 18, 2009
Damon and Tobi Linneman.....	July 19, 1997
Butch and Susan Reynolds	July 20, 2002
Al and Judy Frost	July 22, 1967
Robyn and Mary Raisch	July 23, 1977
Kevin and Diane Smith.....	July 24, 1982
James and Barbara Boling	July 26, 1964
Ben and Arla Benskin	July 30, 1961



JULY BIRTHDAYS

1
Dottie Gleed Norbert Hopfer
2
Braiden Raisch
3
Rachel Blackmore
5
Sharon Reeder
6
Ashley Boehmer
7
Claire Armstrong Larry Tate
8
Matthew Frerking Abe Mefrakis
9
Kathy Frerichs Fred Luetkemeier Carissa Mariott
10
Diane Allen

Archie Bourret Teresa Gooch Eric Kincanon
11
Chris Bailey Jacque Eckhoff Toni Hemmer Doug Kiehne Rachael Marler Agnes Mrutu
12
Linnea Lilja Gabe Mefrakis Henry Parker Ken Redders
13
Jim Harms Rachel Kiehne
14
Ayla Yung
15
Lynn Allen Casey Fick
16
Mary Frerking Aurora Monroe Emly Stone Isaac Stone Phyllis White
17
Glen Frerichs Summer Kuehner
18
Ron Dicks Eric Hemmer
19
Neil Eckhoff Collin Samuel

20
Betty Buchheit Carolyn Holste Darren Laupp Kimberly Rainey
21
Sadie Gustafson
22
Larry Kuehner
23
Mitzi Clayton
24
Jay Craig Kevin Habjan Jennifer McMillen
25
John Clay Gladys Thompson
26
David Attebery Brett Huggans Jason Mott Fred Pistel
28
Norma Clark Bryson Clayton Tammy Mangold
29
Doris Pistel Nancy Schultz
30
Carol Easterhaus
31
Emily Derendinger Sandy Dirks Madeline Huggans Raymond Noll

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.

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.

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



JULY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8a & 10:30a Worship / Comm. 9:15a Bible Study / Sunday School / Fellowship	2 9a Bible Class 5:30p Board of Christian Ed. Meeting 6p Worship w/ Communion	3 6p Board of Early Childhood Ed. Meeting	4	5 6:30a Men's Bible Study @ Terrace 9a TLCLC Chapel 11:30a Senior Ministry Lunch @ Denny's 6p Kali W. wedding shower	6	7
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INFORMATION FROM THE BOARD OF ELDERS

JUNE 26, 2018

It has been over one month since our last written update to the congregation. Some of the information below was shared with those in attendance at the May 20 Assembly of Voters (AOV) meeting, but this will be a good opportunity to provide a current status of the activities related to the efforts to put forth a plan to the congregation on how we are moving forward with properly staffing our church in the short- and long-term.

We had a productive meeting in mid-May with our current Circuit Visitor, Pastor David Mueller, of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Fulton. He relayed to us some important thoughts to keep in mind as we move forward as a congregation:

He suggested we be sensitive to the fact that the congregation is working through a 12-month "grieving period" as we continue to have annual festivals (Easter, Pentecost, etc.), activities, and events without Pastor Gerike for the first time in over 30 years.

He recommended that we resist the urge to rush the process of deciding how we move forward with the addition of a full-time church worker(s) at Trinity but take a deliberate approach and "get it right."

He urged us to work quickly to identify resources to assist Pastor Thieme with his regular duties and the new tasks that he now has without his long-time ministry partner.

The Elders and Board of Directors have acted on item 3 by putting a process in place to regularly obtain the help of other pastors in our parish, for assistance with preaching at Sunday/Monday services, for making calls to members who are shut-in or hospitalized, and other tasks as needed. We wish to thank them for making themselves available – Pastor Riggert, Pastor Spotts, Pastor Whittle –and encourage you to do the same.

One item that Pastor Mueller discussed with us, as did District President Hagan, is that the pulpit at Trinity Lutheran Church is not vacant. It is, however, being filled in a different manner, as it is no longer shared by two pastors. The Board of Elders is acting on clarifying this matter with the parish-family at Trinity Lutheran Church in Columbia, Missouri by recognizing Pastor Thieme as sole pastor with the intent to present this at a special Assembly of Voters meeting in July.

Finally, we plan to follow the special AOV meeting with a "Congregational Self-Study" survey. This is a tool provided by the Synodical office that is often used by congregations when they are considering calling an additional pastor or other full-time church worker. As is common with such efforts, the survey tool is now online. Arrangements will be made for those that would prefer a traditional hard copy survey. Please look for more information on this in the service bulletins, Church News, etc.

In the same fashion that we closed the previous update, the Board asks the members of the congregation to pray for God-pleasing deliberations, actions, and decisions as we move forward together as part of the Visible Church here in Columbia, Missouri.

In Christ Jesus' love, until He comes,

Board of Elders

Blessings to you in the name of Jesus, our redeemer,

Missouri's Largest Diaper shower ended on June 17th, Father's Day. If you have been collecting diapers, please take them to the pregnancy center nearest you. If you send to the State Board of Directors the number of diapers collected, MOLFL board of directors will send \$50 to the pregnancy center of your choice for more diapers. Send the number (diapers, not boxes) to Diane Albers, lflofmo@gmail.com. Even though the official drive has ended, feel free to take diapers directly to the pregnancy center at any time. There's always a need for diapers. They are a very tangible way to show support for mothers who choose life for their babies. At the recent LWML district convention 4,673 diapers and 15,235 baby wipes were collected and donated to Northern Ozarks Lutherans For Life Chapter 342! Thank you ladies for your support of life!



"Summertime...and the livin' is easy"! I hope you are enjoying your summer with a more casual, restful schedule for a couple of months. However, it is not too early to begin to plan for some upcoming events this fall and winter. The 2018 Lutherans For Life National Conference will take place in the St Louis area on October 12th and 13th at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 9733 Olive Blvd. Olivette, MO 65132. The theme for the conference is "From Age to Age the Same" from 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.*** Won't you join your fellow Lutherans in celebrating God's provision for his beloved people from the moment of conception to natural death? Our Lord and Savior remains the same from eternity unto eternity through all changes in human history and individual experiences---including sinfulness. Human sanctity and dignity are the same---that is, infinite---from the invisible miracle of conception to the moment of natural death, through all states and stages of a person's life.

Lutherans For Life is celebrating 40 years of being a voice for life and is still motivated by the same Gospel courage and compassion to speak truth and show love while respecting and protecting every human being as a treasure and privilege from God our Father. Registration is now open for the conference. To register go to www.lutheransforlife.org/conference. The impressive list of speakers includes: Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer, Rev. Dr. Sam Nafziger, Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, Rev. Ed Febskens III, Rev. Michael Newman, Rev. Chris Wheatley, Laura Davis, Deaconess Rachel Geraci, Brian Young, Rev. Michael Salemink, Rev. Rory Karg, Rev. Frederick Hinz, Deaconess Chrissie Gillet, PsyD, Lynette Auch, Dr. Cara Buskmiller, Rev. Michael Dobler, Rev. Todd Kollbaum and Mona Fuerstenau! There will be much to learn and celebrate. Join us for great speakers, fun, fellowship, good food and inspiration to celebrate the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death. Every life is precious because God has created that gift, Jesus died to redeem that gift and the Holy Spirit calls that gift into a relationship with Himself.

It's not too early to start planning to attend the 45th March For Life in Washington, D.C. January 16-19, 2019. Following is the itinerary provided by Elaine Ott, coordinator for the bus and hotel:

Wednesday, January 16, 2019: 10:00 a.m. Depart Jefferson City (place to be determined)
Possible stops to pick up other marchers Kingdom City and/or St. Charles

Thursday, January 17, 2019: 7:00 a.m. Arrive at Hyatt Place Hotel, downtown Washington DC
place bags in holding area; sightseeing on your own

Friday, January 18, 2019: 9:00 a.m. Visit Missouri Legislators followed by March for Life Rally with speakers.
1:00 p.m. March for Life
7:00 p.m. Depart for Home

Costs for Hotel + Bus (per person, based on 50 people going on the bus)

\$385 for single room	\$300 for double occupancy	\$270 for triple occupancy	\$255 for quadruple occupancy
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If you would like to attend this important event, please fill out the registration form below to reserve your spot and send along with a deposit in the amount of \$50.00 which will be non refundable to Elaine Ott, 7501 Glover Road Russellville, Missouri 65074 by July 7, 2018. Half of total (depending on room choice) will be due Nov 1. Please make checks payable to Capital Area Lutherans for Life. Your deposit will be subtracted from total amount due, which will be payable in December.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact: Elaine Ott, 573-619-668 or 573-782-4985

Rejoice in our freedom to gather, to speak, to pray. Thanks be to God!

Sylvia Glenn

Feel free to call me (573-592-7866) for information or concerns about life issues. For those who are suffering, 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, email info@word-of-hope.org, or visit www.word-of-hope.org.

Yes, please register me for the March For Life, January 16-19 2019

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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!



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!

