

# 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*



## How Long Do I Hold onto Sin?

**T**he boy wearing his robe of many colors went to find his brothers. He was sent by his father to see if they and the flock were doing well. When he approached, they took hold of him and planned to kill him, because jealousy burned in their hearts. Instead of killing him they sold him to a slave trader who took the boy far from their sight, their family, and their land. He was seventeen at the time.

He suffered much after that time (slavery, prison, etc.), but he was also blessed by the Lord. His name was Joseph. As you may remember the story (Genesis 37; 39-50) he became the second most powerful man in Egypt. He used that power to bring his father and family to safety. He freed them from a famine and gave them a place to live. Many years later when Joseph's father died, the brothers were still hanging on to their sin. They feared for their lives. This could well be the time that Joseph would pay them back for their evil.

<sup>15</sup> When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." <sup>16</sup> So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: <sup>17</sup> 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you." ' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father."... (Genesis 50).

They lied to cover their sin.

What did Joseph do? Did he hang onto this sin? No, Joseph wept when they spoke to him.

<sup>18</sup> His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." <sup>19</sup> But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup> As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. <sup>21</sup> So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them (Genesis 50).

Joseph covered their sin with the forgiveness of God.

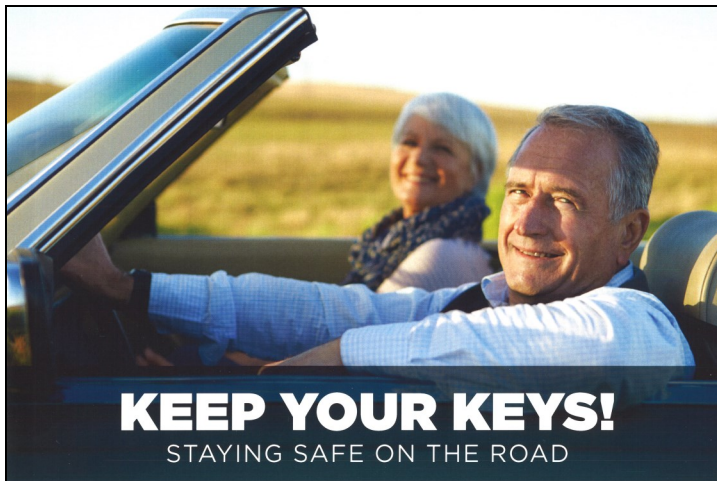
I have observed in Scripture and over many years, that holding onto sins destroys the person holding them. Whenever we try to share that sin or cover it up by any other means (telling others –gossip, revenge, grudges, lies, etc), it brings shame, chaos, and destruction to the life of the holder. True freedom from sin, as Joseph knew it, comes from sins being covered by the blood of Christ. Not just our sins, but the sins done against us.

<sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup> For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility (Ephesians 2 – this wall is the one between us and God, but this also holds true of the wall between fellow believers.).

Holding onto sin does no one any good. "Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (II Corinthians 6:2b). Christ brings us joy! Let us rejoice with one another in it.

Your Servant in Christ,

*Pastor Brian K. Thieme*



## KEEP YOUR KEYS!

STAYING SAFE ON THE ROAD

### FREE course on driving safety

**Topics covered include:**

- How to stay medically and physically fit to drive
- When and how to prepare for driving retirement
- Tools and resources to help keep you safe while on the road

**Friday, August 24 at 10 a.m.**  
Columbia Senior and Activity Center  
1121 Business Loop 70 East, Columbia, MO 65201



For more information, contact Kassie Campbell, RN,  
at (573) 884-6381 or [campbellkr@health.missouri.edu](mailto:campbellkr@health.missouri.edu).



Frank L. Mitchell Jr., MD  
Trauma Center  
University of Missouri Health Care

## 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!

## New Member



**Callie Dickes**

## THANK YOU

A heartfelt THANK YOU! from the Board of Christian Education to all of the members of Trinity Lutheran Church who volunteered with this year's Vacation Bible School, Splash Canyon! We were so blessed to have almost 50 members of our congregation participate this past week.

We were able to support 54 children throughout the week's activities, and we supplied a light meal each evening to all of the kids and their families. Our week ended with our Family Fun Night, an evening of water fun, family and fellowship.

Our participating families very generously donated to our two VBS missions: (1) Baby Bottle Boomerang with LCFS, for which we raised \$458.83 and (2) a very large tote full of school supplies for the Volunteer Action Center and their Back to School supply drive.

Finally, please take a moment to thank all of the members of our Board of Christian Education who gave countless hours and energy to making this year's VBS a wonderful success! Well done good and faithful servants!



## **JULY 15, 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 July 15, 2018 at 11:47 a.m.

Attendees included Gary Kespohl (Chairman), Jacque Eckhoff (Secretary), Warren Harms (Treasurer), JoAnn Schoenike (Financial Secretary), Larry McCoig, Myra McCoig, John Frerking, Kathy Frerichs, Glen Frerichs, Debi Derendinger, Archie Bourret, Roger Morrison, Pete Easterhaus, Barbara Barrett, Ron Barrett, Don Malson, Bonnie Lawler, Carolyn Holste, Ruthann Wunder, Elizabeth Cherrington, Mindy Cherrington, Mary Riggert, Richard Wise, Mary Frerking, Andrew Saeger, Doug McDowell, Joanna McDowell, Amanda McDowell, Loralee Adam, Pat Hansen, Donna Pfeiffer, Carol Squires, Barbara Semmens, Pattie Smith, Dennis Haubein, Patti Haubein, Virginia Propp, Nick Couper, Libbie Couper, Carrie Whittle, Richard Mangold, Phil Glenn, Sylvia Glenn, Karen Niederjohn, Jim Niederjohn, Elaine Samuel, Larry Samuel, Karen Harms, Fred Pistel, Doris Pistel, Annette Kiehne, Kevin Kiehne, Doug Kiehne, Lori Bresnahan, Kevin Burns, Conrad Brown, Linda Lehenbauer, Janice Kuehner, Rob Crouch, Kim Crouch, Lehe Hisle and Roberta Hunt.

Pastor Thieme gave the opening devotion.

Chairman Kespohl welcomed everyone. Doug Kiehne then spoke. The Board of Elders called the meeting to move to change the status of Pastor Thieme's call from "Associate Pastor" to "Pastor". District visitors have met with the Elders and have explained there is actually no vacancy at Trinity Lutheran Church, as Pastor Thieme is the current Pastor. The next step is to change Pastor Thieme's status, and in moving forward the Elders will distribute a survey possibly as soon as August. This survey will ask members what they'd like to see in the future...examples being two pastors, a pastor and a DCE, etc. John Frerking moved to change the status of Pastor Thieme's call from "Associate Pastor" to "Pastor". Seconded.

Discussion. Phil Glen asked questions in regard to what if the motion fails. David Attebery then spoke. He let the AOV know that the Elders don't actually need a vote of the congregation to make this status change, but they want the AOV to be a part of the process and want to keep everyone informed.

Attebery then reiterated that this is a step in the process and is recommended by District leaders.

Discussion continued. Larry McCoig called a the question; seconded and approved. The vote was taken by ballot: 65 In Favor, 6 Opposed and 2 Abstained. Motion approved. Pastor Thieme's call status will be changed from "Associate Pastor" to "Pastor".

John Frerking moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:09 p.m.; seconded and approved.

Jacque Eckhoff, Secretary

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order on July 17, 2018 at 7:05 p.m. Attendees included Gary Kespohl (Chairman), Jacque Eckhoff (Secretary), Pastor Brian Thieme, Carol Morrison, Andrew Saeger, Virginia Propp, Annette Kiehne, Ron Dickes, JoAnn Schoenike, Melissa Kiehne, Warren Harms, Doug

McDowell, Roger Morrison, Jim Niederjohn and Karen Niederjohn.

Pastor Thieme gave the opening devotion.

Chairman Kespohl added Attorneys to Read Contracts to Old Business, and Academy Preschool to New Business. Virginia Propp added a Facility Request to New Business. Andrew Saeger added TLC Pens to New Business. Virginia Propp moved to accept the Meeting Agenda with these additions; seconded and approved.

Virginia Propp moved to accept the Consent Agenda, including the Minutes of the June 12, 2018 Meeting; seconded and approved.

## **JULY 17, 2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES (Draft Minutes - Yet to be 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

Pastoral Help: Rev. Riggert July 29th/30th, Rev. Ingmire August 5th/6th, and Rev. Spotts is visiting 2/3 of the Homebound each month.

Adult Classes: There are four 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.

Rev. Thieme will be on vacation July 27th-Aug. 10th.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY - JoAnn Schoenike (Financial Secretary)

For the month of June, the Regular Envelope collections are 108.42% of the anticipated monthly amount. Loose Plate collections are 107.17% and Sunday School are 127.70%. The Total Monthly collections are 108.42% of the monthly anticipated amount of \$38,976. The Total Year to Date collections through the end of June are 97.71% of the anticipated amount of \$255,939.

BOARD REPORTS:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - No Rep. Present

The BOCE will proceed with preparing the former GSLS classrooms to be used for weekly Sunday School classes. The plan for first use of these rooms will be on Rally Sunday, August 26th. VBS was successful. There were 56 registrants this year. Kali ended her year long term with TLC on Friday during VBS. The children made thank you notes and wedding wish cards for her which will be sent to her in Colorado.

EARLY CHILDHOOD ED. - Virginia Propp

For Fall/Spring 2018-19 there is 1 FT toddler, 1 MWF toddler, and 1 TTh preK spot open. There are waiting lists for some classes. TLCLC Office Staff has updated use of Procure. Still in need of afternoon staff. Licensing review by the State will be July 17th.

ELDERS - Roger Morrison

The Elders met on June 26, 2018. A motion to call a Special Assembly of Voters meeting for July 15th at 11:45 a.m.

in the sanctuary to recognize Pastor Thieme as Trinity's pastor was approved. The Benefits Subcommittee is working to clarify benefits for called workers not covered by the personnel manual. A draft of a congregational survey designed to obtain information from the congregational members about direction of Trinity was reviewed. Pastor Thieme requested time off for a vacation beginning July 27th. The Board of Elders approved the vacation time.

#### EVANGELISM - Doug McDowell

The Board of Evangelism met on June 18, 2018. They spoke with Andrew Saeger regarding ideas for Trinity shirts and pens. Rally Sunday and Ice Cream Social will be held on Sunday, August 26th. The BOE is still working on a Greeter plan for TLC. Trunk or Treat is scheduled for October 28th and is on the church calendar.

#### PAROCHIAL EDUCATION - Ron Dickes

See agenda packet for financial report.

#### SOCIAL MINISTRY - Carol Morrison

The Board met on June 5, 2018 for their monthly meeting. In June they helped with refreshments at the Bird of Prey Presentation at Trinity, collected school supplies for the VAC, had a Baby Bottle Boomerang collection during VBS, and served a meal to the presenters of the Storytelling Conference.

#### STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE - Andrew Saeger

The offering count continues per the agreed upon schedule. The board agreed to meet in the upcoming weeks to plan for Stewardship Emphasis month.

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

TRUSTEES - Jim Niederjohn—No report filed.

YOUTH - Melissa Kiehne—No report filed.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—No report filed.

#### CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMITTEE

Proposed revisions may be presented at the August BOD meeting.

#### MEMBERSHIP CHANGES:

Andrew Saeger moved to accept changes; seconded and approved.

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

The attached reports are for the six months ended June 30 2018. For the month ending June 30, 2018, the Church income is \$50,187 and year to date is \$288,855 (47.37% of the total income budgeted for the year). This is <\$14,801> or <4.87%> less than in 2017. The major difference from 2017 is that the 301-Regular Envelope is down <\$10,155> or <4.1%> less than at the end of June 2017.

The total Learning Center income for June is \$58,241 and \$373,768 for the year to date (55.1% of the budgeted income for the year).

For the month of June, 2018, Church expenditures are \$63,470, and \$275,088 year to date (45.1% of the annual expense budget of \$609,775). The church expenses were \$21,000 higher in June than in May. There was just over \$11,000 down payment made to Sound Solutions for the security camera system. There was \$14,370 paid to Missouri District-LCMS in account 583-Synod and District Missions as 10% of Trinity's surplus in 2017 per the May 20 Assembly of Voters meeting.

The Learning Center expenditures for June 2018 total \$68,169 and \$311,008 year to date (45.52% of the annual expense budget of \$677,900). The June expenses were \$18,237 more than in May. The largest account difference in the two months is \$14,889 in 703-Salaries as there were three pay periods in June.

Total reserve accounts at Lutheran Church Extension Fund are now \$192,888. I sent \$56,547 to account 190-Capital Outlay Reserve. The May assembly of voters approved sending to this account the 2017 budget surplus of \$143,696 less 10% for Synod & District Missions, less planned bathroom project, less \$3,000 expected HVAC replacement, less \$23,000 for the surveillance camera system. These projects will be paid out of the 2018 bank account and overrun budget items of capital outlays or repairs.

There is currently no building loan on the books.

Virginia Propp moved to approve the Treasurer's Report; seconded and approved.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

##### Surveillance System Update

Six cameras, one monitor, and control equipment have been installed and are operational. Remaining cameras will be installed after the City of Columbia installs a meter to operate the parking lot camera.

##### Together In Mission (TIM) Update

On Monday Pastor Thieme received an email from Erin MacKenzie stating she has no open Sundays available to visit. Instead she could Skype this fall, send a video, or share her blog. Warren Harms moved to support Erin through TIM and proceed with moving forward; seconded and approved. Pastor Thieme will contact her. Contact information is [erin.mackenzie@lcmsintl.org](mailto:erin.mackenzie@lcmsintl.org)

##### Standing Rules for AOV

Chairman Kespohl reviewed the list of proposed Standing Rules. Virginia Propp moved to accept the proposed list and recommend it to the AOV; seconded and approved. The complete list of proposed Rules can be found in the Congregation Secretary's notebook.

##### Septagon Contract

Septagon has a signed contract for the TLCLC Bathroom Project. They will go to the City for approval of the drawings. Pending City approval, Septagon plans to start the project in August.

##### Attorneys to Read Contracts

Chairman Kespohl will have a list at the August BOD Meeting of possible attorneys who could ready over TLC contracts.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

##### Request to Increase BOECE Membership

The BOECE is asking to add members to their board, which currently has three members. This is something that can be changed by the Assembly of Voters.

Trustees also mentioned it could use extra help. According to the Constitution and By-Laws of Trinity Lutheran Church, 8.2.2.10, "Each board may appoint sub-committees at any time to assist with special projects or assigned duties of its board."

##### GSLs Purchases

Chairman Kespohl reviewed a list of GSLs Inventory that TLCLC would like to purchase. The complete Inventory List can be found in the Congregation Secretary's notebook.



When GSLS items are sold, Campus gets 40% and Trinity gets 60%. The items TLCLC would like to purchase at this time total \$987.50. Decisions still need to be made regarding the playground equipment and Promethean boards. The Trinity BOD wants to revisit the items of playground equipment and promethean boards at the August meeting. Andrew Saeger moved to approve \$987.50 for TLCLC to purchase items; seconded and approved.

Storytelling Conference: June 26-29, 2019

The 2018 Conference was very successful, and many extended a huge thank you for our hospitality. Andrew Saeger moved that Trinity Lutheran Church host the Storytelling Conference again next year; seconded and approved.

Facility Request (Childcare Aware)

Annette Kiehne explained that Childcare Aware is a Pre-school training in Missouri. The program needs the use of facilities, and would like to use Trinity Lutheran Church for these trainings. Annette or another TLCLC employee would attend. Training are in the evenings. Annette will look at specific dates, but the facility use would be in October, November and December. Virginia Propp moved to approve the use of Trinity Lutheran Church for Childcare Aware trainings in October, November and December of 2018, with dates pending on facility use; seconded and approved.

TLC Pens

Andrew Saeger has spoken with the Board of Evangelism about purchasing pens that promote Trinity Lutheran Church. It would be 1200 pens for just under \$500.

Andrew Saeger moved to approve \$500 from Capital Outlays for promotional pens; Second. Discussion. JoAnn Schoenike amended the motion to take the \$500 from Board of Evangelism budget. Andrew Saeger gave a friendly second to the amendment, approved.

Academy Preschool

Chairman Kespohl spoke about Academy Preschool, which is a facility in Columbia that recently completely flooded. They are quickly cleaning and rebuilding. They could be done Tuesday, but possibly a week from Friday. He asked if it was possible to help by letting them use GSLS empty classrooms for some of their kids. It would be for approximately a week. Virginia Propp shared that there are several reasons we could not help...licensing issues, unnecessary wear and tear, liability, safety, and TLCLC might need the space. Licensing for those classrooms could not happen within the specified time frame, therefore we are unable to let them use the facility.

Rally Sunday

Doug McDowell noted that in the Board of Evangelism report, on page 14 of the BOD packet, there is an error. Rally Sunday is August 26th, not the 19th.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Next meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled to be held on August 14, 2018.

Read *Built on the Rock* Chapter 8 for August 14th.

Andrew Saeger moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 pm; seconded and approved.

Pastor Thieme led the group in closing prayer.

Jacque Eckhoff, Secretary

**August Board of Directors reports and agenda items are due to the church office by noon on Friday, August 10, 2018.**

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

**The Assembly of Voters will meet Sunday, October 21, 2018 at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**

## 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**

**\*\*\*UPDATE\*\*\***

Sign up and payment are due by **Aug. 13, 2018.**

Additional sign ups are welcome until then.

Tickets are non-refundable.

Please make checks payable to **Adventures in Travel.**

Payments can be given to Sandy, Debbie, or left at the church office.

**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](mailto:sandydirks@gmail.com)**

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

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

**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!



**THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

**Back To School**



The Board of Social Ministry would like to sincerely thank everyone who donated school supplies for the "Back to School" drive benefitting Voluntary Action. We appreciate the congregation's support and generosity of the families who participated in VBS.

These items will be distributed to families with school-age children who are struggling in Boone County. The Back to School Health Fair will be held Saturday, July 28 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Derby Ridge Elementary School. If you would like to volunteer at this event please visit [www.vacmo.org/programs/school-supplies](http://www.vacmo.org/programs/school-supplies) for more information.

**Coming in  
344 days:**

**REAL.  
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GOLD.** | **2019** | **LCMS Youth  
Gathering**

# John 3:16 Word Search

Can you find all the words in John 3:16 (ESV) ?

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***Greetings in the name of Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life,***

The president of Lutherans For Life, Lynette Auch, recently shared her thoughts about Truth in the following article entitled, **VOICE OF TRUTH:**



As a nurse, I belong to the most trusted profession in the U.S. (according to the Gallup polls). I take that trust very personally. I want to be trusted; therefore, I want the information that I share with patients or clients to be accurate and truthful and based on evidence from credible, independent, well-done research studies---so that my voice will be a voice of truth.

My daughter's recent pregnancy and delivery of a beautiful and healthy baby girl---another masterpiece by God's hand---spurred me to do further research into an area of nursing that I have been a part of for over 26 years: Obstetric and Newborn Nursing. Although I am required to stay current with the protocols of the healthcare system where I am employed, my research indicated that some standard ("routine") care given is not necessarily evidence based. I found this very disturbing.

***But, should I be surprised when society burns with half-truths and lies? We live in a world where wrong things are considered right, and right things are considered wrong.***

God's Word, the Voice of Truth, beckons us to do as the Bereans did, to examine the Scriptures to see if the things that Paul taught were really true (Acts 17:11). We must live as the Bereans did, testing everything against the plumb line of God's Holy Word.

Since 1973, when abortion was accepted as a legal alternative to pregnancy, healthcare professionals have been confronted by an ever-increasing number of morally challenging life issues---and the list of ethical dilemmas continues to grow: in vitro fertilization, cloning, fetal experimentation, organ donation and transplantation, nutrition and hydration, patient rights, certain sterilization practices, looming rationing of medical resources, assisted suicide and euthanasia, and stem cell research with its promise of advances in the treatment of disease.

How does this myriad of biotechnology and life issues measure up to God's plumb line? We cannot let ourselves be spoon-fed with whatever "supposed" truths the media, or society at large want us to believe. It is imperative that we research and seek out the "real" truth, then search the Scriptures and ask God to reveal to us His good and perfect will.

From God's Word we know this:

**God created us! *"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb....My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place...Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be"*** (Psalm 139:13, 15-16 NIV)

**Murder is wrong! *"You shall not murder"*** (Exodus 20:13 NIV)

**Our body is not our own; we were bought at a price! *"Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price"*** (1 Cor. 6:19-20a)

**Just because something *can* be done, does not mean it *should* be done. *"I have the right to do anything,' you say---but not everything is beneficial. 'I have the right to do anything---but I will not be mastered by anything."*** (1 Cor. 6:12 NIV)

**We are to speak! *"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute"*** (Prov. 31:8 NIV).

**Expose the truth! *"Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them"*** (Ephesians 5:11 NIV)

The question remains, how does science and biotechnology and all its avenues, such as in vitro fertilization, cloning, fetal experimentation, and aborting babies for the sake of stem cell research to make vaccines for diseases that are not even life-threatening, stack up to God's voice of truth?



**GOD**, and redeemed by the blood of His Son, Jesus Christ, and called into a relationship with **God** by the Holy Spirit. As Gospel-motivated voices for life, we **MUST** do our research, measure it against God's plumb line, and speak up to expose the lies, and proclaim the truth---God's **VOICE of TRUTH!**

**Dear Heavenly Father, please help us to proclaim Your Voice of Truth to this broken, fallen world. Amen.**

(**Voice of Truth**, by Lynette Auch, President of Lutherans For Life, *LifeDate*, Summer 2018)

Don't forget to register ([www.lutheransforlife.org/conference](http://www.lutheransforlife.org/conference)) for the 2018 Lutherans For Life National Conference that will take place in the St Louis area on October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

In Christ,

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

## YOUR VOICE IS IMPORTANT

The Board of Elders will be conducting a survey August 12-31 to collect the congregation's opinions about our ministerial



staffing needs. Be on the lookout for information a b o u t t h i s important survey.



J.P. and Carissa Mariott..... August 1, 2000  
 Bill and Phyllis White ..... August 1, 1981  
 Tim and Chris Gambill ..... August 4, 1979  
 Doug and Joanna McDowell ..... August 5, 1995  
 Jerry and Mary Riggert ..... August 5, 1972  
 Carey and Patty Smith..... August 6, 1983  
 Kevin and Kristi Mott..... August 7, 1999  
 Ray and Linda Noll ..... August 8, 1976  
 Jason and Becky Mott ..... August 12, 1995  
 Stephen Harris and Cynthia Green .August 14, 1976  
 Wayne and Connie Morrow ..... August 14, 1981  
 Terry and Marilyn Simmons ..... August 15, 1970  
 Jim and Karen Niederjohn ..... August 17, 1974  
 Matt and Shelly Gibson ..... August 18, 2001  
 Larry and Dianne Linneman ..... August 19, 1978  
 David and Brenda Sikich ..... August 21, 1976  
 Herb and Jean Griggs ..... August 22, 2015  
 Stan and Marilyn Wise..... August 24, 1985  
 Larry and Janice Kuehner ..... August 28, 1964  
 Roger and Carol Morrison ..... August 29, 1970



**1**  
 Joel Cameron  
 Roger Morrison  
 Joyce Raines  
 Noah Wren  
**2**  
 Robin Tipton  
**3**  
 Harry Besleme  
**4**  
 Lori Bresnahan  
 Travis Provost  
**5**  
 Adrienne Fick  
 Constance Istwan  
 Pattie Smith  
**6**  
 Andrew Attebery  
 Jim Cherrington  
 Taichi Hogg  
**7**  
 Lexie Burgett  
 Samantha Wren  
**9**  
 Tawnya Samuel

Catherine Couper-  
 Espinosa  
**10**  
 Nathan Francis  
 Ashley Jones  
 Anna Sirikwa  
**11**  
 John Frerking  
 Abigail Rainey  
 Tim Schaumburg  
**12**  
 Linnea Lilja  
 Gabe Mefrakis  
 Henry Parker  
 Ken Redders  
**13**  
 Corey Burton  
 Tate Stockhorst  
**16**  
 Ralph Pickett  
**17**  
 Caroline Couper  
 John Couper  
 Jacqueline Hebard  
 Lehe Hisle  
 Eva Hopfer  
**19**  
 Jessica Coleman  
**20**  
 Aaron Attebery  
 Tobi Linneman  
 Lou Pasley  
 Robyn Raisch  
**21**  
 Danielle Crutchfield  
 Starla Crutchfield  
 Betty Kissane  
 Marlee Walz

**22**  
 Carole Eilers  
 Kevin Mott  
 Alicia Parker  
**25**  
 Barbara Semmons  
 Teresa Windsor  
**27**  
 Alaina Young  
**29**  
 Kandy Kling  
 Lisa Stockhorst



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

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# AUGUST 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9a TLCLC Chapel	2 6:30a Men's Bible Study @ Terrace 9a TLCLC Chapel 11:30a Senior Ministry Lunch @ Denny's	3	4
5 8a & 10:30a Worship / Comm. 9:15a Bible Study / Sunday School / Fellowship	6 9a NO BIBLE CLASS 6p Worship w/ Communion	7 6p Board of Early Childhood Ed.	8 9a TLCLC Chapel	9 6:30a Men's Bible Study @ Terrace 11:30a Senior Ministry Lunch @ Denny's 7p CLAS	10	11
12 8a & 10:30a Worship 9:15a Bible Study / Sunday School / Fellowship	13 TLCLC First Day of School 9a Bible Class 6p Worship	14 CPS First Day of School 6:30p Board of Directors Book Study 7p Board of Directors Meeting	15 9a TLCLC Chapel	16 6:30a Men's Bible Study @ Terrace 9a TLCLC Chapel 11:30a Senior Ministry Lunch @ Denny's	17 11:15a Women's Social Connection (location TBD)	18 9a LLL Mo. District Bd. of Governors
19 8a & 10:30a Worship / Comm. 9:15a Bible Study / Sunday School / Fellowship	20 MU Classes Begin 9a Bible Class 6p Worship w/ Communion 7:15p Board of Evangelism	21 Stephens College Classes Begin 6:30p Vesper Guild	22 9a TLCLC Chapel	23 6:30a Men's Bible Study @ Terrace 9a TLCLC Chapel 11:30a Senior Ministry Lunch @ Denny's	24	25
26 RALLY SUNDAY 8a & 10:30a Worship 9:15a Bible Study / Sunday School / Fellowship	27 Columbia College Classes Begin 9a Bible Class 6p Worship	28 6p Board of Elders	29 9a TLCLC Chapel	30 6:30a Men's Bible Study @ Terrace 9a TLCLC Chapel 11:30a Senior Ministry Lunch @ Denny's	31 4:30p Laupp-Vance Wedding Rehearsal	Sept. 1 Laupp-Vance Wedding

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**SUNDAY 8:00 AND 10:30 A.M.**  
**MONDAY AT 6:00 P.M.**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL/BIBLE CLASS**  
**SUNDAY: 9:15 A.M.**  
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