

# NEWS OF THE SON

Trinity Lutheran Church — Columbia, MO



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

## Your God



**W**hen the Lord introduces Himself to His people and the world, He shows Himself as a gracious and loving God.

The word *barak* (בָּרַךְ) in Hebrew means to bless. As in the familiar words of Numbers 6:22-24:

The LORD bless you and keep you;  
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

In our culture we might think of a blessing as a material thing, good health, or even a peaceful life. These may well be considered blessings from God, but Job chapter one reminds us that the taking away of these things is also a blessing from God. However, this definition of a blessing still does not capture what our Heavenly Father has in mind for us to be blessed by Him.

In order to know what the Lord has in mind, we need to understand the Hebrew language. "Every word in the Ancient Hebrew language was related to an image of action, something that could be sensed (as observed by the five senses – seen, heard, smelled, tasted, or touched) and in motion."

Let us take the example of "anger" in the Old Testament. Anger in Hebrew literally means to "flare your nostrils." It sounds funny, but think about it. When people are angry, their nostrils will literally flare. A very vivid picture of anger is portrayed.

And so the picture that the ancient Hebrew paints for God's people when they hear the word "bless" (*barak*) is the picture of someone "kneeling". To bless someone is to come before them in a humbled manner (kneeling).

SO when the Lord Almighty, the creator of heaven and earth, and the maker of the universe blesses **you**, He humbles Himself (as if kneeling before you) to keep you, to be gracious unto you, and to give you peace.

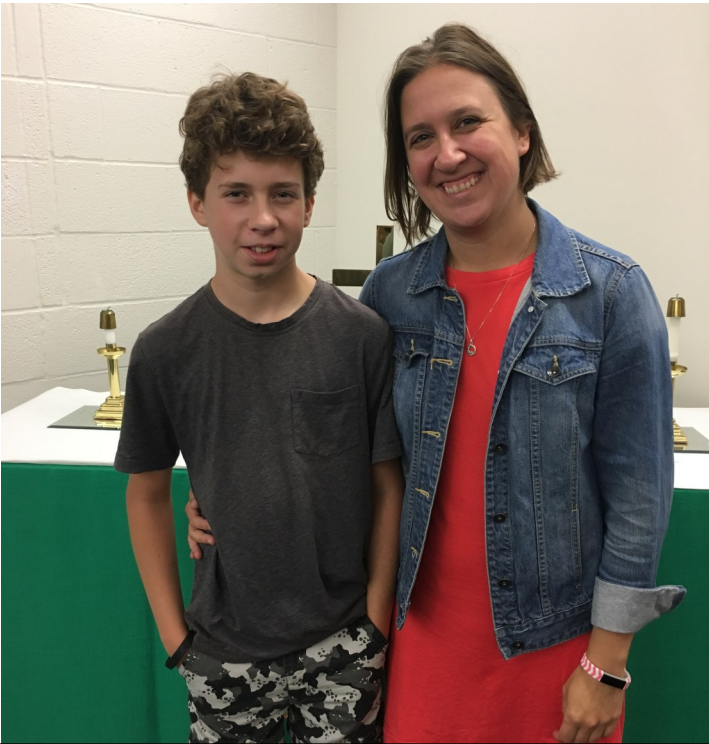
Toss aside the idea of a god as some old man in heaven waiting to judge you (you can get that from any other religion). Cling instead to the God who kneels before you (humbles Himself – Philippians 2). He who was first became last, stepping down from His heavenly throne to become one of us. Why? That we who were last would become first. He, who knew no sin, became sin.

This is the Christ of grace and mercy that as a pastor I am to ensure continues in your pulpit and at your altar, in your bible classes, and by the grace of God in your daily lives.

Your Servant in Christ,

*Pastor Brian Thieme*

# New Members



**Amanda and Colton  
Douglass**



**Rowena White**

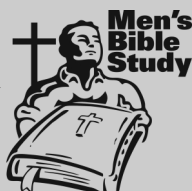
## SENIOR MINISTRY WEEKLY LUNCH

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!



**Chuck and Sue Ellen Morris**



## LLL FELLOWSHIP CLUB

Please come join the LLL for their next Bible Study on Oct. 14, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. 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. Learn more about this period of time in our Bible study topic: A Man Named Martin—Part 3: The Moment - Session 5.



## WARM UP COLUMBIA

Our congregation is once again participating in Warm Up Columbia, a program offered by Voluntary Action Center (VAC) to provide winter items for low-income, elderly, homeless and disabled individuals and families. Please bring your clean, gently used coats, jackets, blankets, hats, gloves, scarves, and socks during the month of September for this most worthy collection. Collection containers will be in the hallway. All items will be taken to VAC to be distributed on Nov. 3, 2018. For more info or to volunteer, visit VAC's website: [www.vacmo.org](http://www.vacmo.org).



## LIFE TEAM TRAINING

Attention all Trinity life-loving members! Trinity is holding a Life Team training on Saturday Oct. 27 from 9 a.m. to noon. Come learn what a Life Team is, how God views life and what we can do to become a life-affirming church. To sign up, call Sylvia Glenn at (573) 592-7866 or Phyllis White at (573) 489-5127.



**Lutherans  
For Life**

## TRINITY APPAREL STORE

The Board of Evangelism invites you to shop 'til you drop at the new Trinity online apparel store at [www.snowcreekapparel.com/trinity\\_lutheran\\_store/](http://www.snowcreekapparel.com/trinity_lutheran_store/). Here you can find hats, men's and women's polo shirts, and two different t-shirt designs. Shop and pay securely online, and your items will be available for pick up after services on Sunday, October 21 (and at the church office after that day). If you would like help ordering or do not have internet access, Andrew Saeger in the church office will be happy to help you. The store will be open until October 7, then it will close so we can fill the orders. The store will also likely re-open in coming months with new color choices. All proceeds above the cost of the apparel will be used to purchase t-shirts for VBS 2019.

# Trunk or Treat

It's almost that time of year again! Our annual Trunk or Treat event will be in Trinity's west parking lot on Sunday October 28 from 3-5 p.m. If you would like to volunteer, donate candy, or reserve a spot for your car or game, please sign up on the bulletin board across from the church office. Please join us on the 28th! This would be a great event to wear your new Trinity t-shirt to (hint, hint).



## UPCOMING BIBLE STUDY "THE 5 LISTENERS"

**Mondays at 7:00 p.m. Beginning Oct. 8**

This Bible study is designed to help with "familial evangelism," which means witnessing to your family, friends, and coworkers. Sometimes even those close to us will bristle if we try to reach out to them about our religion. Participants in this study will learn techniques designed to be natural, gentle ways to lay the foundation for God's story.



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**SEPTEMBER 11, 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 September 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Attendees included Gary Kespohl (Chairman), Jacque Eckhoff (Secretary), JoAnn Schoenike, Doug McDowell, Virginia Propp, Doug Kiehne, Annette Kiehne, Chris Bailey, Andrew Saeger, Warren Harms, Ken Greer and Pastor Brian Thieme.

Pastor Thieme gave the opening devotion.

Virginia Propp added Septagon Change Order to Old Business. Warren Harms moved to accept the Meeting Agenda with this addition; seconded and approved.

Virginia Propp moved to accept the Consent Agenda, including August 14, 2018 Minutes; 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**

Pastoral Help: Rev. Spotts is leading the Divine Services Sept. 30/Oct. 1.

Missouri District Duties: August 19th - Installation in Stringtown, MO. September 15th - Presenting state of the Missouri District to the LLL Convention (Columbia). September 30th-October 2nd - Missouri District Pastor's Conference (Lake of the Ozarks).

Adult 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.

Bible Classes for New Members: Looking to train leaders and start new classes.

Jr. Confirmation will begin September 16th.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY - JoAnn Schoenike**

For the month of August, the Regular Envelope collections are 86.16% of the anticipated monthly amount. Loose Plate collections are 127.54% and Sunday School are 92.51%. The Total Monthly collections are 87.44% of the monthly anticipated amount of \$43,082. The Total Year to Date collections through the end of August are 97.56% of the anticipated amount of \$334,754.

**BOARD REPORTS:**

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - No Rep. Present**

The BOCE began using the former GSLS classrooms on Rally Sunday. They also purchased and have paid for several items from GSLS. Sunday School Fall curriculum began on Sunday, September 2nd. The Board is blessed to have all teachers from last year returning to teach again this year.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD ED. - Virginia Propp**

TLCLC will have a T/Th toddler opening as of October 16, 2018 when the parents move. There will also be a T/Th tod-

dlar opening January 1, 2019 when a child changes from full time to MWF. Annette will contact Marilyn Simmons to begin work with a Curriculum Committee for the purchase of new curriculum materials. Intercom installation is complete. The Toddler Playground was closed on September 1st and will remain closed for about a month to allow for the site work for upcoming installation of the pour-in-place surface.

**ELDERS - Doug Kiehne**

The Elders met on August 28, 2018. Rev. Spotts continues to help with visiting shut-ins. The Benefits Subcommittee presented a final recommendation for clarifying benefits for called workers not covered by the personnel manual. The Elders seek feedback from the BOD in the form of a motion to adopt the recommendations. The congregational survey was finalized and will run September 7-24. Discussions about the schedule of worship for 2019 have begun.

**EVANGELISM - Doug McDowell**

The Board of Evangelism met August 20, 2018. Andrew reported that Snow Creek Apparel suggested they could set up an online store for members to place orders and submit payment for TLC shirts. 1200 pens will be purchased as giveaways. They will not be available through the online store. Trunk or Treat will be held October 28, 2018 from 3:00-5:00 PM. A Serving Trailer Project was discussed. Ideas were given to have a TLC sponsored trailer loaded with items to help with future service projects, including tools for painting and gardening.

**PAROCHIAL EDUCATION - No Rep. Present**

See agenda packet for financial report.

**SOCIAL MINISTRY - No Rep. Present**

The Board met on August 6, 2018. A Circle of Friends cook-out was held August 11th. August 26-27 the Board started the collection supporting Voluntary Action for Warm-Up Columbia. Food items are still being collected for the Food Bank. The amount collected for the LFCS Baby Bottle Boomerang during VBS was \$453.83. Trinity Senior Group Day Trip to Sight and Sound Theater took place September 6th.

**STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE - Andrew Saeger**

Stewardship & Finance held a work meeting on August 21st. During the meeting the Board assembled the informational letter and an example of the Stewardship election form for mailing to each communicate member. The Walk of Faith will be held during the September 23rd services. Also, during the month, the offering count continued per the agreed upon schedule.

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

**TRUSTEES - Ken Greer**

No report filed.

**YOUTH - Chris Bailey**

The Board of Youth is working on new Sunday School Curriculum. Planning for the National Youth Gathering in July 2019 has started. The informational meeting for youth and their families is set for September 16th at 12:00 PM.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Members of the Executive Committee met August 27, 2018 at 6:30 PM to discuss the upcoming evaluation of the Church Secretary, Andrew Saeger. Chairman Kespohl distributed information to the Committee to read before reconvening on September 4, 2018. On this date the information was discussed and the Performance Evaluation Sheet was completed. Members of the Committee, along with Pastor Thieme, met with Andrew on September 5, 2018 for his Evaluation. The Committee agreed to a raise of \$.50 more per hour.

### MEMBERSHIP CHANGES:

JoAnn Schoenike moved to accept the Membership Changes & Profession of Faith; seconded and approved.

### TREASURER'S REPORT - Warren Harms

For the month ending August 31, 2018, the Church income is \$41,020 and year to date is \$380,270 (62.36% of the total income budgeted for the year). This is <\$29,823> or <7.27%> less than in 2017. The major difference from 2017 is that the 301-Regular Envelope is down <\$16,658> or <4.99%> less than at the end of August 2017. The total Learning Center income for August is \$62,500 and \$487,133 for the year to date (71.86% of the budgeted income for the year). For the month of August 2018, Church expenditures are \$34,978, and \$341,112 year to date (55.9% of the annual expense budget of \$609,775). The Learning Center expenditures for August 2018 total \$3,348 and \$415,286 year to date 61.3% of the annual expense budget of \$677,900. Total reserve accounts at Lutheran Church Extension Fund are now \$197,613. There is currently no building loan on the books.

During August, Trinity wrote two checks for a total of just over \$1,400 to Columbia Lutheran Association of Schools for remaining supplies, chairs, rugs, small furniture left in the inventory of Good Shepherd Lutheran School. These materials will be used by the Sunday school classes and Trinity Lutheran Child Learning Center. The Board of Christian Education had two expenditures totaling around \$600 for some room furnishings and Rally Sunday expenses.

The Learning Center has implemented a new tuition payment system this month. It is an online system that is linked with the Pro Care accounting system that has been used by the Learning Center now for several years. This system (Tuition Express) processes the tuition payment by drafting the bank account (of the parents) with an ACH bank transaction (an automatic bank draft). This has been a very nice improvement in the overall processing of tuition payments. It is helping the tuition payments to be made and processed more timely, and is likely to reduce the total staff time involved with depositing paper checks manually at the bank, and at the same time improve the payment recording and tracking processes.

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

### OLD BUSINESS:

Surveillance System Update: Warren Harms called Sound Solutions for an update. They cancelled last Friday due to rain, but it's still in progress.

Trailer Removed: Wiring is disconnected at the source, but wires are in a box at the ground. Ken Greer stated we need to restore the ground cover.

Playground Equipment: Trinity keeps the playground equipment at no cost. Please see BOD packet for details. There was discussion of other GSLS supplies that were purchased. Trinity wrote a check for \$987 to CLAS for supplies purchased. Campus does not plan to pay for their supplies at this time. JoAnn Schoenike moved that CLAS cash the \$987 check from Trinity; seconded and approved.

Facility Use Policy Review (See Packet): The Executive Committee & Church Secretary will review the Facility Use Policy.

Facility Use Request: Pickle Ball

Doug Kiehne moved to approve this request under Priority D, as an affiliated group. The group can only be Trinity members, so no insurance certificate is needed at this point. If non-members participate, the group must reapply; seconded and approved.

Together in Mission (TİM) Budget Reminder: This will be added to the upcoming Budget.

Planning Committee's First Meeting: Chairman Kespohl is wanting this to take place September 19th, at 6:30 PM. At the meeting he will layout his idea of their scope. They'll elect officers and start the process.

Constitution and Bylaw Revisions: Chairman Kespohl went around the table and asked if anyone had questions or comments. The following items will be taken back to the Constitution Revision Committee for further consideration:

- Changing Chairman to President
- Changing BOD to Church Council.
- Financial: Higher Spending Limits
- Combining of boards, and if they'll now need more than 3 members.
- Stating that Pastor, Chairman, & Board of Elders can be male only.
- Confessional Standard Recommendations
- Consider adding Head Elder to the Executive Committee

Warren Harms moved to have the Constitution Revision Committee reconsider these seven items before the October Board of Directors meeting; seconded and approved.

Septagon Change Order: Virginia Propp moved to accept this revision to the original estimate; seconded

and approved.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Trunk or Treat - October 28th: The Board of Evangelism would love to see a trunk from every board.

Evaluation: See Executive Committee Report. Increased hourly rate to \$.50/hour more. Chairman Kespohl suggested giving Andrew \$500 seed money for his HSA, if he's on the Concordia Plan. This would set the precedent for all newly eligible employees on the Concordia Plan. JoAnn Schoenike moved to accept the recommendation; seconded and approved.

Called Worker Benefits: Doug Kiehne spoke in regards to the Board of Elders recommendations. They approved these recommendations and ask for BOD approval. The BOD will look

at the recommendations and discuss them at next month's meeting.

Survey: Doug Kiehne reported that the survey is electronic, but there is a paper option. Electronically it's available by email, Facebook, TLC website, weekly news and QR code. September 24th is the deadline.

Adopt-a-Highway: October 6th - JCC. Chairman Kespohl will work on finding someone to organize future dates.

Distribution of Excess: Chairman Kespohl thinks we need an annual plan for distribution of excess. 10% will already go to missions due to a motion passed by the AOV. Ken Greer moved to recommend to the AOV to set up an annual plan for distribution of excess. The plan would be to put any excess into the Capital Outlay Account (190), minus the 10% that goes to missions; seconded and approved.

Release Funds for Youth: Chris Bailey moved to release \$5600 from Account #527 for the National Youth Gathering that is taking place the summer of 2019; seconded and approved.

Budget for 2019: Worksheets due Sept. 26 to Treasurer

Budget Meeting Oct. 3rd - 7:00 PM

BOD Meeting Oct. 9th - 7:00 PM

AOV Meeting Oct. 21st - 12:00 PM

Copiers: The current Marco contract renews Oct. 1, 2018. It was suggested to have Fred Pistel help. Currently we pay \$385/month. Equipment is wearing out. Andrew Saeger moved that pending a favorable review from Fred, we cancel the Marco contract and go with a temporary GFI contract; seconded and approved.

Lawn Care Equipment: The riding lawn mower has many hours on it, and it was purchased used 10 years ago. It's a commercial steel mower that was purchased for \$4000. It's serviced every year. Needs all new seals, is leaking oil, and needs new back tires. Sydenstricker Auction is September 16th. Discussion followed regarding whether to keep fixing what we have or buy another. Andrew Saeger moved to authorize Chairman Kespohl to go to the Sydenstricker Auction with a \$4000 budget to purchase a mower. If that is unsuccessful, use the \$4000 to purchase a mower from Lawn and Leisure; seconded and approved.

Servant Trailer:

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled to be held on October 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Kespohl read a letter from Love Inc. thanking TLC for the \$1015 check.

Chairman Kespohl read a letter from Alliance for Defending Freedom. See BOD packet for details.

Chris Bailey moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m.; seconded and approved. Pastor Thieme led the group in the Lord's Prayer.

Jacque Eckhoff, Secretary

## 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

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

**The Board of Directors will meet  
Tuesday, October 9, 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**



# *Columbia Zone Fall Rally 2018*

*October 7, 2018*

*1:30 pm Registration (\$3.00)*

*2:00 pm Meeting*



Trinity Lutheran Church  
2201 W Rollins Rd.  
Columbia, MO 65203



Program:  
*Travelers to the  
Land of Jesus*

Ingathering of non-perishable food for the  
Food Bank for Central and Northeast Missouri



# Come see the Semisaurus at Trinity October 23-25!

**Free to all!**

**Special presentations Tues. and Wed. evening**

Semisaurus is a mobile creation museum that gives people answers. How old is the earth? What happened to the dinosaurs? The realistic displays provide facts and evidence that take the creation-evolution debate head-on. Visitors can participate in a self-guided audio tour, see a replica of Noah's ark, meet the animatronic dinosaur, and take in the sights, sounds and smells of 'the swamp room.' It's professional, highly technical, and engaging for nearly every age.

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*Fossils*  
*Unfossilized Mammoth Tooth and Hair*  
*Egyptian/Ancient Artifacts*  
*12 1/2 Foot Alligator*

*Don't go to this museum  
Let it come to you!*

*details...* **Tues. 10/23: 11am-5pm**  
**Wed. 10/24: 10am-5pm & 7:30-9:30pm**  
**Thur. 10/25: 10am-4pm**

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**have you ever WONDERED?**

- \*What about Carbon dating?
- \*How could people live to be 900 years old?
- \*Did dinosaurs live with man?
- \*Where did Cain get his wife?
- \*What about Cave men & the Bible?
- \*How can we raise our children in today's society?

*Come hear the answer to these questions and others!*

**Brian Young** is a nationally known speaker, author of several books, and founder of Creation Instruction Association. He has written for various magazines and journals. Brian also served as teacher and principal for 10 years. He currently speaks on creation vs. evolution, as well as scientific creation as a foundation for good science, theology and moral living. He also debates in Universities.

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See how man's intelligence can't match the design found in animals.

- \*Which car was inspired by a fish?
- \*Can Darwinian evolution explain the design in animals?
- \*How do animals reveal evolution as a fraud?

*Come hear the answer to these questions and others!*

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*details...* **Wednesday October 24**  
**6:30-7:30 p.m.**  
**Ages 5-Adult**

*details...* **Tuesday October 23**  
**6:30-8:30 p.m.**  
**Ages 8-Adult**

**creationinstruction.org**



*Blessings to you in the name of Jesus, “from Age to Age the Same”,*

**LAST CHANCE** to register for the 2018 Lutherans For Life Annual Conference in St Louis!



On October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> 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. To register go to [www.lutheransforlife.org/conference](http://www.lutheransforlife.org/conference). Now is the time. Don't miss this opportunity.

Since October is also the time to celebrate the Reformation, it seems fitting to consider what Martin Luther had to say about life issues. Luther's view of family matters proved revolutionary in its time. He promoted marriage, encouraged childbearing and praised parenting. He concluded even unborn babies qualified as full-fledged human beings. Reverend Michael W. Salemink, executive director of Lutherans For Life, shares *"How Luther Nailed It on Life Issues"*. The following are excerpts from Rev. Salemink's article and direct quotes from Luther:

“Look at your infancy, and give thought to whether you remember that you were in your mother's womb, that you lay in a cradle, that you sucked your mother's breasts, cried, ate pap, grew, etc. Yet we are certainly alive even during the first year, when the fetus is carried in the mother's womb.” (LW 5:75)

“For no one of those who are alive today knows where he was during the first two years, when he lived either in the womb....Yet he lived at that time, and he was a body joined to a soul---a body adapted to all natural functions.” (LW 8:316)

“Luther derived this truth directly from God's Word. He observed how the Holy Scripture testified about the prenatal humanity of Jesus and John the Baptist. “Moreover, when Christ, the Son of God, was to be conceived in his mother's womb and become incarnate, he certainly had to be already present in essence and in person in the Virgin's womb, and had to assume humanity there” (LW 37:62).

“So Luther called abortion a sinful offense against the tiniest neighbors. “For those who pay no attention to pregnant women and do not spare the tender fetus become murderers” (LW 5:382). “How great, therefore, the wickedness of human nature is! How many girls there are who prevent conception and kill and expel tender fetuses, although procreation is the work of God!” (LW 4:304).

“In the same way, Luther saw suicide and its assistance as wrong. “Therefore those hotheaded spirits do wrong by scourging and beating themselves or by killing themselves and trying in this way to take heaven by storm” (LW 30:109).

“Christ Himself explains and sums it up. He says that we must not kill, neither with hand, heart, mouth, signs, gestures, help, nor counsel....So also, if you see anyone innocently sentenced to death or in similar distress, and do not save him, although you know ways and means to do so, you have killed him”. (McCain, Paul Timothy, ed. *Concordia: The Lutherans Confessions*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. [St. Louis: Concordia, 2006], 379-80).

“God's limitless grace convinced Luther to regard life with such respect. Both Bible and experience led him to behold human beings and their bodies as gifts and privileges of infinite preciousness imparted by the Lord Himself. Neither ability nor disobedience, whether one's own or a neighbor's, could improve upon or invalidate the worth the Almighty instilled.

**“Finally, Luther found this grace great enough to forgive even evils against life.** Jesus Christ died and rose to save sinners from just such guilt. “That is why all those should be absolved whose sins are hidden, whether they are sins of the flesh, or of every kind of lust, abortion, and the like” (LW 39:42).

““When the devil throws our sins up to us and declares that we deserve death and hell, we ought to speak thus: “I admit that I deserve death and hell. What of it? Does this mean that I shall be sentenced to eternal damnation? By no means. For I know One who suffered and made satisfaction in my behalf. His name is Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Where he is, there I shall be also” (Tappert, Theodore G, trans. And ed. *Luther: Letters of Spiritual Counsel* [Vancouver: Regent College, 2003], 86-87).”

(LW refers to *Luther's Works*, 55 vols., Jaroslav Pelikan, Helmut Lehmann, et al., eds. (St. Louis: Concordia and Philadelphia: Fortress, 1955-1986). (Unidentified quotes are from Rev. Michael W. Salemink in his article “How Luther Nailed It on Life Issues, *LifeDate*, Fall, 2017).

***Martin Luther had much to say about life issues, but probably the most important is that God's grace covers all sins; none are too great.*** Won't you share that Grace with someone who is suffering today?

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).

# October ANNIVERSARIES

Orville & Fannie Wiechert .....Oct. 2, 1955  
 Lucas & Lisa Stockhorst .....Oct. 5, 2013  
 Marty & Sherry Wohlgemuth .....Oct. 5, 1996  
 Don & Debbie Cameron.....Oct. 7, 1989  
 Earl & Kristin Hendrickson .....Oct. 10, 1998  
 Tim & Joni Schaumburg .....Oct. 10, 1981  
 Dennis & Carol Weinhold .....Oct. 13, 1984  
 Jeff & Callie Dickes.....Oct. 15, 2016  
 John & Mary Frerking .....Oct. 16, 1999  
 Dave & Suzanne Hart.....Oct. 17, 1978  
 Lon Chubiz & Jessica Cott-Chubiz.....  
 .....Oct. 18, 2008  
 Kevin & Amy Habjan .....Oct. 18, 1997  
 Patrick & Melissa Fitzgerald.....Oct. 20, 2012  
 Randy & Keri Thoroughman .....Oct. 20, 2006  
 Carlos & Barb Sanchez .....Oct. 21, 1995  
 Travis & Karen Provost .....Oct. 22, 2011  
 Rev. Brian & Sarah Thieme .....Oct. 25, 1997  
 Mike & Tawnya Samuel .....Oct. 27, 2007  
 Christian & Teri Cantwell .....Oct. 29, 2005  
 Jeff & Monica Smith .....Oct. 29, 2000



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

**2**  
Sarah Arnall  
**3**  
Judy Grant  
 Tobi McCool  
 Donald Scharlott  
 Adam Schaumburg  
**4**  
Theresa Greer  
**5**  
Jean Crowson  
**6**  
Hayden Fick  
 Amanda Stine  
**7**  
Nick Cook  
 Patrick Rowan  
 Carly Samuel  
**8**  
Dave Cherrington  
**10**  
Lori Dickes  
 Sierra Grimm  
 Nathan Ousley  
 Susan Reynolds  
**11**  
Joey Briggs  
 Melissa Kiehne  
**12**  
Cana Provost  
**13**  
Adrienne Martin  
 Marilyn Simmons  
**14**  
Chelsea Browner  
 Mary Raisch  
 Zach Schulte  
**15**  
Michael Antel  
 Donna Pfeiffer  
 Barbara Schuette  
**16**  
Barbara Barrett  
**17**  
Buck Katt  
 Marli Yoder  
**18**  
Michelle Gastler

**19**  
Marley Escamilla  
 Dianne Jeide  
**20**  
Olivia Bailey  
 Aidan Yung  
**22**  
Aileen Gannon  
 Morgyn Smith  
 Paul Walz  
**23**  
Ron Barrett  
 Abby Berendzen  
 Izzy Berendzen  
**24**  
Jayce Earnhart  
 Lawrence Propp Jr.  
**25**  
Cenedra Eaton  
**26**  
Jeffrey Dickes  
 Donald Malson  
**27**  
Kaleb Burns  
 Daniel Hartman  
 Amy Sanders  
 Sarah Thieme  
**28**  
VeNora Klussman  
 Susan Malson  
 Jessica Murphy  
**30**  
Pete Easterhaus  
 Myra McCoig

The information for Anniversaries & Birthdays is obtained from our Shepherd Staff database. If any info is incorrect or omitted, please contact the church office so this information can be updated.

### JUST FOR YOUTH

#### JCC SCHEDULE:

JCC is back in full swing. October sessions will be the 7th, 14th, and 21st at 6:00 p.m. and at noon on October 28th.

#### ACOLYTE SCHEDULE:

JCC II will be the acolytes for October. 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:

A Senior High Youth Night is scheduled for Sunday, October 14 at 6pm. Come enjoy the fun and fellowship!

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





# October 2018

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	<b>1</b> 9a Bible Class 6p Worship Service w/Communion	<b>2</b> 6p Board of Early Childhood Ed.	<b>3</b> 9a TLCLC Chapel 5:30p Board of Youth 6p Choir Practice 7p BOD Budget	<b>4</b> 6:30a Men's Bible Study @ Terrace 9a TLCLC Chapel 11:30a Sr. Ministry Lunch @ Denny's	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9a Youth Highway Cleanup
<b>7</b> 8a & 10:30a Worship / Comm. 9:15a Sunday School 1:30p L.W.M.L. Rally 5p Handbell Practice 6p JCC	<b>8</b> 9a Bible Class 6p Worship Service w/Communion 7p Bible Study	<b>9</b> 6p Vesper Guild @ Linnea Lilja's home 7p Board of Directors	<b>10</b> 9a TLCLC Chapel 9:30a Mary Martha Guild 6p Choir Practice	<b>11</b> 7p CLAS	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 8a & 10:30a Worship 9:15a Sunday School 5p Handbell Practice 6p JCC 6p Sr. Youth Night 6p LLL	<b>15</b> 9a Bible Class 6p Worship Service w/Communion 7p Bible Study	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 9a TLCLC Chapel 6p Choir Practice	<b>18</b> 6:30a Men's Bible Study @ Terrace 9a TLCLC Chapel 11:30a Sr. Ministry Lunch @ Denny's	<b>19</b> 1:30p Women's Social Connection Kiehne—Remer- Phifer Wedding Rehearsal	<b>20</b> Kiehne—Remer- Phifer Wedding
<b>21</b> 8a & 10:30a Worship / Comm. 9:15a Sunday School 5p Handbell Practice 6p JCC	<b>22</b> 9a Bible Class 6p Worship Service w/Communion 7p Bible Study	<b>23</b> SEMISAURUS	<b>24</b> SEMISAURUS 9a TLCLC Chapel 6p Choir Practice	<b>25</b> SEMISAURUS 6:30a Men's Bible Study @ Terrace 9a TLCLC Chapel 11:30a Sr. Ministry Lunch @ Denny's	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 9a Life Team Training
<b>28</b> REFORMATION SUNDAY 8a & 10:30a Worship / Comm. 9:15a Sunday School 12p JCC 3p Trunk or Treat 5p Handbell Practice	<b>29</b> 9a Bible Class 6p Worship Service 7p Bible Study	<b>30</b> 6p Board of Elders	<b>31</b> 9a TLCLC Chapel			



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

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