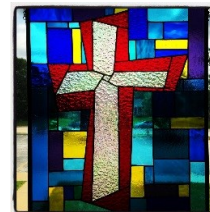


News of the Son

Trinity Lutheran Church — Columbia, MO



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
Who Am I?

In a German village atop a small Lutheran church sits a weathervane. When the wind blows, that weathervane faithfully points. East or west, north or south, or somewhere in between (depending on the wind), it does its job. Perched on top of the weathervane is a rooster crowing. This symbol is a reminder of Peter's denials before the cock crowed. With the beak open wide and lifted unto the heavens, the rooster calls the world to repentance. And so does the Church, especially during this Lenten season.

But what is repentance (from the Greek word *μετάνοιαν*)? It literally means to “change the mind.” We are to see ourselves as God sees us. We are no longer to have a false image of ourselves. When God looks at us, He looks at us both with judgment and with grace.

As He looks at us with judgment (the Law), the sinner is exposed to the light (Ephesians 5:13). We confess the truth of God's judgment in our liturgies: “Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment.”

No part of our life (our thoughts, our words, our deeds, and our very nature) is left in the dark. Clearly our lives are exposed to the light of truth and our sin is seen for what it is (death). Like going to a doctor's office, our disease must first be diagnosed before the proper cure can be given.

Now as He looks at us with grace (the Gospel), we see how we now stand before God in Christ. Again the truth of God's grace we confess in our liturgies: “Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

Even Judas's mind was changed as he saw himself in the judgment of God after he betrayed Christ, but he did not turn to the Christ for forgiveness. Throughout Scriptures we are told to flee from sin. However, simply fleeing is not the answer. Christ would have us flee to Him, to His pierced hands, to His pierced feet, to His pierced side. Isaiah 53 tells us that we are healed by His wounds.

So in this Lenten Season, as the rooster crows, our minds are changed, seeing ourselves not with a false image, but through the eyes of God. We say “Yes, I am a sinner,” and “Yes, I am the baptized child of God in Christ.”

A Prayer of Repentance:

Heavenly Father, You do not wish sinners to die but to repent and live. According to Your great compassion be merciful to me. Take away my sin, deliver me from my guilt, and restore to me the joy of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (LSB)

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Brian Thieme

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



Greetings in the name of our LORD and Savior Jesus Christ who gives value to every human being!

Despite the fact that many states have passed a number of life-affirming regulations in the past several years giving more and more protection to women and their unborn children, New York legislators just passed the most liberal abortion law of all which removes all protections from the unborn, leaving them more vulnerable than ever. The following is the response from Lutherans For Life's Executive Director Reverend Michael Salemink to New York's new law:

Today we grieve with the citizens and residents of New York. On Tuesday, January 22nd, Governor Andrew Cuomo signed the Reproductive Health Act into law.

The state has tolerated abortion up to 24-weeks' gestation since before *Roe v. Wade*. This new policy decriminalizes killing a child even up until birth if the little one has a condition a doctor thinks will cause death soon after being born. It calls it OK to abort a baby throughout pregnancy if the doctor believes carrying to term threatens the mother's life or health. Other jurisdictions have stretched such "mother's health" provisions to include simply her comfort or preference. (Caesarean section surgeries at 24 weeks or later are quicker and safer for both mother and child than any abortion. Premature infants as young as 22 weeks regularly survive without complications, and thousands of mothers undergo successful C-sections every day.) The regulation deletes a previous law that required medical care for any child born alive after a failed abortion—and it invites facility staff who are not doctors to carry out abortions.

New York's senate applauded. The governor directed turning the spire of One World Trade Center pink to "celebrate." Our country's fourth-most populated state already has an abortion rate almost twice (23.1 per 1,000 women) the national average (11.8 per 1,000). In the largest U.S. city, New York City, 78% of abortions involve black Americans, and more black babies are aborted than born there. Where our nation's most treasured landmark announces "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free," the leaders and laws have abandoned women and children. The human community ought to protect and support them, especially because bringing forth the great gifts of life and future leaves them vulnerable. Instead, a sex-obsessed culture has sentenced them to desertion and death.

Nevertheless, our courage does not wane. Our compassion only swells. The Gospel of Jesus Christ proclaims that our Almighty Maker creates, redeems, and calls every member of the human race to be His precious treasure forever. This Heavenly Father gives our whole species its sanctity and significance, and no one's age, appearance, experience, ability, or history can improve or impair it. We celebrate our Savior's crucifixion to forgive sins and His resurrection to defeat death. And we commit ourselves to receive especially the least of these as special privileges.

Dear neighbors of New York, we see you. However afraid or alone you feel, the people of Lutherans For Life hear your cries and pleas. No matter how ashamed you are, the Christian Church that is the Lord's own body loves you. You don't have to surrender to the devil's deception that death be used as a solution to difficulties.

We are going to continue to marshal all the resources within our reach to preserve and embrace you from the womb until the tomb. We vow to come alongside you, carry your crosses, share your sorrows, suffer and labor together. We offer our individual and united voices to advocate for your well-being—not only immediately, but eternally. We open our hearts, our hands, and our homes to share life abundantly with you the way our Lord does. We pledge never to cease or weaken in assuring and enacting for you the joy and hope and purpose that Jesus Christ imparts to each human life. And even should all the laws of this land or any other decree human beings as objects to be used and disposed, He has guaranteed that the faith and fellowship that His truth and love set in motion among us will render them entirely obsolete.

Rev. Michael Salemink, Exe. Dir. Of Lutherans For Life, article published at www.lutheransforlife.org.

SAVE THE DATE! For the Lutherans For Life of MO's Annual Meeting on April 27, 2019 from 9:30 to 1p.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church at 2846 S. Grand Blvd., St Louis, MO 63118. Deaconess Rachael Geraci will be the featured speaker as she champions Life Teams in each church. The cost is \$10 which includes lunch and there will be an ingathering of baby items to make layettes for the Seminary families. Please RSVP to Diane at lflofmo@gmail.com or 314-240-2018.

Won't you share the Good News that all life is precious because of Jesus?

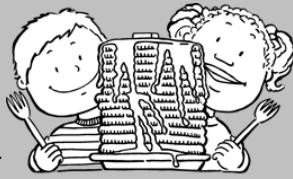
In Him,

Sylvia Glenn

Feel free to call me (573-592-7866) for information or concerns about life issues. For those who have had an abortion, there is a **word of hope!** "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds" (Psalm 147:3). For **confidential post-abortion referral, counsel, and reconciliation** contact WORD of HOPE, toll-free 888-217-8679, info@word-of-hope.org, or visit www.word-of-hope.org.

PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

Please join us for a pancake and sausage breakfast from 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 16, 2019, hosted by the Board of Youth and the Trinity Lutheran Child Learning Center. In the Trinity Fellowship Hall we will be serving up whole hog sausage and Aunt Jemima Wheat and Original Pancakes along with coffee, milk, and orange juice. Free will donations will be accepted.



BIG RED SHOE DRIVE

As one of their fundraisers for the National Youth Gathering this summer, the Youth Group is collecting like-new to gently-used shoes. All styles of shoes are welcome from flip-flops and baby shoes to cowboy boots and dress shoes. We invite you to join us by putting shoes in the Big Red Shoe in the hallway. Our goal is to collect 3,000 pairs, and so far we have collected about 300 pairs. Thanks for your help!



If you would really like to help, pick up a donation bag by the Big Red Shoe, collect 25 pairs of shoes, & bring them back.

For more information, contact Chris Bailey at (573) 639-0727 or VANITY411@yahoo.com.

YOUTH GROUP T-SHIRT SPONSORSHIP



The Youth Group would like to advertise your name or your company on the t-shirts we are having made for the 2019 National Youth Gathering. Not only will we wear the shirts at the gathering in Minneapolis, but we'll also be wearing them at all our pre-gathering events and fundraisers. Your name and logo will be on the banner we use at all our fundraising events too. On top of all that, while we are in Minneapolis, the youth will send you postcards from the National Youth Gathering.

Please see one of the sponsorship forms on the Youth bulletin board or contact Chris Bailey at (573) 639-0727 or VANITY411@yahoo.com.

CHRIST CARING FOR PEOPLE THROUGH PEOPLE!



Stephen Ministry is a proven system for training and organizing people in Christian congregations to provide Christ-centered care to those experiencing life difficulties. It began in the mid-1970s in St. Louis, has been used by over 12,000 congregations throughout the

world, and it is coming to Trinity!

Recently our church leadership and the Assembly of Voters approved our enrollment in this lay-caring ministry. This enrollment provides training, materials, and a lifetime of benefits, including telephone support and built-in resources for evaluating and improving our ministry. It is designed to be an ongoing, permanent ministry of our congregation.

Pastor Thieme and three church members will attend a week-long training this April in St. Louis to become Stephen Leaders. Upon their return, these Leaders will begin the process of developing a team of Stephen Ministers who will engage in intensive training starting in the fall.

Stephen Ministers will be matched with a care receiver – someone referred to the Stephen Ministry by Pastor Thieme. (Men will be matched with men; women with women.) The Stephen Minister will faithfully listen, empathize, pray with and for the care receiver, and encourage them with Christ's love and care.

We hope you share in the excitement to bring this ministry to Trinity. Watch here for future articles and/or visit stephenministries.org.

Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:2



STUDY GRANTS AVAILABLE

Attention high school seniors and college students planning a career in LCMS church work:

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Mo. District, has study grants available for the 2019-2020 academic year for both Seminary students and persons going into professional church work in the LCMS.



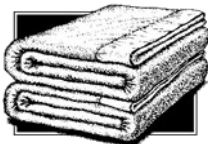
- ✠ Applicants must be a member of a congregation located in the Missouri District of the LCMS for twelve (12) months prior to filing an application.
- ✠ Applicants must be preparing for full-time professional work in the LCMS and be enrolled in a seminary or university of the LCMS full-time.
- ✠ Colloquy students may apply provided they are full-time teachers in a LCMS school working toward rostered status.
- ✠ Recipients are chosen according to financial need and commitment to Christian service.
- ✠ Completed applications must be received by April 15, 2019.

Applications and instructions are available from your LWML Zone President, society presidents, the financial aid office of your university or seminary, or they may be downloaded from the Missouri District web site at www.missourilwml.org (under forms).

For more information, contact Edie Turner, the CWSG chair, at lwmlmostudygrant@yahoo.com.

WEIGHTED BLANKETS

Trinity members will again, as a Thrivent Action Team, be sewing weighted blankets. Weighted blankets can help regulate or calm the nervous system—like a big hug. We would like you to help by sewing one or more blankets. Instructions and material will be provided, and sewing may be done in your own home. The blankets will be donated to local agencies that will distribute them to those who may benefit from them. To volunteer or for more info, contact Thrivent Action Team Leader Judy Frost at 573-823-0008.



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH SCHOLARSHIPS

Trinity offers scholarships to students preparing for church work. Qualified applicants will be those who are:

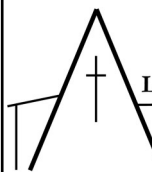
1. Studying for an LCMS church vocation (pastor, teacher, DCE, deaconess, etc.) **and**
2. Attending an LCMS college, university, or seminary **and**
3. Are a member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

To apply, send a letter of application to:

Trinity Lutheran Church
Attn: Board of Directors
2201 W. Rollins Rd.

Columbia, MO 65203-1433

Applications for Fall 2019 scholarships must be received by May 9, 2019. Your application letter should include a description of your church work goals, the semester(s) for which you are seeking financial support, and the amount you would like to receive. The Board of Directors will be recommending scholarship recipients and amounts at the Assembly of Voters in May.



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For more information, contact the church office at (573) 445-2112 or church@trinity-lcms.org.

MARTIN THE MOUSE



Hi! I'm Martin the Church Mouse! I spend my days running around Trinity, and I see a lot of things other people never would. I saw that Charlie Cott has jumped in with both feet in his new role as a trustee, and he's getting many little projects taken care of with speed and aplomb. Thanks Charlie! I also saw Lou Eggerding and the Planning Committee meeting weekly and working hard to plan and execute the Roundtable event that so many of you went to on the 24th. I just wish they wouldn't have been so careful about cleaning up—you could have left me at least a few crumbs! Finally, I'd like to say that I enjoy watching the Pickleball games every week. I didn't know humans so "mature" could move that fast! I guess maybe it's not just the young ones I have to worry about chasing me and trying to run me out of my nice, warm home. Thank you to the organizers, Chris Cott, Don Malson, and Joni Schaumburg!

FEBRUARY 12, 2019
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES
(Draft Minutes - Yet to be Approved)

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order on February 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Attendees included Gary Kespohl (Chairman), Jacque Eckhoff (Secretary), James Harms, Jim Niederjohn, Ron Dickes, Mary Frerking, Larry McCoig, Rob Hall, Lou Eggerding, Pastor Brian Thieme, Virginia Propp, Angel Arnall, Annette Kiehne and Melissa Remer-Phifer.

Pastor Thieme gave the opening devotion.

Chairman Kespohl added Room at the Inn to New Business and under Facility Use Requests he added a third request (Kespohl Birthday Party). Jim Niederjohn added Furnace to New Business. Angel Arnall moved to approve the Meeting Agenda with these changes; seconded and approved.

Larry McCoig moved to approve the Consent Agenda; 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. Rattelmuller will be preaching February 17th/18th.

Adult Classes: One individual is taking the adult information class, Sunday morning is going through the appointed readings, and the Monday morning class is going through the Large Catechism.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY - Ron Dickes

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BOARD REPORTS:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - Mary Frerking

New Sunday School curriculum began on January

6th. They are working on the books/stories of the Old Testament. The BOCE is still in need of a Superintendent for Sunday School. They would like to add another member to the Board to act solely as Sunday School Superintendent. The Board is still trying to fill a current vacancy. Plans for Easter Sunday include the Resurrection story followed by an Easter egg hunt. The BOCE is in the process of compiling a calendar of events to be used each year by the incoming board members. They are also in the process of compiling a listing of board member duties for each of the members based on year of service.

EARLY CHILDHOOD ED. - Virginia Propp

The members of the BOECE are continuing the visioning process for TLCLC for 2019. There is currently one TTh Pre-K opening. Summer 2019 and Fall 2019/Spring 2020 enrollment is underway. Several new hires are awaiting approval by the BOECE at their next meeting. The cost of the staff fingerprinting to meet 2019 state requirements is being paid by grant funds through October. Licensing inspection was passed on January 30th.

ELDERS - Larry McCoig

Jim Cherrington is still seeking to fill a vacancy for Elders and Board of Christian Education. The Elders were assigned to call individuals on the Prayer List. President Hagan's biennial visit to TLC is scheduled for April 4, 2019. It was discussed to have at least one Elder participate in Stephen's Ministry. Larry McCoig volunteered to attend the training. Postcards being sent to visitor's home congregation for attendance has been reinstated.

EVANGELISM - Rob Hall

The BOE plans to meet with their new coach, Eldon Kohn from Macon, MO. A suggestion was made to have "Save the Date" info publicized for the June Christian Storytelling Conference, starting in January. The BOE assisted with transportation and mixing with international students coming from Campus with Pastor Spotts.

PAROCHIAL EDUCATION - No Rep. Present

See agenda packet for financial report.

SOCIAL MINISTRY - Angel Arnall

The Senior Ministry group is no longer meeting at Denny's on a weekly basis. A board member is looking into other venues in the area. There is a

need for a lead person to assist with planning activities and events for the Senior Ministry group. The Board continues to collect for the Food Bank. TLC was responsible for the Circle of Friends meal on February 9th at Campus Lutheran Church. At Pastor Thieme's request an email group will be set up for individuals that are requesting assistance with either tasks or specific needs.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE - Ron Dickes

The Board met at the Orientation Meeting on January 6th. Positions were appointed and a new counting schedule adopted. Most future Board business will be conducted by email with meetings being held as necessary.

TLC ENDOWMENT FUND - No Rep. Present

No report filed.

TRUSTEES - Jim Niederjohn

Roof repair is on hold while waiting for the insurance company to give their results. The Trustees did a walk through of the church, learning center, fellowship, basement and some outside areas on February 3, 2019. A list of items that need attention was made (approximately 80 items). Some items can be handled internally, and some will involve outside help.

YOUTH - Melissa Remer-Phifer

The BOY met February 3, 2019 and had a guest speaker for the mentoring program lead by Elka Beltz. The program is used to bridge the gap between the youth and adults in the church. The Board will continue discussion of the program. Main fundraising events coming up are shoes, t-shirt sponsorship, pancake breakfast and Easter breakfast. Michelle Wren is managing both breakfasts. Money raised from sub sandwich sales was \$415 and from Shakespeare's was \$53.13.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - No report filed.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES:

Transfer Out: None

Transfer In:

Amanda Chowdri transfer from St. Paul's, Fulton, MO

Cole Wohlgemuth transfer from Faith, Orange City, IA

Emma Wohlgemuth transfer from St. Matthew, Lees Summit, MO

Angel Arnall moved to accept the membership changes; seconded and approved.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS:

Stephen Ministries

2022 to 2025 (Missions & Anniversary)

Bible Studies to reconnect members to God's Word

New Member Packets

Member Introductions in "News of the Son"

Becoming a Church "Training Ground"

TREASURER'S REPORT - Jim Harms (Treasurer)

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Net operating cash available as of January 31, 2019 is \$202,339. Dedicated accounts total \$118,719 as of January 31, 2019. Lutheran Church Extension Fund selected reserve accounts total \$248,231 as of January 31, 2019.

Hospital Ministries (Expense #587) reflects payment for the November and December 2018 budget.

TLC is still owed \$18,221 on the TLCLC playground. It is my understanding that MoDNR inspected the pour-in-place playground installation in mid-January. The inspector said he would file his report and this should be the last requirement before we are reimbursed. At this point we are waiting to hear from Mr. Libbert (MoDNR Grant Manager) that we can expect payment or that there are additional requirements.

Expense Item 994.2 (TLCLC Prior Yr) was added to reflect prior year AOV expenditure approvals

so carryover payments do not distort the 2019 budget.

The \$40,206 4-yr 4% CD was moved from net operating cash to reserve accounts.

Chairman Kespohl asked Jim Harms to research the following: dumpster payment, trailer disconnect payment, and landscaping payment that TLC paid for GSLS. GSLS should reimburse TLC for all.

Angel Arnall moved to approve the Treasurer's Report; seconded and approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Vision Plan: Lou Eddgerding spoke regarding the event set for February 24, 2019. The Planning Committee prioritized Staffing, Building Projects, Worship, Outreach and Growth, Youth and Christian Education, and Other. The event will be a two hour listening session devoted to each of the priorities. Lou asked for approval of funds not to exceed \$1000 for event costs. Angel Arnall moved to approve up to \$1000 for event costs. Seconded. Discussion. Account 622 was designated for Vision Planning at one time. We can reactivate that account for the costs. Approved.

TLCLC Five-Year Plan: Please see page 31 of the BOD Packet for the TLCLC Five-Year Plan. Virginia Propp spoke about priority categories: Kitchen Remodel, Washer/Dryer Renovation, New Flooring, Playground Improvements (Drainage) and Fire/Sprinkler System.

Constitution: Andrew Saeger was in attendance for questions. Please see pages 32-33 of the BOD Packet for the most recent proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws. Larry McCoig moved to approve items 1-9 of the most recent proposed changes; seconded and approved. Angel Arnall moved that item 10 be contingent on the rest of the Constitution Revision Committee reviewing the item and giving their majority in favor; seconded and approved.

Using Church During Emergencies: Angel Arnall spoke to the Red Cross. They need to look at the space. Social Ministry will look into Room at the Inn

NEW BUSINESS:

Mailboxes: Angel Arnall moved to approve the purchase of new mailboxes; seconded and approved.

Member Directory (Beginning Conversation): Social Ministry is planning on doing it in 2020.

Release of Funds:

Servant Trailer (Account 528.1) - Angel Arnall moved to release funds for the Servant Trailer; seconded and approved.

Youth Trip (Account 527) - Angel Arnall moved to release funds for the Youth Trip; seconded and approved.

Nominations (Informational)

Elder - VACANCY

Board of Christian Ed. - VACANCY

Board of Stewardship and Finance: Buck Katt

Board of TLC Endowment Fund: Gary Frisch & Kevin Burns

Facility Use Requests:

Pastor Thieme - Pastor Thieme asked that TLC host Training for District Lutheran Teachers June 24-26, 2019. Angel Arnall moved to approve the request; seconded and approved.

Luther College Women's Ultimate Frisbee Team - A TLC member (Sponsor) must be in the building. Jim Harms moved to approve the request contingent on finding a Sponsor by 2/17/19 AOV; seconded and approved.

Kespohl Birthday Party 2/17/19 - Angel Arnall moved to approve the request; seconded and approved.

BOD Spending Limits: The current limit is \$500. Discussion included whether the AOV would consider raising the Spending Limit between February and May as long as it's in the Budget, to see if it works. Angel Arnall moved to approve the trial February to May for \$2500; seconded and approved.

Nominees for Synod: President, First Vice President, Regional Vice President: Void do to lack of having the form.

Lent and Advent Lite Suppers: It's been reported that attendance is down at Lent and Advent Lite Suppers. Larry McCoig moved that instead of the 2019 Lenten Lite Suppers we have one lunch and one supper on Ash Wednesday, catered for the community. Elders will take the lead. Seconded and approved.

Board Meetings: Scheduling all on same day

Furnace: The upstairs furnace that feeds into the Associate Pastor's office does not work and will not work. The West wall furnace is also not working well. The trustees are getting pricing for new units.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Insurance Claim: Filed and waiting for adjuster.

VBS dates are July 16-19, 2019.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on March 12, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

The next Assembly of Voters meeting will be held on February 17, 2019 at 12:30 PM.

Angel Arnall moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM; seconded and approved. Pastor Thieme led the group in the Lord's Prayer.

Jacque Eckhoff, Secretary

FEBRUARY 17, 2019
ASSEMBLY OF VOTERS MINUTES
(Draft Minutes - Yet to be Approved)

The regular meeting of the Assembly of Voters was called to order on February 17, 2019 at 12:30 p.m. Attendees included Gary Kespohl (Chairman), Jacque Eckhoff (Secretary), James Harms (Treasurer), Richard Mangold, Pat Campbell, Doug McDowell, Joanna McDowell, Karen Niederjohn, Jim Niederjohn, Norburt Pierson, Marion Kueck-Pierson, Jim Cherrington, Angel Arnall, Warren Harms, Carole Eilers, Andrew Saeger, Carolyn Holste, Lorelee Adam, Pat Hansen, Ken Greer, Theresa Greer, JoAnn Schoenike, Larry McCoig, Annette Kiehne, Doug Kiehne, Bill Raines, Dennis Haubein, Patti Haubein, Tammy Mangold, Mindy Cherrington, Michelle Wren and John Frerking.

Chairman Kespohl gave the opening devotion.

There were no First-Time Attendees to the Assembly of Voters this month.

Chairman Kespohl withdrew letter B (BOD Spending Limits) from New Business. It was overlooked that in order to approve this item, it should have been published for the congregation one week in advance of the AOV meeting. Angel Arnall moved to approve the Meeting Agenda with this change; seconded and approved.

Chairman Kespohl asked attendees to review the Minutes of December 16, 2018 Assembly of Voters

Meeting. Jim Cherrington moved to accept the Minutes as written; seconded and approved.

Reports are filed in the Congregation Secretary's notebook. The following are summaries of the reports, with the name of the representative at the Assembly of Voters Meeting listed:

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Chairman Kespohl did an overview of the current Membership Changes:

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Transfer Out:

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Chairman Kespohl did an overview of Ministry Highlights:

1. Grief Share
2. Youth Telling
3. Confirmation Telling
4. Introducing People
5. 2022 to 2025 (Missions & Anniversary)
6. Bible Studies to reconnect members to God's Word
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TREASURER'S REPORT: James Harms

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Hospital Ministries (Expense #587) reflects payment for the November and December 2018 budget.

TLC is still owed \$18,221 on the TLCLC playground. It is my understanding that MoDNR inspected the pour-in-place playground installation in mid-January. The inspector said he would file his report and this should be the last requirement before we are reimbursed. At this point we are waiting to hear from Mr. Libbert (MoDNR Grant Manager) that we can expect payment or that there are additional requirements.

Expense Item 994.2 (TLCLC Prior Yr) was added to reflect prior year AOV expenditure approvals so carryover payments do not distort the 2019 budget.

The \$40,206 4-yr 4% CD was moved from net operating cash to reserve accounts.

Chairman Kespohl shared that Jim Harms found an account that has not had any activity in fifteen years (Scholarship Fund for \$6500). The \$6500 will be combined with the current Scholarship account. Angel Arnall moved to accept the January Report; seconded and approved.

BOARD REPORTS:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

New Sunday School curriculum began on January 6th. They are working on the books/stories of the Old Testament. Sarah Thieme's old classroom will become the new Sunday School office, with additional space for Sunday School classes if needed, and meeting space available for the congregation as well. All supplies have been removed from the large storage area off of the church/narthex, and all VBS and Easter materials have been removed from the storage closet off the Youth Room. The BOCE is still in need of a Superintendent for Sunday School. They would like to add another member to the Board to act solely as Sunday School Superintendent. The Board is still trying to fill a current vacancy. Plans for Easter Sunday include the Resurrection story followed by an Easter egg hunt. The BOCE is in the process of compiling a calendar of events to be used each year by the incoming board members. They are also in the process of compiling a listing of board member duties for each of the members based on year of service.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION:

The members of the BOECE are continuing the visioning process for TLCLC for 2019. There is currently one TTh Pre-K opening. Summer 2019 and Fall 2019/Spring 2020 enrollment is underway. Mary Earnhardt was hired to work Wednesday, Thursday and Friday as the Kitchen Assistant. Several new hires are awaiting approval by the BOECE at their next meeting. The sanitizer in the TLCLC kitchen was fixed in January, and the playground surface final inspection was completed by the DNR. The cost of the staff fingerprinting to meet 2019 state requirements is being paid by grant funds through October. Licensing inspection was passed on January 30th.

ELDERS: Larry McCoig

Jim Cherrington is still seeking to fill a vacancy for Elders and Board of Christian Education. The Elders were assigned to call individuals on the Prayer List. President Hagan's biennial visit to TLC is scheduled for April 4, 2019. Larry McCoig volunteered to attend the training for Stephen's Ministry. Postcards being sent to visitor's home congregation for attendance has been reinstated.

EVANGELISM: Doug McDowell

The BOE plans to meet with their new coach, El-

don Kohn from Macon, MO. A suggestion was made to have "Save the Date" info publicized for the June Christian Storytelling Conference, starting in January. The BOE assisted with transportation and mixing with international students coming from Campus with Pastor Spotts.

PAROCHIAL EDUCATION: See agenda packet for financial report.

SOCIAL MINISTRY: Angel Arnall

The Senior Ministry group is no longer meeting at Denny's on a weekly basis. A board member is looking into other venues in the area. There is a need for a lead person to assist with planning activities and events for the Senior Ministry group. The Board continues to collect for the Food Bank. TLC was responsible for the Circle of Friends meal on February 9th at Campus Lutheran Church. At Pastor Thieme's request an email group will be set up for individuals that are requesting assistance with either tasks or specific needs.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE: Andrew Saeger

The Board met at the Orientation Meeting on January 6th. Positions were appointed and a new counting schedule adopted. Most future Board business will be conducted by email with meetings being held as necessary.

TLC ENDOWMENT FUND: No report filed.

TRUSTEES: Jim Niederjohn

Roof repair is on hold while pending insurance adjustment. The Trustees did a walkthrough of the church, learning center, fellowship, basement and some outside areas on February 3, 2019. They made a list of items that need attention (approx. 80 items). Some items can be handled internally, some will involve outside help.

YOUTH: Michelle Wren

The BOY met February 3, 2019 and had a guest speaker for the mentoring program lead by Elka Beltz. The program is used to bridge the gap between the youth and adults in the church. The Board will continue discussion of the program. Main fundraising events coming up are shoes, t-shirt sponsorship, pancake breakfast and Easter breakfast. Michelle Wren is managing both breakfasts. Money raised from sub sandwich sales was \$415 and from Shakespeare's was \$53.13.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: No report filed.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE:

Elections held under Old Business.

KITCHEN COMMITTEE: No report filed.

CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMITTEE:

See Revised Constitution and Bylaws under Old Business.

PLANNING COMMITTEE:

No report filed. Chairman Kespohl reminded the AOV about the roundtable meeting set for February 24, 2019.

2017 FINANCIAL REVIEW COMM: No report filed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nominations and Elections:

Board of Stewardship & Finance: Buck Katt. Chairman Kespohl asked for nominations from the floor (Three times). Larry McCoig moved to accept the nomination of Buck Katt; seconded and approved.

Board of the Endowment Fund: Gary Frisch and Kevin Burns. Chairman Kespohl asked for nominations from the floor (Three times). Pat Hansen moved to accept the nominations of Gary Frisch and Kevin Burns; seconded and approved.

Constitution and Bylaw Revisions:

Chairman Kespohl handed out a separate packet. He then reviewed the packet. It was noted that since the 2/12/19 BOD Meeting, item #10 was approved by the entire committee, per Andrew Saeger.

Angel Arnall moved to wait until May to give the congregation time to look over the new changes; seconded. Discussion. Approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ratify Release of Funds approved by Board of Directors:

\$6618 from 589.5 – Stephen Ministry for registration and materials: Angel Arnall moved to approve; seconded and approved.

\$775 from 751 – Program Equipment for TLCLC lockers: Angel Arnall moved to approve; seconded and approved.

Up to \$1000 from 782 – Conference/Training for MO District Conference: Larry McCoig moved to approve; seconded and approved.

\$1030 from 752 – Kitchen Equipment for TLCLC sanitizer repair: Angel Arnall moved to approve; seconded and approved.

Up to \$1000 from 622 – Vision Planning for Roundtable: Angel Arnall moved to approve; seconded and approved.

\$3625 from 528.1 – Trailer Project for Trailer Purchase: Angel Arnall moved to approve; seconded. Discussion. Approved.

\$5600 from 527 – Youth Trip for National Youth Gathering: Angel Arnall moved to approve; seconded and approved.

BOD Spending Limits (WITHDRAWN)

Lenten Light Suppers / Ash Wednesday Lunch and Supper: It's been reported that attendance is down at Lenten and Advent Light Suppers. Theresa Greer moved to approve the Ash Wednesday Lunch and Supper instead of weekly suppers; seconded. Discussion. Larry McCoig is heading up. There is a budget item for Lenten Light Suppers. Approved.

Future AOV Potluck Lunches: Andrew Saeger moved to continue to hold potlucks before AOV meetings; seconded. Discussion. Approved. A hand vote was called. Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Roof Repair: An insurance claim has been filed, and an adjuster inspected premises on February 14. We are now awaiting the adjuster's report.

The next BOD meeting will be March 12, 2019.

The next AOV meeting will be May 19, 2019.

It was asked if TLC would ever consider canceling Services during bad weather. Discussion.

Angel Arnall moved to adjourn at 2:05 p.m.; seconded and approved. Larry McCoig led the group in closing prayer.

Jacque Eckhoff, Secretary

March Board of Directors reports and agenda items are due to the church office by noon on Friday, March 8, 2019.

The Board of Directors will meet Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The Assembly of Voters will meet Sunday, May 19, 2019 at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

2019 Trinity Lutheran Church Board Members

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Financial Secretary

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Michael Brown

Ken Greer

Jim Niederjohn

Board of Youth

Chris Bailey

Melissa Remer-Phifer

Michelle Wren

Trinity Lutheran Church supports Erin Mackenzie's mission work through the Together In Mission (TIM) program.

Carnaval is an annual observance around the Caribbean; the DR holds its rousing celebrations every Sunday in February. Traditions run deep, particularly in the elaborate costumes:

1. Lechón—A devil with a mask resembling a pig snout
2. Nicolás Den Den—a bear that, legend has it, came to Santiago with the circus and stayed behind with its trainer
3. Indio—Indigenous inhabitant of the island
4. La muerte en yipe—a walking skeleton, essentially
5. Se me muere Rebeca—a poor, desperate mother mourning the unfortunate death of the doll (Rebeca) she carries
6. Juan Antonio Alix—An eccentric, yet popular, poet
7. Roba la gallina—a rotund woman notorious for stealing her neighbor's chickens and hiding them under her skirt.



Lechón dancers at the family friendly Carnaval put on by Centro Leon, Santiago's art & cultural center.

(If you received a hard copy of this and would like to help me be green and save on postage, please send an email to erin.mackenzie@lcms.org.)

Do you want to be a model for Jesus?

Not a question the local hardware store worker likely gets asked every day, and yet Odalis's white-robed, halo-topped likeness has been preserved for posterity in the Mercy Center thanks to liturgical artist Kelly Schumacher.

Kelly spent the month of January in the DR as a self-proclaimed "art missionary." Between teaching students at Concordia Lutheran School in Palmar Arriba and Concordia the Reformer Seminary about liturgical art, leading an activity for missionary kids, and hosting a watercolor-themed ladies' night, Kelly worked furiously to complete a 40" x 30" commissioned work. Typically, paintings take her up to a year to complete; a matter of weeks is a small miracle!



Her process began by photographing "Jesus" with the children—from the school, Good Shepherd Lutheran Homes group home, and neighborhood. She then used a grid system to transfer the photo to canvas, added a mountainous background to mirror the local landscape, and finished it off with a sprinkling of glitter before applying a sealant.

Rightfully, the only walls my likeness adorns are those in my parents' family room. Nonetheless, I still strive to be a model for Jesus—to become ever more like my Savior as I live out my missionary calling. As Paul urges, "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ" (I Corinthians 11:1).

Kelly's painting was dedicated on Sunday, January 27. For more information about her work, visit her website, www.agnusdeiarts.com.





Praises and Petitions

1. Thanksgiving for the faithful service of Natalie, whose term as a GEO missionary came to a close earlier this month.
2. Thanksgiving for the birth of Lars to missionary pastor David and wife Jenny on 2/14, and his rebirth as a child of God on 2/17!
3. For missionary pastor James and wife Deac. Christel as they transition to Ponce, PR on 2/28.
4. For discernment for three young ladies who received solemn appointments to serve in the LAC region at the 2/1 Board for International Mission meeting, as they prayerfully deliberate.
5. For the missionaries, missionary kids, and others affected by the numerous illness outbreaks reported around the region.

Girl Power!

Concordia the Reformer Seminary (CMSCR) trains up men to be shepherds, teachers, and evangelists through both residential and distance programs. Not to be forgotten, though, are the *more than 100 women* currently studying for the role of Deaconess in five Latin American countries.

Rev. Sergio Maita, director of Deaconess formation, is considered an adjunct member of the CMSCR faculty. He is aided by missionary Deaconesses around the region, who serve as professors and mentors. The curriculum consists of two in-person intensives and one online course per year for five years, beginning with the foundational "Diaconal Identity."

Join me in lifting up these ladies as they prepare to serve in their churches and communities!



Missionary Danelle teaching Diaconal Identity at Iglesia Luterana Cordero de Dios.



Far L, top: Dusk over Palmar Arriba.

Far L, bottom: I ♥ MONTEGO BAY!

L: I found another heart (like the one at Aeropuerto Internacional Cibao) at City Hall.

Quote of the Month!

Gloria enim Dei vivens homo, vita autem hominis visio Dei. (For the glory of God is a living man; and the life of man consists in beholding God.)

—Irenaeus

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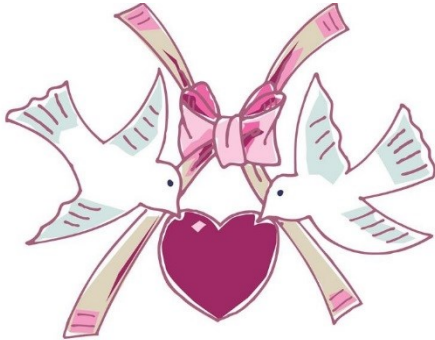




March
BIRTHDAYS



Jean and Robert Crowson March 18, 1951
Glen and Kathy Frerichs March 27, 1967



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.

2
Phil Glenn
3
Kurstin Stephenson
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Debbie Harms
5
Hawk Harris
Gary Kespohl
Wyatt Smith
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Robert Hall
Matthew Swartz
7
Jim Glead
9
Rob Crouch
Karen Easton
Emma Grace Gooch
10
Cynthia Green
Dana Luetkemeier
Zachary Mott
Dan Noll

11
Sophie Berendzen
Lameck Mwamgiga
12
Michael Brown
Zachary Cates
Bonnie Lawler
14
Colton Rainey
Josh Thieme
15
Hannah Nandor
19
Sawyer Bergman
Margaret Fines
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Warren Harms
Mary Redders
Donna Weber
21
Roland Meyer
22
Thomas Stone, Jr.

23
Olive Graham
Louise Griggs
Chris Kespohl
24
Debbie Laupp
25
Joan Quilling
26
Peter Hartman
Joyce Walters
27
Diane Linneman
28
Karly Berendzen
Noah Eckhoff
Jacob Marriott
Theresa Yeager
29
Ronald Lueck
30
Karl Christopher
31
Pearly Baynes



JCC SCHEDULE:

JCC sessions will be at 6:00 p.m. on every Sunday in March except March 24. March 24 is a week off for Spring Break.

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE:

JCC III will be the acolytes for March. Check your email for the link or go to the Trinity website → Ministries → Youth → Jr. High Youth → Acolyte Schedules to sign up or change the services you would like to acolyte.

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March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 8a LWML Zone Meeting
3 8a & 1030a Worship w/Comm. & Choir 915a Sunday School 1p Board of Trustees 1p Board of Youth 5p Handbell Practice 6p LLL 6p JCC	4 9a Bible Class 6p Worship Service w/Communion 715p Planning Committee	5	ASH WEDNESDAY 6 7a Pickleball 12p Ash Wednesday Worship w/Comm. 1p Ash Wed. Meal 545p Ash Wed. Meal 7p Ash Wednesday Worship w/Comm.	7 630a Men's Bible Study @ Denny's 9a TLCLC Chapel	8 9a TLCLC Chapel	9
DST BEGINS 10 8a & 1030a Worship Service 915a Sunday School 12p College Student Lunch 5p Handbell Practice 5p Choir Practice 6p JCC 630p Sr. Youth Night	11 9a Bible Class 6p Worship Service	12 6p Vesper Guild 7p Bd of Directors	13 7a Pickleball 9a TLCLC Chapel 930a Mary Martha Guild 12p Midweek Lenten Worship Service 7p Midweek Lenten Worship Service	14 630a Men's Bible Study @ Denny's 9a TLCLC Chapel	15 130p Women's Social Connection 5p Pancake Breakfast Setup	16 7a-1pm Pancake Breakfast
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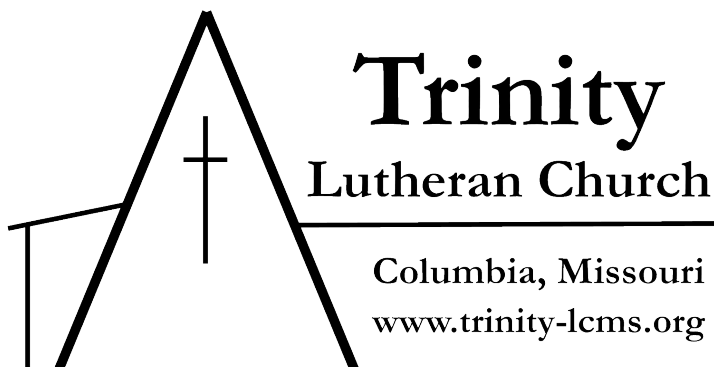
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ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

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