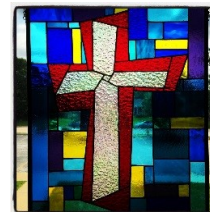


# News of the Son

Trinity Lutheran Church — Columbia, MO



September  
2019



As our call process progresses, I encourage you to continue to think about what it means to be a pastor. For the past two months we looked at why and how God gives us pastors. This month, we examine the final portion of the article entitled “What about Pastors” by Rev. Dr. A. L. Barry, a former president of the LCMS.

Your Servant in Christ,

*Pastor Brian Thieme*

## What are the duties and commitments of pastors?

Our pastors preach, catechize, administer the Sacraments, hear confession from penitent sinners, and comfort the sick. The church knows that even the most faithful pastor can never do enough of these things, but the church also knows these are the precious duties our pastors are given to do. We must never allow other things to take priority over these key pastoral duties and activities.

With the help of God, our pastors have the responsibility to speak the truth in love, but this duty must be understood correctly.

Our pastors are not “people pleasers,” watering down the truths of God’s Word. Pastors pledge themselves unconditionally, and without qualification, to the Lutheran Confessions as contained in the Book of Concord of 1580, as a true and faithful exposition of the Word of God.

This strong doctrinal commitment safeguards the teaching of the truth of the Word of God in the congregation. Also, it protects the pastor from unjust criticism when he stands up for the truths of God’s Word. By means of this strong doctrinal foundation, both pastor and people are able to evaluate their relationship to one another and the work of the congregation.

## How do we support our pastors?

The most important way we support our pastors is through our prayers, asking the Lord of the Church to give our pastors wisdom, strength, courage and peace, asking Him to bless our pastors’ ministry among us and to work powerfully through their proclamation of the Word and administration of the Sacraments. Our children should be taught each night to remember their pastor in their prayers.

The members of our congregations assist their pastor as they encourage and support him in the ministry entrusted to him. They volunteer their time, by serving in a variety of ways in the parish, and give of their treasures. The pastor is not a “hired hand,” who is to do all the work of the congregation. Telling the good news of the forgiveness of sins in Jesus Christ, in all of the many different situations and opportunities in life, is a task and duty given to all Christians, not only pastors (Matt. 28:19-20; 1 Peter 2:9; 1 Peter 3:15).

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

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God's Word also has these things to say about how we are to support our pastors.

1 Cor. 9:14: "The Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel."

Gal. 6:6-7: "Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows."

1 Thess. 5:12-13: "Now we ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other."

Heb. 13:17: "Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you."

What a blessing pastors have been to God's people down through the ages! May God continue to bless the church mightily through His gift of pastors.

### MARY MARTHA GUILD

Mary Martha Guild will hold its first meeting of the fall on Wednesday, September 11 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Coffee and refreshments will be served. All ladies of Trinity are welcome!

Our meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month from September to May.



### PASTOR THIEME OVER THE EDGE

Do you want to send Pastor Thieme over the edge? You know you do! We have registered him to rappel down the side of the Tiger Hotel on Saturday, Sept. 28 to benefit Love INC. Love in the Name of Christ is Trinity's local partner organization that coordinates resources and opportunities to help those in poverty in the Columbia area. We need to raise \$1000 by Sept. 25, so please visit

[columbialoveinc.org](http://columbialoveinc.org) or contact the Church Office to donate. Let's make Pastor Thieme jump!



**over  
EDGE**

## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life. We know it hurts, and we want to help.

Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

September 25-December 18

Trinity Lutheran Church



### NEW PEW BIBLES



We will soon be replacing all the Bibles in the pews so that they match the English Standard Version of the Scripture readings during services. If you would like to sponsor one or more of the new Bibles (\$12.50 each), please fill out the sign-up sheet across from the Church Office. Donations may be left at the office or may be placed in the offering plate with the memo "Pew Bibles."

# "From Invisible to Indispensable..."

*"On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable" (1 Corinthians 12:22)*

## 2020 Missouri Essay Contest

**Sponsored by the Council of Federation Presidents, Lutherans For Life**

**For students in Grades 6 through 12**

*Any Lutheran student or student in a Lutheran school is eligible*

### Contest Guidelines

Students will write a life-affirming essay based on the 2020 Conference theme: **"From Invisible to Indispensable..."** and Conference bible verse: *"On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable"* (1 Corinthians 12:22)

1. ). Not incorporating the conference verse in the essay will disqualify the entry.
2. Examples of topics the essay could deal with are, but not limited to: abortion, the handicapped, adoption or foster care, infanticide, cloning, stem cell research, physician assisted suicide or euthanasia.
3. Essays should include student's name, grade (Identify school or church) and email address. All entries submitted by a teacher or pastor, should include their name and email address. This information should be submitted on the rubric page used in grading the essay.
4. All sources for references, statistics and quotes should be incorporated within the essay and then included in a bibliography at the end.

Grades 6 - 8 should submit essays up to 400 words

Grades 9 - 12 should submit essays up to 750 words

Entries should be submitted digitally using Microsoft Word via email to [lflofmo@gmail.com](mailto:lflofmo@gmail.com) by **March 15, 2020**.

5. There will be a Missouri award for each of the two categories for the state of **Missouri** Essay Contest. The two winners will advance to the national contest.
6. Grand Prize for the national winning entry at each level: \$250 plus free conference registration to a 2019 Regional Conference and one night stay at the conference hotel.
7. All entries become the property of Lutherans For Life.
8. For questions or resources on the sanctity of life, see: [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)



## LIFE TEAM UPDATE

The Life Team had a busy summer! We collected diapers in May and June and held a movie night in July which was a success with 47 people in attendance. We would like to thank the Men's Bible Group for their help in setting up the projector and chairs; because of their efforts, the movie night went very smoothly. We also spent the summer working on a survey which you will find in the newsletter. We are asking the congregation to fill out the survey so we can collect data on the needs of our congregation and understand how we might as a Life Team be able to help. The survey is available below and will also be available in the *Trinity Weekly News* in September. We are asking you to fill it out either in church or at home and leave it in the box in the Narthex labeled Life Team Survey or in the pew on top of the record of fellowship book. A member of our Life Team will be calling the homebound to ensure that their input is collected as well. We thank you in advance for your help. Blessings, the Life Team



## LIFE TEAM SURVEY

One focus of TLC Life Team is helping members with their needs. To this end, we are presenting a survey to the congregation and we are asking that as many members as possible provide us with feedback. When finished, please cut out and leave in the pews on top of the record of fellowship books or in the box in the Narthex labeled "Life Team Surveys." Thank you, TLC Life Team.

Your age:      \_\_\_\_\_18-35      \_\_\_\_\_36-50      \_\_\_\_\_51-60      \_\_\_\_\_over 60

Please select all of the services listed below those that you or a Trinity member you know would find beneficial.

- \_\_\_\_\_Transportation to and from church
- \_\_\_\_\_Meal Delivery
- \_\_\_\_\_Phone calls to homebound members
- \_\_\_\_\_Grocery pick up
- \_\_\_\_\_Yard work
- \_\_\_\_\_House Maintenance
- \_\_\_\_\_In person visits (especially at the holidays)
- \_\_\_\_\_Rides to/from store to get things such as medication
- \_\_\_\_\_Other\_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_Other\_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

*The Mission of TLC Life Team is to encourage and educate our church to be a voice for life out of gratitude for being rescued by God through Jesus Christ.*



## 46th Annual March for Life – January 22-25, 2020

# *March for Life*

## *with*

# *Lutherans for Life!*



### Itinerary

Wednesday, January 22, 2020

10:00 a.m. Depart Jefferson City Trinity Lutheran Church, Kingdom City & Bridgeton.

Thursday, January 23, 2020

7:00 a.m. Arrive at Hyatt Place Hotel, downtown Washington DC – place bags in holding  
Area sightseeing on your own.

Friday, January 24, 2020

9:00 a.m. Visit Missouri Legislators followed by March for Life Rally with speakers.

1:00 p.m. March for Life

7:00 p.m. Depart for Home

**Costs for Hotel plus bus per person** (these are approximate, based on 50 people going on the bus, if less than that attend, the price will be slightly higher)

\$385.00 for single hotel room

\$300.00 for double occupancy

\$270.00 for three persons in room

\$255.00 for four persons in room

If you would like to attend this important event, please fill out the registration form below to reserve your spot and send along with a deposit in the amount of \$50.00 which will be non refundable to Elaine Ott 7501 Glover Road Russellville, Missouri 65074 by July 7, 2019. The other 1/2 due Nov 1 or total amount if you can, because the Hotel will charge our account. Please make checks payable to Capital Area Lutherans for Life. Your deposit will be subtracted from total amount due, which will be payable in December.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact:

Elaine Ott, 573-619-6608 or 573-782-4985 Email [meow074@aol.com](mailto:meow074@aol.com) Yes, please register me for the March For Life, January 22-25, 2020

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Room preference (please circle one):      Single      Double      3 person      4 person



# Stephen Ministry

Many of you attended the presentation on August 25! We hope you are considering taking the next step to become a trained caregiver. Applications are due September 16. Please place your completed application in the envelope provided, seal it, and turn it in to the church office or give it to Joanna, Debbie, or Larry. Additional application forms are available from the church office. Interviews will be scheduled, and our kickoff training event will take place October 18-19. After we complete all 18 training modules (see list of topics below), we will pair caregivers with care receivers—greatly increasing the caring capacity of our church!

Here is a listing of some of the topics we will cover in the training modules:

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|---|---|
| † The Person of the Caregiver               | † Confidentiality                                       |
| † Feelings: Yours, Mine, and Ours           | † Telecare: The Next Best Thing to Being There          |
| † The Art of Listening                      | † Using Mental Health Professionals and Other Resources |
| † Distinctively Christian Caring            | † Ministering to Those Experiencing Grief               |
| † Process versus Results in Caregiving      | † Dealing with Depression                               |
| † Assertiveness: Relating Gently and Firmly | † Helping Suicidal Persons Get the Help They Need       |
| † Maintaining Boundaries in Caregiving      |   |
| † Crisis Theory and Practice                |   |

A presentation similar to the one given August 25 will be given September 9, at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to attend. There is no cost, and there is absolutely no obligation or commitment to anything! Come learn more about the Stephen Ministry and how it might fit into your life now or in the future.

The Commissioning of Leaders will take place September 8 and 9, and we will also have an information table set up in the narthex on those dates. Be sure to stop by to look at some of the resources available and to ask any questions you have.

Pray that you will be open to the Holy Spirit's calling as a caregiver and/or as a care receiver. As God's children, we have all been called to love and care for one another as we face life difficulties. We are committed to helping "to equip God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up." (Ephesians 4:12)

The Stephen Ministry is a proven system for utilizing the gifts, talents, and abilities God has given us and you.

In Christ,

Your Stephen Ministry Leaders

Pastor Brian Thieme: 573-445-2112 or [revthieme@trinity-lcms.org](mailto:revthieme@trinity-lcms.org)

Larry McCoig (Elder): 660-247-3026 or [lmomc@yahoo.com](mailto:lmomc@yahoo.com)

Joanna McDowell: 573-881-4138 or [mcdowellfamily@centurytel.net](mailto:mcdowellfamily@centurytel.net)

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

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

*Galatians 6:2*

**AUGUST 3, 2019**  
**ASSEMBLY OF VOTERS MINUTES**  
**(Draft Minutes - Yet to be Approved)**

The special meeting of the Assembly of Voters was called to order on August 3, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

Attendees included Gary Kespohl (Chairman), Jacque Eckhoff (Secretary), Larry McCoig, Dennis

Haubein, Patti Haubein, Charlie Cott, Chris Cott, Andrew Saeger, Debbie Antel, Carol Easterhaus, Pete Easterhaus, George Rattelmuller, Dana Luetkemeier, Ken Greer, Theresa Greer, Lou Eggerding, Carole Eilers, Carolyn Holste, Virginia Propp, Larry Propp, Angel Arnall, Doug Kiehne, Don Malson, Annette Kiehne, Pat Campbell and Melissa Remer-Phifer.

Pastor Thieme gave the opening devotion, and Chairman Kespohl welcomed everyone.

Business:

**Establish a Building Committee**

Proposal: The Assembly of Voters shall create an ad-hoc committee to be known as the Building Committee. The purpose of the Building Committee shall be to oversee the planning and implementation of upcoming building projects. To achieve this purpose, the Building Committee shall:

1. Meet with Simon Oswald Architecture to discuss plans for construction, reconstruction, and/or remodeling projects for our facilities.
2. Report its recommendations to the Assembly of Voters for approval.
3. Coordinate the implementation of building projects approved by the Assembly of Voters.

Lou Eggerding will serve as chairman of the Building Committee. Other members of the committee will be Charlie Cott, Theresa Yeager, Chris Kespohl and Stephanie Baehman. Larry McCoig moved to approve the creation of an ad-hoc committee to be known as the Building Committee; seconded. Discussion included how long the committee will be in existence, and possibly making the committee larger. Larry McCoig amended his motion to increase the size of the committee to nine members; seconded. Discussion. Larry McCoig called the question; seconded and approved. Chairman Kespohl called for a vote on the amendment of increasing the size of the committee to nine members; approved. Chairman Kespohl called for a vote on the motion to approve the creation of an ad-hoc committee, made up of nine members, to be known as the Building Committee; approved.

**Create New Website**

Proposal: The Planning Committee shall be authorized to contract for the creation and hosting of a new website and email system for Trinity Lutheran Church. Any such contract shall be signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Congregation. The Planning Committee shall be authorized to expend up to \$5,000 for this project.

Larry McCoig moved to approve the proposal to create a new website; seconded. Discussion included clarification of

who makes up the Planning Committee. Larry McCoig accepted a friendly amendment to his motion from Angel Arnall clarifying that this committee is the Vision Planning Committee, and it should report its new website recommendations to the Assembly of Voters for approval; seconded and approved. Chairman Kespohl called for a vote on the motion to approve the proposal to create a new website, with the clarification that this is the Vision Planning Committee, and it will report its new website recommendations to the Assembly of Voters for approval; approved.

**Teacher's Closets**

Proposal: The Board of Early Childhood Education and/or the Director of the Trinity Lutheran Child Learning Center shall be authorized to expend up to \$4,900 for the purchase of six pieces of furniture known as Teacher's Closets for the classrooms of TLCLC. Larry McCoig moved to approve the purchase of six pieces of furniture known as Teacher's Closets for the classrooms of TLCLC; seconded. Discussion. Larry McCoig amended his motion to make this purchase an improvement to the church; seconded and approved. Chairman Kespohl called for a vote on the motion to approve the purchase of six pieces of furniture known as Teacher's Closets for the classrooms of TLCLC, as an improvement to the church; approved.

**TLCLC Landscaping**

Proposal: The Board of Early Childhood Education and/or the Director of the Trinity Lutheran Child Learning Center shall be authorized to expend up to \$8,500 for landscaping services to correct outdoor drainage problems. Angel Arnall moved to approve the expenditure up to \$8,500 for landscaping services to correct outdoor drainage problems; seconded. Discussion. Angel Arnall amended her motion to add the Board of Trustees, along with the BOECE and/or the Director of the TLCLC, will be authorized to do this project; seconded and approved. Chairman Kespohl called for a vote on the motion that the Board of Trustees, BOECE and/or the Director of the Trinity Lutheran Child Learning Center shall be authorized to expend up to \$8,500 for landscaping services to correct outdoor drainage problems; approved.

**TLCLC Flooring**

Proposal: The Board of Trustees, in consultation with the Board of Early Childhood Education and/or the Director of the Trinity Lutheran Child Learning Center, shall be authorized to expend up to \$50,000 to replace the tile flooring in the TLCLC. Angel Arnall moved to approve the expenditure up to \$50,000 to replace the tile flooring in the TLCLC; seconded. Discussion. Angel Arnall called the question; seconded and approved. Chairman Kespohl called for a vote; approved.

Andrew Saeger moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:03 p.m.; seconded and approved. Pastor led the group in closing prayer.

Jacque Eckhoff, Secretary

**AUGUST 19, 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 August 19, 2019 at 7:04 p.m. Attendees included Gary Kespohl (Chairman), Jacque Eckhoff (Secretary), Rev. Brian Thieme, James Harms, Larry McCoig, Rob Hall, Mary Frerking, Angel Arnall, Virginia Propp and Annette Kiehne.

Pastor Thieme gave the opening devotion.

Chairman Kespohl added TLCLC Flooring Bid to New Business, and Pastor Thieme asked to remove Ava Closed Captioning from under Ministry Highlights. Angel Arnall moved to approve the Meeting Agenda with these changes; seconded and approved.

Angel Arnall 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. Spotts is visiting 2/3 of the Homebound each month, Rev. Riggert led Bible Study and Services August 11/12, and Rev. Rattelmuller preached August 18/19.

Three individuals are taking the adult information class. Sunday morning is studying the Pastoral Epistles, and the Monday morning class is going through the Large Catechism (Lord's Prayer).

On August 18th, the Youth gave a presentation about The National Youth Gathering.

Jonah Wayne Provost and Eve Renne Vandermillion were welcomed into God's family through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism this month. The wedding of Amanda (McDowell) and Daniel Hakes took place July 20th.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY - Not Present**

For the month of July, the Regular Envelope collections are 106.84% of the anticipated monthly amount. Loose Plate collections are 87.6% and Sunday School are 73.5%. The Total Monthly collections are 106.07% of the monthly anticipated amount of \$37,813.66. The Total Year to Date collections through the end of July are 109.15% of the anticipated amount of \$281,163.80.

**BOARD REPORTS:**

**CHRISTIAN ED. - Mary Frerking**

TLC hosted its annual VBS July 16-19th from 5:30-8:00 PM. This year's theme was "Miraculous Mission". Sixty one children, ages Pre-K to 5th grade, were enrolled. Approximately 400 meals were served to these children, their siblings and parents over the course of the four nights. Over fifty members of our congregation volunteered their time and talents to make the week of VBS a success. TLC collected

\$248 for the VBS Mission, Baby Bottle Boomerang, on behalf of Lutheran Family & Children Services of Missouri. Rally Sunday is scheduled for Sunday, August 25, 2019. The 2019/2020 Sunday school year will begin the Sunday following Rally Sunday. Three of the nine Pre-K to 8th grade Sunday school teachers from last year will not be returning. The BOCE is still in the process of looking for additional teachers. The BOCE is also still in need of an additional board member.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD ED. - Virginia Propp**

Fall 2019 enrollment is at 100%. The TLCLC staff is continuing to attend Conscious Discipline Training sessions in groups of three. Cheryl Harr announced her retirement as a Pre-K teacher at the end of the 2019/2020 school year. Phyllis White will also retire from her position as the Jesus Time teacher in May 2020.

The BOECE discussed an idea from the recent district administrator's conference regarding distributing Children's Bibles to Pre-K students during their Graduation. This idea will be discussed with the staff and if approved will be added to the Learning Center's 2020 budget. The BOECE visioning process continues.

**ELDERS - Larry McCoig**

Committee reports were given and the Prayer List was reviewed. The nomination process was discussed and extended for the members to nominate a Pastor. Starting September 2019, the Elders will publish Pastor Thieme's day off.

**EVANGELISM - Robert Hall**

No report filed.

**PAROCHIAL EDUCATION - No Rep. Present**

See packet for financial report.

**SOCIAL MINISTRY - Angel Arnall**

The BOSM will schedule portrait sessions in March 2020 for a spring/summer directory (before Easter). Two companies, Lifetouch/Shutterfly and ColorCraft, were contacted.

**STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE - No Rep. Present**

Sermons and Sunday Bible studies in September will be based on topics from the program "364 Days of Thanksgiving." Congregation members will be asked to place their promise forms in the collection plate with their offering on September 22/23. This will take the place of the ceremony of former years. The board will meet on August 26th to prepare the annual stewardship/promise form mailing. In other business, Lori Bresnahan Burns agreed to work with Financial Secretary, Ron Dicks, as his assistant until the end of the calendar year. She will consider allowing herself to be nominated for Financial Secretary for 2020.

**TLC ENDOWMENT FUND - No Rep. Present**

No report filed.

**TRUSTEES - No Rep. Present**

No report filed.

**YOUTH - No Rep. Present**

No report filed.



## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

No report filed.

### CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE:

Rev. Samuel Powell of Trinity, Jefferson City, Chairman of the MO District's Constitution Committee has confirmed in writing that our revised Constitution and Bylaws have been approved and accepted by the MO District. Following the motion adopted at the May 29, 2019 AOV meeting, the new Constitution and Bylaws will go into effect 1/1/2020.

### MEMBERSHIP CHANGES:

Transfer Out: None

Transfer In: Ron and Jane Schaper transfer from Faith, Kirksville MO; Abbey Vandermillion transfer from Faith, Kirksville MO.

Robert Hall moved to approve these membership changes; seconded and approved.

### MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS:

#### Wedding Room

Before the creation of GSLS, its Kindergarten room was the TLC Wedding Room because it's attached to the women's restroom. It will become the Wedding Room again. TLC is in search of a mirror and wardrobe to be added to the space.

#### Library

TLC is still in search of a student from MU to help organize the library.

#### Banner

Sitting at the Feet of Jesus – Putting the Word of God into the Hearts and Hands and Minds

#### Trailer

Sustained dents from baseballs being thrown at the side of it.  
20 & 30 Year Olds

There will be an activity on August 23rd.

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

The word "June" should be changed to "July" in paragraphs one, two, four and five. In paragraph three change "five-month" to "seven-month". Jim is working on the Concordia Plan Renewal. A decision needs to be made by September 6, 2019. He is also working on an audit to be done by the end of month for insurance for the church. Finally, Jim and Ron Barrett are working on Safe Church.

The Church's income for July was \$43,681 with a year-to-date income for the month ending July 31, 2019 at \$337,216 (62.38 % of the \$540,599 income budgeted for the year). Church receipts are down \$15,960 to the prior four (2015-2018) fiscal years average at the same time each year.

The Church's expenses for July was \$35,213 with year-to-date expenditures for the month ending July 31, 2019 at \$245,683 (55.97 % of the annual budget of \$439,029 (\$550,599 - \$101,530 Pastor Contingency).

The Church's year-to-date seven-month income over expenses was \$91,533. This number is reduced to a five-month total of \$32,307 when the budgeted Pastor Contingency is deducted.

The Learning Center's income for July was \$67,502 with a year-to-date income for the month ending July 31, 2019 at \$425,459 (59.82 % of the \$711,200 income budgeted for the year).

The Learning Center's expenses for July was \$53,175 with year-to-date expenditures for the month ending July 31, 2019 at \$378,808 (53.23 % of the annual expenditure budget of \$711,200).

The Learning Center year-to-date income over expenses was \$46,651. Combined (Church's and Learning Center) year-to-date income over expenses was \$138,185.

Net operating cash available as of July 31, 2019 was \$229,651. Dedicated accounts totaled \$83,303 as of July 31, 2019. Lutheran Church Extension Fund (Designated Reserves & \$40K General Operating 4-yr 4% CD) accounts totaled \$400,099 as of July 31, 2019.

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

### OLD BUSINESS:

Call Process Update: Pastoral Nominations: Larry McCoig reminded everyone that the Elders extended the nomination period by a few weeks. The Elders did receive more nominations during this time. Nominations were sent to President Hagan.

Insurance Claim Update: Chairman Kespohl reported that the west side of the gym roof has hail damage and the east side does not. The west side would cost \$31,000 to replace. Chairman Kespohl will continue gathering information.

GSLS Distribution of Funds: Chairman Kespohl and Hunter Kevil did the audit for GSLS. They only found one item during the audit that needs to be reconciled. When the faster internet service was installed at GSLS, the arrangement was that 1/3 would be paid by TLC, 1/3 by CLC and 1/3 by GSLS. In January 2013, GSLS stopped paying their part of the agreement for its last six months. GSLS will reimburse that money.

### Nominations:

Christian Education - Vacant

Evangelism - Vacant

### NEW BUSINESS:

Processional Cross: Our main processional cross sustained damage the weekend of Palm Sunday. Pastor Thieme has contacted the Center for Liturgical Arts for their thoughts. See the options they suggested on page 26 of the BOD packet. Pastor Thieme will be meeting with them this Friday, August 23rd.

Pew Bibles: The Elders propose to purchase new ESV pew Bibles. See page 30 of the BOD packet for details. Larry McCoig moved to replace the NIV pew Bibles with large print ESV Bibles. The ESV Bibles will be purchased through donations, and dedication stickers will be added to the Bibles; seconded and approved.

Life Team Request—Freewill Offering for Lutherans for Life, Feb. 2-3, 2020: Rev. Michael Saleminck, Executive Director of Lutherans for Life will visit Trinity February 2-3, 2020. He

will preach at all three services and hold Bible study between Sunday services. Angel Arnall moved to approve the freewill offering; seconded and approved.

Key Policy: Larry McCoig moved to approve the new Key Policy; seconded and approved.

New Laptop for Pastor Thieme: Jim Harms moved to approve the purchase of a new laptop for Pastor Thieme, but it does not have to be one of the laptops discussed on page 28 of the BOD Packet. Seconded. Discussion. Jim Harms accepted a friendly amendment from Larry McCoig clarifying that up to \$600 can be spent to purchase a new laptop for Pastor Thieme; seconded and approved. Chairman Kespohl called for a vote on the motion that a new laptop can be purchased for Pastor Thieme, not to exceed \$600, and it does not have to be one of the laptops discussed on page 28 of the BOD packet; approved.

New Cell Phone for Pastor Thieme: Jim Harms moved to approve the purchase of a new cell phone for Pastor Thieme, subject to the Executive Committee reviewing the current plan and negotiating a new plan; seconded and approved.

New Digital Projector: Angel Arnall moved to purchase Option 2 on page 29 of the BOD packet for a new digital projector; seconded. Discussion. The purchase will come out of 566-Office Equipment. Approved.

Love INC Over the Top: Larry McCoig moved to approve registration for Pastor Thieme to rappel from the roof of the Tiger Hotel on 9/28/19; seconded and approved.

TLCLC Flooring Bid: A flooring bid was received from Flooring America: \$28,661 (Includes all but installation.) \$12,112 (Installation). See Secretary's notebook for bid details.

Evangelism: Trunk or Treat planning has begun for October 27th, 3:00-5:00 PM. Parking lot and gym are reserved. Evangelism will ask for volunteers to help with Fellowship Hour.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on September 10, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

The Board of Directors Budget Committee Meeting will be held on September 25, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

The next Assembly of Voters meeting will be held on October 20, 2019 at 12:30 PM.

Angel Arnall moved to adjourn at 8:28 PM & Pastor Thieme led the group in a closing hymn.

Jacque Eckhoff, Secretary



Board of Directors reports and agenda items are due to the church office by noon on Friday, September 6, 2019.

The **Board of Directors** will meet Tuesday, **September 10** at **7:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall.

The **Assembly of Voters** will meet Sunday, **October 20, 2019** at **12:30 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall.

### 2019 Trinity Lutheran Church Officers and Board Members

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# FELLOWSHIP HOSTS NEEDED FOR 2020

Many of the worshipers here at Trinity look forward to the coffee and doughnuts at our Fellowship Hour held every Sunday at 9:15 a.m. These much-appreciated social opportunities would not be possible without the work of our volunteer hosts. Over the past few years, we have lost several of our longstanding host couples, and we have not been successful in recruiting new hosts. Unless we find more volunteers, we will have to cut several Sundays out of the schedule for 2020.



## We need your help! Can you or your family host Fellowship Hours next year?

A single person can host, but it works best to have at least two to share the work.

Here is what would be required of you:

- ♦ Picking up bakery order from Hy-Vee (pre-arranged and prepaid by the church)
- ♦ Set up coffee urns and make the coffee
- ♦ Set out bakery goods, drinks, condiments, etc.
- ♦ Clean up and put supplies away after Fellowship Hour

If you can help out or would like more information, please call either Carole Eilers at (573) 355-3028 or Ron Eilers at (816) 305-3183. You may also contact any member of the Board of Evangelism if you have questions or suggestions.

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

I'm thrilled to share that I signed a new contract with *Lutheran Witness* to write (at least) three more web-exclusive articles, including the one at right. I'm not the only LAC missionary with an online presence, though. Check out these talented colleagues of mine!

- ⇒ Rev. Anthony DiLiberto (PR):  
[In Him No North or South](#)
- ⇒ Lizz Warren (Regional Team, based in the DR):
  - Blog: [my alabaster flask](#)
  - etsy shop:  
[myalabasterflask](#)
- ⇒ Rev. Adam Lehman (Spain):  
[Static Adventures](#)

Even short-term volunteer Krista Hahn (Regional Team, based in the DR) is in on the action:  
[Proverbs16Journey!](#)



LAC's new logo is inspired by the [Jerusalem cross](#). It uses the same blue color palette as the LCMS cross!

(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](mailto:erin.mackenzie@lcms.org).)

## Creator Recognition Technology

I didn't even need my passport – just pushed a button to snap a photo. How the new Global Entry kiosks knew who I was remains a mystery. Borderline creepy.

But, many of us interact with similar innovations daily. Apple launched Face ID in 2017, and my browser's "cookies" leave a trail of crumbs that are a feast for marketers acquainted with Google Display Network.

*"O Lord, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar" (Psalm 139: 1–2).*

Google's algorithms have searched us. Google Maps might as well know when we sit down and rise up. My iPhone long ago "learned" my hometown, occupation, and interests. Compared to our devices, we feel like strangers to those around us! But to Apple and Google, we're faceless statistics. And although the contours of my cheekbones clue the CBP in to a wealth of information, they don't *know* me.

There are two Spanish words for "to know:" *saber* for facts and *conocer* for familiarity. Google Analytics junkies have factual knowledge about me. CBP agents have more. God, too, *sabe* many things about us: whereabouts, thoughts, and what's next out of our mouths. But God also *nos conoce*. He's familiar with our every atom and quirk. My Creator knows more about me than I know about myself. Oddly, it's not even creepy, because I am also deeply loved by God, and the knowing is mutual. In Baptism, I became God's child. John 10:14 says, "I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me." What a privilege! Yes, I can spout facts about each person of the Trinity, but most importantly, I can echo Job: "I know that my Redeemer lives," (19:25).

\*Adapted from my [latest web-exclusive article](#) for Lutheran Witness, which went live this month.







### Praises and Petitions

1. Thanksgiving for the call that my church issued to Candidate Yban Navarro, and for discernment as he deliberates it.
2. Thanksgiving for the birth (and rebirth in Holy Baptism) of Mikhaela to fellow missionaries Rev. Gustavo & Ruth.
3. Thanksgiving for the fellowship, study, and rest enjoyed by all LAC missionaries at our annual conference, and that we might continue to find rest for our bodies and souls year-round.
4. For the new seminary students and their families as they settle into their lives and studies in the DR
5. For new missionary Cindy, who tripped and fell less than two weeks post-deployment and is recuperating stateside.

## This is My Team

People often ask me why I'm stationed in the DR. Perhaps you've even wondered yourself! The answer is simple; the DR is the seat of the LAC regional headquarters. Geographically it's *actually* somewhat central and has one of the lowest costs of living in the region, so about 2/3 of the Regional Team is based here: Regional Director, Regional Business Manager, Communications Specialist, Chaplain...and Volunteer Coordinator, to name a few.

The Regional Team is the circle that provides leadership & oversight for LCMS mission work, at some level, in 20 countries. We meet weekly via Zoom and in person biannually, in August and January. Most recently, we spent two days with our heads down at the conclusion of our regional conference.

I am encouraged by these individuals' caring support and sharpened by their collective wisdom & experiences!



Most of the Regional Team women & wives.



Pondering the Pacific from Parque del Amor in Lima, Peru.

How Lutheran is my new stairwell décor (a triptych outlining the parts of the Divine Service)?



Cutting out footprints that would later point the way to the cross during VBS in Palmar Arriba.



### Quote of the Month!

"AUGUST is the BRIDGE between SUMMER and AUTUMN—between HOW the YEAR has BEEN and HOW the YEAR will END."

—Dani DiPirro, artist & author

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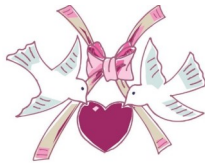
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### LLL FELLOWSHIP CLUB

Please join LLL for a Bible Study and a short business meeting on Sunday, Sept. 8 at 6:00 p.m. in Trinity's Fellowship Hall.



### JCC SCHEDULE:

Junior Confirmation Classes will resume on Sept. 15 at 6:00 p.m. JCC classes will also be held on the 22nd and 29th at 6:00 p.m.

### ACOLYTE SCHEDULE:

JCC 3 will be the acolytes for September. Check your email for the link to sign up for the services when you would like to acolyte.

### CPH BIBLE SALE

Concordia Publishing House is holding its annual Bible Sale, offering savings up to 33% off some of their newest and most popular Bibles! If you would like to order a Bible (or several) fill out a line on the poster on the hallway bulletin board and bring payment to the Church Office. Orders and payments are due by Tuesday, Sept. 17.



### REGULAR OFFICE HOURS RESUME

Normal hours of 8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. for the Church Office will resume on September 3, the day after Labor Day. Thank you everyone for all your prayers and concerned inquiries about my health! My course of medical treatments for depression has gone well, and I am feeling much better than I was. ~Andrew Saeger





# September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8a & 1030a Worship Service w/Communion 915a Sunday School	2 LABOR DAY OFFICES CLOSED 6p Worship Service w/Communion	3 CHURCH OFFICE HOURS RETURN TO 8:00 A.M.— 4:30 P.M.	4 7a Pickleball 9a TLCLC Chapel	5 630a Men's Bible Study @ Denny's 9a TLCLC Chapel 5:30p Pickleball 7p Architect Presentation	6 12p Board of Directors' Agenda items due	7
8 8a & 1030a Worship Service 9a & 1130a Stephen Ministry Info Table 915a Sunday School 12p College Student Lunch 5p Choir Practice 5p Handbell Practice/Meeting 6p LLL 6p Youth Night	9 9a Bible Class 6p Worship Service 645p Stephen Ministry Info Table 7p Stephen Ministry Presentation	10 6p Vesper Guild 7p Bd of Directors	11 7a Pickleball 9a TLCLC Chapel 9:30a Mary Martha Guild	12 630a Men's Bible Study @ Denny's 9a TLCLC Chapel 5:30p Pickleball	13	14
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**SUNDAY 8:00 AND 10:30 A.M.**

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL/BIBLE STUDY:**

**SUNDAY 9:15 A.M.**

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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