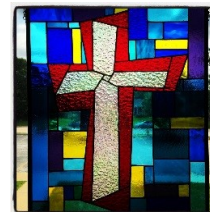


# News of the Son

Trinity Lutheran Church — Columbia, MO



October  
2019



Dear Saints at Trinity Lutheran Church,

As we continue to progress through the Divine Call process, I would like you to continue considering what it means to be a pastor. This month we celebrate the 502nd anniversary of the Reformation, so I want to share with you some of Martin Luther's thoughts on pastors.

The paragraphs below are excerpts from a 2016 article by Rev. A. Brian Flamme entitled "Luther on the Office of the Ministry." The full article may be found online at <https://lutheranreformation.org/theology/luther-office-ministry/>.

Your Servant in Christ,

*Rev. Brian K. Thieme*

Before the Reformation, the Papacy gave the comfort of Apostolic succession accompanied by the special grace of ordination. The Apostles handpicked their successors and gave them grace, who then handpicked their successors and gave them grace, who handpicked their successors and gave them grace...You get the point. But once [Martin Luther and the] Evangelical churches realized that the special "grace" of ordination would be withheld from them, then they had to raise up their own preachers. But how could they be sure that they were getting the real deal?

Luther began working on articulating the doctrine of the ministry already in 1523. He writes, "Either we must learn how to provide ourselves with presbyters apart from papal tyranny, or if we are not willing to do so (though it is possible) we must give ourselves into captivity..." Luther correctly argues that Jesus gives the obligation to publicly preach, teach, and administer the sacraments to his whole church, indeed to every Christian, not to a select few super-spiritual clergy persons who get to choose the priests who come after them. Yet, because it's the common property of all Christians to preach, "no one individual can arise by his own authority and arrogate to himself alone what belongs to all." However we know that someone must preach, teach, and administer the sacraments. So Luther continues, "But the community rights demand that one, or as many as the community chooses, shall be chosen or approved who, in the name of all with these rights, shall perform these functions publicly."

By 1529 Luther's language becomes clearer when he zeros in on Jesus' instituting words for the public preaching office found in John 20:29-23. In the same way as the Apostles were charged by Jesus to preach, so it must be for men in the preaching office today. Their call may be mediated through the church, but that doesn't make Jesus' charge any less clear or important. "Whoever is called to it and has the mandate should preach the Gospel, should baptize, should loose sins through the power of Absolution, should impose the ban through the power of the Keys, would rebuke and admonish, etc. Let him proceed with confidence and not be afraid, whatever may befall him on this account."

For Luther and the Lutherans, it was enough that a man be instructed in God's Word, examined, and then called and ordained by the whole church to publically preach in a certain place. This is what's reflected in the language of Article XIV of the Augsburg Confession. This is the regular practice of our Synod today. That's why it's important that your pastor has gone to one of our seminaries, so that you'll have confidence that he's been properly instructed and examined so that when he speaks he's delivering God's own Law and Gospel, not his own.

Unlike the clandestine preachers who sought to infiltrate the Lutherans and disrupt the

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

peace with strange teachings, Luther writes, “We do not secretly infiltrate, but are called to our office and step forward publically; we have stood before spiritual and secular tribunals to give account. Our gospel is not a ‘corner sermon,’ but goes forth boldly and publicly...”

Your pastor’s call into the office of the Holy Ministry isn’t something to be ashamed of. That’s why we have ordination and installation services. It’s a kind of godly boasting that shows that God has chosen this man to serve in this place. “When we boast in this way, we are not looking for prestige or the good will of the world. The reason for our proud boasting is that we are in a divine calling and in God’s own work, and that the people need to be assured of our calling, in order that they may know that our word is in fact the Word of God. This, then, is not a vain pride; it is a most holy pride against the devil and the world. And it is a true humility in the sight of God.”

One last thing. You may not have been placed into this special office of public preaching like your pastor, but that doesn’t make you any less a Christian. Indeed, I would step away from my office a thousand times if that was the only way I could keep Christ’s righteousness given to me in my baptism. There are always opportunities to speak the absolution and teach according to our respective offices. Fathers teach their families and wives instruct their children which is the pattern we learn from St. Paul (Ephesians 6:4). But notice that’s different from publicly teaching. What matters is that you and I both have Christ. When we do, the works of both pastors and lay people are precious in God’s sight.

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**SEPTEMBER 10, 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 September 10, 2019 at 7:04 p.m. Attendees included Gary Kespohl (Chairman), Jacque Eckhoff (Secretary), James Harms, Virginia Propp, Robert Hall, Annette Kiehne, Larry McCoig and Pastor Thieme

Pastor Thieme gave the opening devotion.

Chairman Kespohl added Building Committee Appointments and New Budget Proposal to New Business. Larry McCoig moved to approve the Meeting Agenda with these additions; 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. Spotts is visiting 2/3 of the Homebound each month.

Pastoral visits continue to be made with individuals, couples, families, and members of the community at large. Pastor Thieme will lead Chapel at Calvary Lutheran High School on September 18th.

One individual is taking the adult information class. Several others are looking to start class. Sunday morning is studying the Pastoral Epistles, and the Monday morning class is going through the Large Catechism (Lord’s Prayer).

Confirmation begins September 15th at 6:00 p.m.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY - Not Present**

For the month of August, the Regular Envelope collections are 105.20% of the anticipated monthly amount. Loose Plate collections are 33.48% and Sunday School are 94.39%. The Total Monthly collections are 102.53% of the monthly anticipated amount of \$41,579.44. The Total Year to Date collections through the end of August are 108.29% of the anticipated amount of \$322,743.24.

**BOARD REPORTS:**

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - No Rep. Present**

Rally Sunday was held on Sunday, August 25, 2019. The children moved up to their next year of Sunday school and met their new teachers. The BOCE purchased a case of the Lutheran Study Bibles for use by the Sunday school teachers in conjunction with the new curriculum, “Enduring Faith”. The BOCE is still in need of an additional board member for this year, and will need two new members for the 2019/2020 church year.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION - Virginia Propp**

Fall enrollment is at 100%. Annette Kiehne has begun work on the 2020 TLCLC Budget. The new flooring color for TLCLC was selected and installation will begin near the end of September. August 16th licensing visit cited no violations.

The state fire inspection is yet to be completed.

The BOECE is continuing to look into the Teach Missouri program for possible participation in 2020.

**ELDERS - Larry McCoig**

Nine pastoral nominations have been sent to the District. The Elders are waiting to hear back as to the next step. A letter describing why pews have been removed will be put in various media to communicate to the congregation. The Elders will host Advent dinner on December 4th, the first Wednesday of Advent.

**EVANGELISM - Robert Hall**

No report filed.

**PAROCHIAL EDUCATION - No Rep. Present**

See packet for financial report.

**SOCIAL MINISTRY - No Rep. Present**

The BOSM has selected Lifetouch/Shutterfly for the pictorial directory. The plan is to have photography sessions in March 2020. Trinity was responsible for the Circle of Friends meal on September 9th. Trinity will again participate in collecting items for the VAC Winter Warm Up Coat Drive. Lutherfest will be November 10, 2019 following the 10:30 a.m. service.

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

Letters with promise forms have gone out to the congregation. Congregation members are asked to put their promise forms in with their offering on 9/22/19.

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

No report filed.

**TRUSTEES - No Representative Present**

No report filed.

YOUTH - No Representative Present

No report filed.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

##### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

No report filed.

##### MEMBERSHIP CHANGES:

Transfer Out: Carrie and Emma Whittle transfer to St. John's, Stringtown, MO

Transfer In: Hillary Roberts and son William transfer from Zion, Lone Elm, MO

Clarence "Clay" and Erika (Wittenberg) Mouser transfer from Trinity, Monroe, LA

Profession of Faith: James Roberts

Larry McCoig moved to approve these membership changes; seconded and approved.

##### MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS:

See "Ava Speech to Text" under New Business.

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

Jim reported that accounts 269 (Construction Fund) & 827 (Cell Tower) went to account 193 (Lutheran Church Extension Fund.)

Ron Barrett & Jim worked with SafeChurch. TLC will get a 15% Discount off Insurance, which is approximately \$2300.

TLC has switched Health Plans. The new plan saves individuals money.

The Church's income for August was \$46,717 with a year-to-date income for the month ending August 31, 2019 at \$383,933 (71.03 % of the \$540,599 income budgeted for the year).

The Church's expenses for August was \$44,860 with year-to-date expenditures for the month ending August 31, 2019 at \$291,023. This includes \$15,882 of Current Year BOD/AOV approved expenses. Adjusted 2019 budgeted expenses total \$274,140 or 63.98 % of the annual expenditure budget of \$439,029 (\$550,599 - \$101,530 Pastor Contingency).

The Church's year-to-date eight-month adjusted income over expenses was \$108,793. This number is reduced to an eight-month total of \$41,106 when the budgeted Pastor Contingency is deducted.

The Learning Center's income for August was \$60,025 with a year-to-date income for the month ending August 31, 2019 at \$485,484 (68.26 % of the \$711,200 income budgeted for the year).

The Learning Center's expenses for August was \$55,532 with year-to-date expenditures for the month ending August 31, 2019 at \$434,340 (61.04 % of the annual expenditure budget of \$711,200).

The Learning Center year-to-date income over expenses was \$51,145.

Combined (Church's and Learning Center) year-to-date income over expenses was \$144,055.

Net operating cash available as of August 31, 2019 was \$233,542.

Dedicated accounts totaled \$85,585 as of Aug 31, 2019.

Lutheran Church Extension Fund (Designated Reserves & \$40K General Operating 4-yr 4% CD) accounts totaled \$400,300 as of August 31, 2019.

Robert Hall moved to approve the Treasurer's Report; seconded and approved.

##### OLD BUSINESS:

Nominations:

Christian Education - VACANT

Evangelism - VACANT

##### NEW BUSINESS:

Ava Speech to Text: See page 24 of BOD packet for information.

Robert Hall moved that Pastor Thieme and the Executive Committee pursue this process, and move forward with it; seconded and approved.

GSLS Audit: Chairman Kespohl and Hunter Kevil finished the audit. The school board should be completely done by October and will write the final checks to both churches. TLC and CLC should receive approximately \$146,000 each.

Facility Use Request: Julie Smith — Robert Hall moved to approve the request effective September 14th, through the end of the calendar year; seconded and approved.

Repair Southeast Corner of Roof: The estimate for repair on the Southeast corner of the roof was \$4700. Larry McCoig moved to approve up to \$5000 for the repair; seconded and approved.

Budget Worksheets: Jim Harms distributed budget worksheets to each of the board representatives. Jim asked they be completed and returned by September 20th so he can compile a spreadsheet before the September 25th Budget Meeting.

CenturyLink Internet Plan: The current plan expires 11/10/19. An assessment is needed. Larry McCoig moved that the Executive Committee get two to three bids and bring the information back to the BOD; seconded and approved.

CenterPoint Energy Plan: TLC has been getting a discount on the gas plan through the Missouri School Board. Since GSLS closed, we are trying to find out if we still qualify under TLCLC. Jim Cherrington is in the process of finding out.

Cell Phone Plans for Church Workers: Last month the BOD approved a cell phone upgrade for Pastor Thieme. We will continue with our current AT&T plan. New iPhones come out on September 20th, so Pastor Thieme's new phone will be purchased then.

Building Committee Appointments: Chairman Kespohl reported that Marilyn Wise, Lorelei Adam, Pete Easterhaus and Mary Frerking are the four additional Building Committee appointments. Fred Pistel resigned. Larry Samuel will be his replacement. Larry McCoig moved to thank Fred for his service; seconded and approved.

New Budget Proposal: Phyllis White will retire from her position as Music/Jesus Time teacher at the end of the school year. No replacement has been found yet. Chairman Kespohl proposed a DCE be hired to work at TLC and TLCLC. Larry McCoig moved the Chairman appoint an exploratory committee of four to figure out the needs and job descriptions for TLC and TLCLC; seconded and approved.

##### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on October 8, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

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

The Board of Elders and Board of Evangelism are asking for each board to have a trunk at Trunk or Treat.

The Board of Elders met with the Circuit Visitor tonight. They are looking at nominations.

Larry McCoig moved to adjourn at 8:43 PM and 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, October 4, 2019.

The Board of Directors will meet Tuesday, October 8 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

#### Chairman

Gary Kespohl

#### Secretary

Jacque Eckhoff

#### Treasurer

Jim Harms

#### Financial Secretary

Ron Dicks

#### Board of Christian Ed.

Mary Frerking

Julie Smith

vacancy

#### Board of Early

#### Childhood Ed.

Carole Eilers

Christina Hartman

Karen Niederjohn

Virginia Propp

Theresa Yeager

#### Board of Elders

David Attebery

Ron Barrett

Jim Cherrington

John Frerking

Daniel Hartman

Doug Kiehne

Larry McCoig

#### Board of Evangelism

Robert Hall

Pattie Smith

vacancy

#### Board of Social Ministry

Angel Arnall

Kathy Ferguson

Loanna Thompson

#### Board of Parochial Ed.

Cynthia Green

Candice Kling

Mary Raisch

#### Board of Stewardship and Finance

Lori Bresnahan-Burns

Sean Huggans

Buck Katt

Darren Laupp

Richard Mangold

Andrew Saeger

#### Board of TLC

#### Endowment Fund

Kevin Burns

Gary Frisch

Carey Smith

#### Board of Trustees

Charlie Cott

Jim Niederjohn

Eddie Sterling

#### Board of Youth

Chris Bailey

Melissa Remer-Phifer

Michelle Wren

### 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 donate your clean, gently used coats, jackets, blankets, hats, gloves, scarves, and socks through the end of October for this important collection. Collection containers are in the hallway. All items will go to VAC to be distributed to people in need in Columbia. For more info or to volunteer, please visit VAC's website: [www.vacmo.org](http://www.vacmo.org).



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Action Center**

the heart of service in Boone County

## 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.**

**Through December 18**

**Trinity Lutheran Church**



### NUT SALES ~ ORDER NOW

Mary Martha Guild is taking orders for nuts through Monday, October 21. We are offering an assortment of plain and chocolate-covered nuts, pretzels, raisins, and gummies. The nuts and treats are great for baking, snacking, and also make wonderful gifts. Your order will be ready for pickup in November. An order form will be included in the *Trinity Weekly News* beginning October 6. The profits from the nut sales are used to sponsor various missions chosen by the guild.





Lutherans  
For Life

*Greetings in the name of Jesus, Who loves children!*

I hope you were able to pass along last month's information about Lutherans For Life's essay contest to a young person you know. The essay contest is an excellent opportunity for a young person to think about the value of every life and Who gives value to every life. It's an avenue for learning to express their life-affirming views and a good exercise in writing. If you missed the information, please contact me or Lutherans For Life. Any Lutheran student in grades 6-12 is eligible so please encourage that special young person in your life to write an essay and enter the contest!

A recent article in the Reader's Digest laments the demise of the 'middle child'. The author points out that since so many couples are choosing to have one or two children or none at all, history's largest birth-order demographic will soon be the tiniest. That is a loss for our country, he says, because middle children tend to be skilled diplomats, loyal romantic partners and friends, natural innovators and are more likely to effect change in the world successfully than any other birth order. (Adam Sternbergh: *The Vanishing Middle Child*; Reader's Digest, Sept. 2019)

Having fewer children also affects church demographics. Fewer children in church means the congregation ages without the benefit of new life and more members. President Matthew Harrison has often written to encourage Christian couples to look at children as the gifts from God that they are rather than an economic burden. We can all encourage and support young parents in their vocation of raising Godly children to bring glory to God.

A recent article in LifeDate, *10 Blessings of Large Families*, also speaks of the gift of children. It reads as follows:

"God loves children~and God loves having lots of children. He doesn't demand an abundance of children from every human family, however. Even little families and only children are great treasures. But our culture seems to have developed a particular disdain for big households.

"Are those all yours?"

"You know how that happens, right?"

"Can you really afford another baby?"

"You sure have your hands full!"

"Large families come with unique benefits. I surveyed my Facebook network about it recently. "My friends who have four or more children~or who have three or more siblings~what special blessings does living in a large family bring?" They had lots of positive responses. Here are the top ten:

1. Guaranteed friends, even into adulthood.
2. Ready-made laboratory for learning people skills like taking turns and getting along.
3. MORE HUGS, MORE CUDDLES, MORE GIGGLES!
4. What one forgets, another one remembers.
5. Less housework for Mom and Dad.
6. Free babysitting (also, no need to save for retirement~just live with one of them).
7. MORE GRANDBABIES!
8. God's unconditional love on every face.
9. Increases chances for Christians to take over the world.
10. Foretaste of the feast to come (Revelation 7:9)!"

(LifeDate, Spring/Summer 2019, Pastor Michael Salemink)

Cherish the children!

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



## LIFE TEAM UPDATE



The Mission of TLC's Life Team is to encourage and educate our church to be a voice of life out of gratitude for being rescued by God through Christ Jesus. To this end, the Life Team prepared a survey which was included in last month's newsletter and in the *Trinity Weekly News*. As of mid-September, we had received 17 surveys back and a good bit of information. Most of the respondents were 60 years old or more, and the top 3 services requested were in-home visits, home maintenance and phone calls to the home-bound. We are continuing to discuss how best to use this information to reach out to our fellow congregants.

In October, we plan to tour My Life Clinic and participate in Trunk or Treat.

Following this update is a message from Rev. Salemink, the executive director of Lutherans for Life, about the 40 Days For Life prayer campaign. Please read and consider his words carefully. This is the 11th year of the campaign in Columbia, and the 40 Days For Life prayer warriors can always use more people. Prayerfully consider if this is a way the Lord has planned for you to stand up for Life. I am always ready to share more about this campaign so please contact me (Phyllis White) at [bandp@socket.net](mailto:bandp@socket.net) if you are interested. Blessings, the Life Team

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE / NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN

Get ready to raise your Gospel-motivated voice. Two amazing opportunities are coming your way!

40 Days For Life is a prayer vigil. It takes place in front of abortion businesses. Participants gather for peaceful public praying from morning until evening, often in one-hour shifts and sometimes around the clock.

Its time frame recalls several episodes in the Scriptures where our Lord acted significantly over the course of 40 days (the Flood, Moses receiving commandments, Nineveh repents, Jesus' temptation, resurrection appearances).

The event began in Texas in 2007. Since then, 816 cities in 61 countries have held 6,428 spring and fall vigils involving over 1,000,000 volunteers. Organizers report 16,004 lives saved from abortion as well as 191 workers leaving the industry (most famously, Abby Johnson of Unplanned) during the campaigns—and 100 facilities where a vigil occurred have closed. This year's fall installment starts September 25. Many of our Life Teams and Life Chapters get involved, and even congregations without organized For Life groups join in. You can find information about the one nearest you at [www.40daysforlife.com/vigil-search.aspx](http://www.40daysforlife.com/vigil-search.aspx).



The National Life Chain represents a similar witness activity.

Congregations across the country assemble along prominent sidewalks for an afternoon prayer rally. Official guidelines outline a code of conduct which discourages idle chatter, frivolity, and physical or verbal responses to motorists while urging self-reflection, repentance, and prayer (as well as spacing 25 to 30 feet between attendees along the route).

Its history stretches all the way back to 1987 when some 2,000 individuals came together in a couple of California cities. Last year, over 1,530 locations held Life Chains featuring sign messages such as "Jesus Forgives and Heals," "Adoption: The Loving Option," and "Pregnant? Need Help? 1-800-712-HELP." LFL volunteers nationwide also take part and lead their churches in a Life-Chain presence.

National Life Chain Sunday will occur this October 6 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. (local times may vary, and the network has designated October 27 as an alternate date). Materials and details, including a listing of sites (it even extends across Canada!), are available at [lifechain.net](http://lifechain.net).

Let's go!

In truth and love,

Rev. Michael W. Salemink

Executive Director, Lutherans For Life



## STEPHEN MINISTRY



This month we have some especially good news to share with you! Several of our church members have answered Jesus' call to serve as caregivers. We are currently conducting interviews and compiling our team. Training for the selected caregivers will begin in mid-October and extend into early spring 2020 and will consist of 50 hours of stimulating and useful training in Christian caring skills covering topics such as effective listening, feelings, Christian assertiveness, maintaining boundaries in caregiving, grief, confidentiality, and utilizing community resources.

When the caregivers have completed their training, they will be commissioned and available to meet regularly with people facing a variety of life events such as loss of a loved one, divorce, a terminal illness, loneliness, unemployment, hospitalization, spiritual crisis. Those receiving care can be sure that their identity and what goes on in the caring relationship will remain private.

We expect our Stephen Ministry to be an additional source of warmth, care, and blessing for many years to come, enabling our entire congregation to grow even more as a nurturing community where people are cherished and cared for and their needs taken seriously, all in the name of Jesus.

Thank you for your interest in and support of the Stephen Ministry here at Trinity. 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

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

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*Bear one another's  
burdens, and in this way you  
will fulfill the law of Christ.  
Galatians 6:2*

## BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE



Thank you to everyone who participated in the September 5 project review meeting. The Building Committee received a great deal of input from the seventy members who attended. Accessibility remains a primary concern, and a larger Narthex area is also an important area of interest. We have continued to make changes to our plans to reflect that input.

We held our next meeting on September 17 and reviewed all the input we received and adjusted the plans as appropriate. If we could not make the desired changes, as in the case of some proposals to relocate some or all of the preschool to the basement or a new building, we wrote a summary of our reasons why and returned that summary to the members who made the proposals.

Our next event was a City Concept Review held in the City Government Center on September 23. The purpose of this event was to acquaint various city departments with our plans and gain information on what they will expect us to include. Our architect and civil engineer, along with the Building Committee Chairman led our end of the discussion that covered topics such as sewers, drainage, fire protection, kitchen design, parking, and occupancy. These are all items that are regulated by city code and must be completed accordingly. There were about twenty city employees there, and they were all very helpful, even proposing some less costly solutions to our issues.

Our next meeting will be on October 8 and will deal with Cost and Phasing. We will begin to apply costs to each of the changes we are proposing. We will also look at the order in which we should make these changes. For example, our facility is not up to current fire and egress codes. If we wish to make even small changes to our building, we will also need to fix our current code problems to allow for future improvements. This meeting will not be a good time to raise new input, unless the ideas are needs that have been totally missed.

We are still on track for a final presentation in early November, and our goal for that time is still no (unpleasant) surprises.

**Building Committee:** Lorelee Adam, Stephanie Baehman, Charlie Cott, Pete Easterhaus, Lou Eggerding (Chair), Mary Frerking, Chris Kespohl, Marilyn Wise, and Theresa Yeager

My church will ordain the DRLM's 3rd national pastor later this month. He'll serve alongside Rev. Sergio Fritzler, a proud Argentinian, in shepherding the people of Cordero de Dios and doing intentional evangelism in the surrounding community. The DR and Argentina aren't the only nations represented in the growing body of believers of which I'm a part, though. There are at least SEVEN!

1. Argentina
2. Canada
3. Dominican Republic
4. Guatemala
5. Paraguay
6. United States
7. Venezuela

(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).)

## Deep Sea Glass Diving

My family vacationed in Daytona Beach, FL, almost every summer when I was a kid. We'd always bring along a selection of sandcastle-building implements—namely, empty plastic containers (margarine, sour cream, Cool Whip, etc.). Having served their intended purpose, they invariably morphed into vessels for carting a collection of seashells the 1,000 miles home.

Seashells aren't as abundant in the Caribbean as I remember them being in Florida, but I usually score one or two "treasures" that find their way into the pocket of my beach bag and onto the shelves next to my medicine cabinet. Until my last beach day, though, I'd paid little mind to that crafter's dream: sea glass.

But, as one of my companions opened her palm to reveal a satisfyingly smooth, translucent, seafoam green fragment, I pondered its former life as a discarded *Presidente* bottle. She spent hours combing the shore for the trash from somebody's picnic! Over time, though, water, salt, and sand wear down each shard's rough edges until they become something pleasing to the eye, something worth not only displaying but seeking after earnestly. What a metaphor for the Christian life.

In our sinfulness, we are worthless litter, tossed carelessly away, shattered to smithereens. The waters of Baptism, though, endowed with the omnipotent Word of God, transform us into new creations:

*For as many of you as were baptized into Christ  
have put on Christ. (Galatians 3:27)*

Having been washed in a flood of forgiveness, we take on new identities as sons and daughters of the King. The lives we now live in Christ are irreconcilable with our former selves. Now THAT's something to treasure!



#YouKnowYouLiveintheCaribbeanWhen...

...there's a billboard for hurricane insurance on the side of the *autopista*!







### Praises and Petitions

1. Thanksgiving for the return of Associate Regional Business Manager Cindy Pine to Santiago.
2. Thanksgiving for 170 years of God's grace shown to my home congregation, St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Des Peres, MO.
3. Thanksgiving for May 2019 seminary graduate Isaac Machado's ordination into the Holy Ministry on 9/8 in Caracas, Venezuela.
4. For three Pueblo Nuevo families who lost their homes in a fire on 8/30, and for the arduous rebuilding process ahead.
5. For those in the Bahamas and elsewhere in the Caribbean affected by Hurricane Dorian.

## Leading the Children

Late last month, LeadaChild led director "Dr. Phil" Frusti to the DR, where he and his wife Cassandra led workshops for a) the teachers and chaplains from our two Lutheran schools and b) the seminary students. Much of the content was a review for school director Mercedes Gil (pictured) though. She had the privilege of joining Lutheran education professionals from El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Panama in Antigua, Guatemala, in early July for a foretaste of Dr. Phil's tried and true wisdom.

There, participants dug into the theory and praxis of occupational therapy, integrating music and technology into the classroom, and much more. They also went through a segment from Dr. Phil's Master Lutheran Teacher series entitled "Creating a Gospel-Filled Environment."



Missionary photographer Johanna Heidorn was on hand to document the unprecedented gathering. Relive it through her eyes [here](#).



Clockwise from top right: A creative pose with one of Santiago's many murals; "the Kristas" and I with a *Roba La Gallina* mannequin at "The Monument"; each new student at Concordia the Reformer Seminary received his very own copy of the *Libro de Concordia* (Book of Concord) during the 9/1 opening service.

### Quote of the Month!

"Rest will not come without restoration."

—[Deaconess Heidi Goehmann](#)

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# 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  
 Tim & Joni Schaumburg..... Oct. 10, 1981  
 Dennis & Carol Weinhold ..... Oct. 13, 1984  
 Jeff & Callie Dickes..... Oct. 15, 2016  
 Richard & Judy Grant ..... Oct. 16, 1982  
 John & Mary Frerking ..... Oct. 16, 1999  
 Dave & Suzanne Hart..... Oct. 17, 1978  
 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  
 Richard & Tammy Mangold..... Oct. 26, 2002  
 Mike & Tawnya Samuel ..... Oct. 27, 2007  
 Christian & Teri Cantwell..... Oct. 29, 2005  
 Jeff & Monica Smith ..... Oct. 29, 2000

**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  
 Carly Samuel  
**8**  
 Dave Cherrington  
**10**  
 Lori Dickes  
 Sierra Grimm  
 Nathan Ousley  
 Susan Reynolds  
**11**  
 Joey Patrick  
 Melissa Remer-Phifer

**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

# October BIRTHDAYS

**22**  
 Aileen Gannon  
 Morgyn Smith  
 Paul Walz  
**23**  
 Ron Barrett  
 Abby Berendzen  
 Izzy Berendzen  
**24**  
 Jayce Earnhart  
 Lawrence Propp Jr.  
**26**  
 Jeff Dickes  
 Don Malson  
**27**  
 Kaleb Burns  
 Daniel Hartman  
 Sarah Thieme  
**28**  
 VeNora Klussman  
 Susan Malson  
 Jessica Murphy  
**30**  
 Pete Easterhaus  
 Myra McCoig

## LLL FELLOWSHIP CLUB

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



## JCC SCHEDULE:

Junior Confirmation Classes will meet each Sunday in October at 6:00 p.m.

## ACOLYTE SCHEDULE:

JCC 2 will be the acolytes for this month. Check your email for the link to sign up for the services when you would like to acolyte.

## 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."



It's almost that time of year again! Our annual Trunk or Treat event will be in the west parking lot on Sunday, October 27 from 3:00-5:00 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.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 8a & 1030a Worship Service w/Communion 915a Sunday School 5p Handbell Practice 6p JCC	30 9a Bible Class 6p Worship Service w/Communion 7p Pickleball	1 6p Choir Practice	2 7a Pickleball 9a TLCLC Chapel 7p GriefShare	3 630a Men's Bible Study @ Denny's 9a TLCLC Chapel	4 12p Board of Directors' Agenda items due  REV. THIEME'S DAY OFF	5
6 8a & 1030a Worship Service w/Communion 915a Sunday School 5p Handbell Practice 6p LLL 6p JCC	7 8a Bible Class 6p Worship Service w/Communion 7p Pickleball	8 2p Building Committee 6p Choir Practice 6p Vesper Guild 7p Bd of Directors	9 7a Pickleball 9a TLCLC Chapel 9:30a Mary Martha Guild 11a Stephen Ministry Leaders 7p GriefShare	10 630a Men's Bible Study @ Denny's 9a TLCLC Chapel	11 REV. THIEME'S DAY OFF	12
13 8a & 1030a Worship Service 915a Sunday School 12p College Student Lunch 5p Handbell Practice 6p JCC 6p Youth Night	14 8a Bible Class 6p Worship Service 7p Pickleball	15	16 7a Pickleball 9a TLCLC Chapel 530p Life Team 7p GriefShare	17 630a Men's Bible Study @ Denny's 9a TLCLC Chapel	18 6p Stephen Ministry Social Event  REV. THIEME'S DAY OFF	19 8a Stephen Ministry Training Kickoff 4p Pickleball
20 8a & 1030a Worship Service w/Communion 915a Sunday School 12p Voters' Potluck 1230p Assembly of Voters' Meeting 5p Handbell Practice 5p Choir Practice 6p JCC	21 8a Bible Class 6p Worship Service w/Communion 7p Pickleball  Pastors' Conference	22	23 7a Pickleball 9a TLCLC Chapel 7p GriefShare	24 630a Men's Bible Study @ Denny's 9a TLCLC Chapel 6p Bd of Evangelism  REV. THIEME'S DAY OFF	25	26
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**SUNDAY 8:00 AND 10:30 A.M.**

**MONDAY 6:00 P.M.**

**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