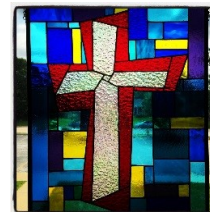


News of the Son

Trinity Lutheran Church — Columbia, MO



December
2019

*From the
Pastor*



“Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle all the Way...”

Here we go again. Another year of commercialization ~ Christmas decorations up before Halloween, malls packed with “holiday” shoppers,” feel-good movies teaching the real meaning of Christmas without teaching the real meaning of Christmas. Besides rolling our eyes and huffing and puffing about how Christ is left out of Christmas, what are we to do?

Well, let’s take a look at Acts 17 at how St. Paul faced the challenges of an unbelieving world.

¹⁶Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols... ²²So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.

The people of Athens worshiped a plethora of “feel good gods,” but they missed out on who the real God is and what He really did. Paul took the opportunity, picked out what they thought they knew, and witnessed to them about the crucified and resurrected Christ. True, there were those who mocked the truth, but there were also those who believed.

³²Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, “We will hear you again about this.” ³³So Paul went out from their midst. ³⁴But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

We have an opportunity. The commercialization of Christmas may abound; but in the midst of it, the truth may be found. We can take the opportunity to draw out the truth in those words or moments. Draw out the truth of the lifesaving Christ who came into the flesh in this sin fallen world. We get to shine a light in the midst of darkness!

Let’s look at the first few lines of “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing.”

Hark! The herald angels sing, // “Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, // God and sinners reconciled!”

Or the last verse of “God Tell It on the Mountain.”

Down in a lonely manger // The humble Christ was born;

Even the true story of Saint Nicolas (aka Santa), who was a servant of God that reflected His love, can serve as a witness.

Does such a witness guarantee success? No, but it may mean the Lord will use our words to draw some to Him. St. Paul himself in Acts 17 shows us this truth. “³⁴But some men joined him and believed.”

Here we go again, another year to share the peace, joy, forgiveness, and love of Christ we ourselves have received. Opportunities abound.

And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. (Luke 2:10-11).

Your Servant in Christ,

Rev. Brian K. Thieme

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

NOVEMBER 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 November 12, 2019 at 7:02 p.m.

Attendees included Gary Kespohl (Chairman), Jacque Eckhoff (Secretary), James Harms, Mary Frerking, Carol Eilers, Ron Barrett, Angel Arnall & Chris Cott.

Chairman Kespohl opened in prayer and Ron Barrett gave the opening devotion.

Chairman Kespohl added Exploratory Committee Announcement and Socket Proposal to Old Business, and Renovation of Pastor Gerike's office to New Business. Carol Eilers added Playground Safety Improvement to New Business. Angel Arnall moved to approve the Meeting Agenda with these additions; 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 - Ron Barrett

Rev. Spotts is visiting 2/3 of the Homebound each month.

Rev. Rod Benkendorf (Lutheran Heritage Foundation) preached Nov. 10/11th.

Pastor Thieme will be on vacation November 20th - 23rd.

There will be a guest preacher for Thanksgiving Day.

Pastoral visits continue to be made with individuals, couples, families, and members of the community at large.

Sunday morning study is on the book of Daniel, and the Monday morning class is going through the Large Catechism (Lord's Prayer).

The Memorial for Pastor Thieme's mother will be held on November 30th in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY - Not Present

For the month of October, the Regular Envelope collections are 104.94% of the anticipated monthly amount. Loose Plate collections are 81.34% and Sunday School are 120.86%. The Total Monthly collections are 103.87% of the monthly anticipated amount of \$36,544.53. The Total Year to Date collections through the end of October are 108.12% of the anticipated amount of \$400,777.42.

BOARD REPORTS:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - Mary Frerking

The BOCE is continuing with their new curriculum, "Enduring Faith". The feedback from teachers has been positive, so they will renew the curriculum for an additional six months. Planning for the participation of all church youth in the Christmas Eve Service has begun. Practice will begin during Sunday School hour on December 1st, and dress rehearsal will be December 19th with all the children in the Sanctuary. The BOCE is still in need of additional board members.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION - Carol Eilers Fall enrollment is at 100%. Four afternoon staff that live in Illinois need extra screening with a complicated process in Illinois. It will require extra planning to hire Illinois residents. Conscious Discipline Training is on-going. Roof work has been completed, playground work began on 11/4/19, flooring work began on 11/8/19, and TLCLC is working with the Trustees to install half doors on three Preschool classrooms for safety reasons.

ELDERS - Ron Barrett

The Elders will host a light lunch and dinner on December 4th, the first Wednesday of Advent. Schedule of Services and Communion were approved for 2020. A combined service was approved for All Saints Day on Sunday, November 1, 2020. Larry McCoig sent a packet to Rev. Schultz. It was received and will be reviewed by Rev. Schultz. Larry McCoig then sent a formal letter to Rev. Schultz's congregation.

EVANGELISM - No Rep. Present. No report filed.

PAROCHIAL EDUCATION - No Rep. Present

See packet for financial report.

SOCIAL MINISTRY - Angel Arnall

The final Circle of Friends event for the year will be their holiday party in December. Trinity again participated in collecting items for the VAC Winter Warm Up Coat Drive. Lutherfest was held November 10, 2019 following the 10:30 a.m. service.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE - No Rep. Present

Counting continued as per the agreed upon schedule. 86 financial promise forms have been returned by members to date. 59 time and talent promise forms have been returned by members to date.

TLC ENDOWMENT FUND - No Rep. Present No report filed.

TRUSTEES - Chris Cott

No report filed.

YOUTH - No Rep. Present. No report filed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE No report filed.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES: Transfer Out: None

Transfer In: Donna Elliott from Campus Lutheran Church

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS: Ava Speech to Text will be installed and running by December 1, 2019. Christian Leadership

VISIONING COMMITTEE REPORT: Larry Samuel Larry Samuel moved to recommend amending the Schedule of Services for 2020 so that the four 5th Sundays are combined services. Motion died for lack of a second.

TREASURER'S REPORT - James Harms (Treasurer) The Church's income for October was \$41,421 with a year-to-date income for the month ending October 31, 2019 at \$475,265 (88 % of the \$540,599 income budgeted for the year).

The Church's cash expenditures for October was \$34,680 with year-to-date expenditures for the month ending October 31, 2019 at \$362,842. This includes \$29,666 of Current Year BOD/AOV approved expenses. Adjusted 2019 expenditures (\$362,842 less \$29,666) total \$333,176, 76 % of the annual expenditure budget of \$439,029 (\$540,559 - \$101,530) Pastor Contingency).

The Church's year-to-date ten-month adjusted income over expenditures was \$142,089 (i.e., when looking only at the 2019 original budget expenditure accounts). This number would be reduced to a ten-month total of \$57,819 if the ten month budgeted portion of the Pastor Contingency (i.e., \$101,530 x 83% = \$84,270) were to be deducted.

The Learning Center's income for October was \$61,696 with a year-to-date income for the month ending October 31, 2019 at \$609,433 (86 % of the \$711,200 income budgeted for the year).

The Learning Center's total expenditures for October were \$59,107 with year-to-date expenditures (for the original 2019 budget) for the month ending October 31, 2019 at \$546,391 (77 % of the annual expenditure budget of \$711,200). Additionally, we also recorded expenditures of \$30,020 of Current Year BOD/AOV approved expenditures for Flooring, for Closets, and the Playground in the Learning Center.

The Learning Center total year-to-date income over expenditures was \$31,806, however the adjusted year-to-date income over actual expenditures (for the original 2019 budgeted accounts) is \$61,826 (i.e., \$31,806 plus \$30,020). Combined (Church and Learning Center) year-to-date income over total expenditures was \$144,229.

Net operating cash available as of October 31, 2019 was \$238,054.

Dedicated accounts totaled a net amount of cash of \$81,255 as of October 31, 2019. The Lutheran Witness Dedicated account was negative by \$195.51.

Lutheran Church Extension Fund (Designated Reserves & \$41K General Operating 4-yr 4% CD) accounts totaled \$412,436 as of October 31, 2019.

The three Endowment Fund accounts held at the LCMS Foundation by Trinity totaled \$100,346.

During the month of October, the church received a check from our GuideOne insurance policy of \$249,769 for repairing our hail damaged roof. During this month we paid this amount to FM Roofing for a new roof, gutters, and other roof work. On September 30th this project was still in progress with additional insurance payments to be received and additional work to be completed by the contractor. The gym roof was not repaired. At the last AOV meeting the voters approved that the insurance proceeds for this repair (of the gym roof) would be deposited in an interest bearing account, and it would be designated to be expended only on the replacement of this roof at some time in the future. Angel Arnall moved to approve the Treasurer's Report; seconded and approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Removed Pews / Church Chairs The chairs are approximately \$100 each, and there is a need for four chairs. The Elders recommend up to \$400 for the purchase of the four chairs. Ron Barrett moved to spend up to \$400 for four chairs to be placed in the sanctuary where pews were removed; seconded and approved.

Roofing Update The roof is done except for some HVAC work. They also cracked the sidewalk in the back of the church. They will fix the sidewalk.

Flooring Update Friday afternoon the two classrooms above the gym were laid. They will be coming back this week to do the hallway only.

Exploratory Committee for DCE Possibility w/TLCLC At this point, Chairman Kespohl has two yes and two maybe.

Socket Proposal 100mb/5mb \$150 100mb/10mb \$225 200mb/10mb \$290 Chairman Kespohl will research more before the December BOD meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

2020 Nominations Financial Secretary - VACANT Board of Christian Education - VACANT

Visit for called Pastor Rev. Schultz is expected to visit. Renovation of Pastor Gerike's

Office Proposal from Ron Mikel: Remove carpet, baseboards, and popcorn ceiling. Paint, rehang shelves, and remove all furniture. Estimate is \$1900. Mary Frerking moved to approve up to \$2500 for the renovation; seconded and approved.

TLCLC Playground Safety Carol Eilers reported we need to upgrade pea gravel and sand areas. One estimate is \$6000. Safety regulations say the playground should have 9" of compressed material, but ours currently has 1".

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

The next Assembly of Voters meeting will be held on December 15, 2019 at 12:30 PM.

Giving Tree: It was agreed to once again participate in a Giving Tree for LFCS.

Angel Arnall moved to adjourn at 8:22 PM and Ron Barrett led the group in closing prayer.

Jacque Eckhoff, Secretary

NOVEMBER 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 November 3, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. Attendees included Gary Kespohl (Chairman), Jacque Eckhoff (Secretary), Ruthann Wunder, Carolyn Holste, Larry McCoig, Keith Davis, George Rattelmuller, Gary Frisch, Conrad Brown, Roland Meyer, Glen Beltz, Larry Samuel, Elaine Samuel, Jim Niederjohn, Bonnie Lawler, Pat Hansen, Barbara Semmons, Carol Squires, Carolyn Trigg, Barbara Barrett, Kathy Ferguson, Norburt Pierson, Marian Kueck-Pierson, Richard Mangold, Tammy Mangold, Ron Barrett, Sylvia Glenn, Phil Glenn, Chris Kespohl, Jessica Kespohl, Sarah Thieme, Marvin Koop, Debbie Harms, Archie Bourret, Robert Hall, Melba Hall, Laura Grise, Pastor Brian Thieme, JoAnn Schoenike, Rob Crouch, Kim Crouch, Emma Crouch, Ron Dicks, Lori Dicks, Kyle Dicks, Theresa Greer, Ken Greer, Fred Pistel, Candice Kling, Timothy Kling, Phyllis White, Loanna Thompson, Daniel Hartman, Hunter Kevil, Mindy Cherrington, Sherrie Attebery, Debbie Antel, Pat Campbell, Carol Morrison, Don Malson, John Kuehner, Melissa Fitzgerald, Connie Carl, Kevin Mott, Andrew Saeger, John Frerking, Mary Frerking, Carey Smith, Patty Smith, Debi Derendinger, Charlie Cott, Chris Cott, Doug Kiehne, Joanna McDowell, Glen Francois, Myra McCoig, Libbie Couper, Buck Katt, Dennis Haubein, Patti Haubein, Karen Niederjohn and David Attebery.

The agenda for this meeting was limited to issues pertaining to the process of calling a second pastor, including the selection of the minister to whom we will extend a call.

The candidates put forward by the Call Committee are: Rev. Michael D. Ahlemeyer, Rev. David W. Graves and Rev. Joshua M. Schultz

Chairman Kespohl introduced the Circuit Visitor, Rev. Kent Pierce. Rev. Pierce led the opening devotion. He then reviewed the Doctrine of Church and Ministry, and explained the Call Documents.

Larry McCoig explained the Constitutional Requirements for Election and the Procedure for Election.

Mary Frerking moved to adopt the Call List; seconded and approved.

Rev. Pierce presented the Call List and District President's Evaluations. Larry McCoig asked for any discussion and questions.

The Call Committee feels Rev. Schultz best fits the ministry description.

Rev. Pierce led a prayer for Holy Spirit's Guidance.

Chairman Kespohl then called for the distribution of ballots and election. Attendees participated in a hymn sing while the Elders counted the ballots. There was not a majority vote, therefore the candidate with the least amount of votes was removed from the list. Rev. Graves was removed as a candidate.

A new vote then took place between Rev. Ahlemeyer and Rev. Schultz. The Elders again counted the ballots. The majority voted for Rev. Joshua M. Schultz.

Larry McCoig moved to telephone Pastor-Elect Schultz; seconded and approved.

Andrew Saeger moved to recess while the telephone call to Pastor-Elect Schultz was made; seconded and approved.

The call was made but there was no answer. The Elders will try calling again.

Ken Greer moved to approve up to \$2000 for travel expenses to invite the Pastor-Elect to visit; seconded and approved.

Rev. Pierce asked for final encouragement and prayer for the Pastor-Elect.

Chairman Kespohl announced that the Elders were able to reach Rev. Schultz and he will consider the call. He then thanked the Call Committee for all their hard work.

The meeting adjourned at 2:29 p.m. and Pastor Thieme led the closing prayer.

Jacque Eckhoff, Secretary

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

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

The Assembly of Voters will meet
Sunday, December 15, 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

STEPHEN MINISTRY

The Fellowship Hall has been especially busy on several Tuesday nights recently. Our weeknight training sessions begin with a light meal and fellowship then we move into a Sunday School classroom for a 2 ½-hour training session that includes lecture and role-playing by our enthusiastic team of leaders and trainees. The three training modules we covered most recently are:

- † Distinctively Christian Caring, Part Two – discovering more effective ways of using resources such as prayer and scripture as tools in caring ministry
- † Process Versus Results in Caregiving – understanding the difference between our role as caregivers and God's role as caregiver
- † Assertiveness, Part One – learning the difference between passive, assertive, and aggressive behavior and gaining skills that will help both in relating with others and affirming our own worth.

Each module always has pre-class reading and "homework" which includes practicing skills for listening, for providing process-oriented care, and for relating gently and firmly. We have also paired with prayer partners in order to further instill the discipline of prayer for one another.

After our session on December 10, we will take a little break and resume training again on January 7. Caregiver training will continue throughout the month of February 2020. When caregivers have completed their training, they will be commissioned and available to be paired with care receivers. We are thankful for the continuing dedication of our caregiver trainees. Please keep all of them in your prayers: Barbara, Elke, Mindy, Don, Laura, Jessica, Patty, Dave, and Theresa. Thank you!

In Christ, Your Stephen Ministry Leaders

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



LIFE TEAM UPDATE



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

Like you, we are all looking forward to celebrating the beginning of our Lord Jesus' earthly life at Christmas! We are also looking forward to the new year with exciting things to share with the congregation. First, January 19 is Life Sunday. We will be in the Narthex after worship services that week with information and resources about how everyone can affirm that all human life is sacred. Two weeks later on February 2-3 we welcome Rev. Michael Salemink, the executive director of Lutherans for Life, as he visits Trinity. Rev. Salemink will be preaching at all three services that weekend and will also be leading our adult Bible study that Sunday.

If anyone is interested in joining our Life Team, please talk to any member of the team.

Blessings, the Life Team



Lutherans
For Life

Dear Friends in the name of Jesus, the baby and our Savior,

“As we thoughtfully ponder and anticipate the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, it is appropriate that we remember that moment of time in the life of each one of us when life began...a moment when we were changed from nothing into something; from nothing into **everything**. At that fraction of time called conception, we were in the presence of the **One** who is life, who is light and who is love. At that time of conception there was direction, destiny and power

because IN THE BEGINNING GOD created... He made everything, including the incredible human brain. The human brain ranks among the greatest wonders of God’s creation. At that moment of conception, there is in the single fertilized egg (that which each one of us once was) 27 times more information than is found in an entire set of the Encyclopedia Britannica! The truth is that you and I didn’t **come** from a fetus, an embryo or a fertilized egg. You and I once **were** a fetus, an embryo, a fertilized egg. Each individual life is a continuum that begins at conception. The same is true for Jesus. The Body that lay in the manger, the Body that hung on the cross, the Body that rose from the crypt was a body given to Jesus at His conception in the womb of Mary.

Before we were formed (Psalm 139), before God’s hands made us and fashioned us into an intricate unity (Job 10:8, 12), God knew us, loved us and had a plan for us. In a world in which so many people have a poor self-image, lack self-esteem and feel rejected and unwanted, the conception, life, death and resurrection of Jesus say to each one of us, “*you are so special, so unique, so valuable that you are worth dying for.*”

When a young child was asked how he got out of his mother’s tummy, he exclaimed, “God made a baby door!” With all the biological, medical and scientific language we use to describe pregnancy and childbirth, fundamentally, that is what it really is. God made a baby door for physical life **and** for spiritual life, because it was God’s own Baby, His own Son, who through His conception, life, death and resurrection became the Door by which each of us was birthed into His family. **That’s cause for celebration!** We ought to be so filled with the joy of being alive, so grateful for the gift of created life, that others seeing us will say, “**teach me what you know; teach me your joy; teach me your peace; teach me your LORD!**” Let the **celebration begin!**” (The preceding article was adapted with permission from Dr. Jean Garton’s speech at the Southern District Convention of LCMS in July 1997)

To learn more about Jesus’ journey through the womb, you might enjoy the following book:

Three Inches, Two Ounces - Reflections on Jesus in the womb based on Luke 1:56 –Jesus, who was formed in the womb of Mary, who began life smaller than a grain of salt, grew to three inches long and weighed two ounces, became a newborn in the Bethlehem manger, and lived a sinless life to become a 33-year-old who hung on a cross outside of Jerusalem. He did this so that you might be saved from the power of the devil, so that you might receive forgiveness of sins, and so that you might spend eternal life with Him in Paradise. The author, Rev. Michael J. Schmidt, is pastor at Peace Lutheran Church, Natoma, Kansas, and First Lutheran Church, Plainville, Kansas.

Pastor Saleminck, executive director of Lutherans For Life, ties Jesus’ birth to our adoption into His family and the blessings of human adoptions based on Galatians 4:4-5: “But when the set time had fully come, God sent His Son to be born of a woman, so that He would be born under the law in order to redeem those under the law, so that we would be adopted as sons.”

“Adoption makes up the Christian’s identity. We belong because God has adopted us. He has not begotten us from His own substance like the Eternal Son. And we do not always behave as His children and reflect His character. Still, He has chosen us who did not first choose Him. He calls us His beloved and declares Himself well-pleased with us. Our Almighty Maker comes to us childlike in Jesus Christ. He abandons His Only Begotten Son to secure us a space in His kingdom and household and family. No matter what age, appearance, ability, or history, human beings may have Lord God for our Heavenly Father. His adoptive washing of Holy Baptism births us anew and from above and forever. Sin renders us unworthy, but the Lamb once slain and raised again ensures we never end up unwanted.

“Adoption on earth embodies this grace. Christians engage in adopting not only because we desire to raise children but also—and above all—because the Most High desires their survival and salvation. We adopt because we have been so adopted. We adopt because little ones need homes. We adopt because we have homes and families to share. Life issues mean more than just political debates. Life issues involve more than just personal choices or someone else’s problems. Life issues are always people and Gospel.” (Pastor Michael Saleminck, executive director of Lutherans For Life, LifeDate, Fall, 2019)

Have a blessed Christmas in Christ, who gives value to all human life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death.

In Christ, the LORD of life,

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.



1 Kyle Dicks Larry Samuel	10 Shelly Gibson Jan Lang	22 Elke Beltz Joseph Buchheit
2 Brianna Chiu Kristin Gerike Stanley Wise	11 Laura Grise Lynne Scharlott Diane Smith	23 Becky Mott
3 J.R. Littell	12 Henry Rainey	28 Chloe Gibson Herb Griggs Noah Mefrakis
5 Matt Gibson Andy Mott	13 Avery Linneman Barbara Sanchez	29 Jackson Gooch Izabel Hanson Michelle Wren
6 Debbie Crutchfield	15 Allie Smith	30 Jon Berendzen
7 Annette Kiehne Hannah Watts	17 Zachary Jones Chuck Murphy	31 Ruth Stone Colin Weber Marilyn Wise
8 Ainsley Thoroughman	19 Jason Starbuck	
9 Julie Calfee Nolan Froese Sylvia Glenn Kevin Kiehne	20 Erika Berry Emelia Mangold Brian Tate Chyerl Varvil	
	21 Elizabeth Crutchfield Lillian Fei	



Glen and Elke Beltz	December 2, 2006
Rex and Lou Pasley	December 4, 1988
Karl and Barbara (Henke) Christopher	December 7, 1984
Don and Chyerl Varvil	December 12, 1974
Ron and Barbara Barrett	December 16, 1977
Phil and Sylvia Glenn	December 19, 1970
Kevin Burns and Lori Bresnahan Burns	December 21, 2018
Don and Susan Malson	December 22, 1974
Larry and Virginia Propp	December 23, 1971
Rob and Melba Hall	December 24, 1990
Danny and Karla Yung.....	December 26, 2003
Norburt and Marian (Kueck) Pierson	December 28, 2008
Cole and Emma Wohlgemuth.....	December 29, 2018
Donald and Lynne Scharlott	December 30, 1972

The information for anniversaries and birthdays comes from our Shepherd Staff database. If any information is incorrect or omitted, please contact the Church Office so that we can correct the error for the future.

NUT SALES ~ THANK YOU!



The Mary Martha Guild would like to thank you for your support of our fall fundraiser. The nut sales were a success, and we were able to meet our goal. The nuts were delivered to us by Farmstead Nuts and Treats at no charge due to the large amount of nuts you ordered. We also received some funding from Thrivent. The proceeds from sales will be used for financial donations to missions selected by Guild members. Thank you all for your orders, and many thanks to those who served on the nut committee to complete this project successfully. Thanks again!
~ Mary Martha Guild

JCC SCHEDULE:

Junior Confirmation Classes will meet at 12:00 p.m. on December 8 and at 4:00 p.m. on December 15. JCC will not meet on December 1, December 22, or December 29. JCC sessions will resume on January 5, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE:

JCC 3 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.

DIVINE CALL EXTENDED

The Assembly of Voters has extended a Divine Call to Rev. Joshua Schultz, who currently serves as associate pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Alpena, MI. Rev. Schultz has received our call and has been in contact with the Call Committee as he considers the call. Please keep Trinity, Rev. Schultz, and his congregation in your prayers as he considers the call we have extended.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8a & 1030a Worship Service w/Communion 915a Sunday School (Christmas Eve Practice) 5p Choir Practice	2 6p Worship Service w/Communion 7p Pickleball	3	4 7a Pickleball 9a TLCLC Chapel 12p Midweek Advent Worship 6p Advent Light Supper 7p Midweek Advent Worship	5 630a Men's Bible Study @ Denny's 9a TLCLC Chapel	6 REV. THIEME'S DAY OFF	7
8 8a & 1030a Worship Service 915a Sunday School (Christmas Eve Practice) 12p JCC 5p LLL	9 9a Bible Class 6p Worship Service 7p Pickleball	10 6p Vesper Guild 6p Stephen Ministry Training 7p Bd of Directors	11 7a Pickleball 9a TLCLC Chapel 930a Mary Martha Guild 12p Midweek Advent Worship 7p Midweek Advent Worship	12 630a Men's Bible Study @ Denny's 9a TLCLC Chapel	13 REV. THIEME'S DAY OFF	14
15 8a & 1030a Worship Service w/Communion 915a Sunday School (Christmas Eve Practice) 12p Assembly of Voters Potluck 1230p Assembly of Voters 4p JCC 6p Youth Night	16 9a Bible Class 6p Worship Service w/Communion 7p Pickleball	17 6p Christmas Eve Practice 7p Board of Elders	18 7a Pickleball 9a TLCLC Chapel 12p Midweek Advent Worship 530p Life Team 7p Midweek Advent Worship	19 630a Men's Bible Study @ Denny's 9a TLCLC Chapel 530p Christmas Eve Dress Rehearsal	20 REV. THIEME'S DAY OFF	21
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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