

# News of the Son

Trinity Lutheran Church – Columbia, MO



March  
2020

*From the  
Pastor*



## Lent

The early church set aside days during which they prepared themselves for Easter. The purpose of Lent sets before us our former captivity to sin, death, and the devil and then directs us to Jesus, who out of His great love rescues us from that great captivity by His death and resurrection. Thus during the season of Lent, we meditate on our sinfulness, but always with an eye toward Easter, where the empty tomb tells us that our salvation has been accomplished. The season is a time of reflection on our baptism in the drowning of the old selfish self through repentance and raising to life in the absolution of our sins by the blood of Christ.

Ash Wednesday began the season of Lent, which lasts 40 days, excluding Sundays (thus Sundays “in” Lent not “of” Lent). On Ash Wednesday there was an exhortation for congregational prayer and penitential reflection: “Remember you are dust, and to dust, you shall return.” We await the return of the Alleluia on Easter as well as the Final and Great Alleluia of the Lord at the resurrection to eternal life.

- + February 26 – Ash Wednesday Noon & 7:00 p.m. “Father, Forgive Them”
- + March 4 – Noon & 7:00 p.m. “Today... With Me in Paradise”
- + March 11 – Noon & 7:00 p.m. “Behold... Your Son... Your Mother”
- + March 18 – Noon & 7:00 p.m. “Why Have You Forsaken Me?”
- + March 25 – Noon & 7:00 p.m. “I Thirst”
- + April 1 – Noon & 7:00 p.m. “It Is Finished”
- + April 9 – Maundy Thursday Noon & 7:00 p.m. “My Blood... My Blood”
- + April 10 – Good Friday Noon & 7:00 p.m. “Father, into Your Hands”
- + April 12 – Easter Sunday 7:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. “Alleluia”

Your Servant in Christ,

*Pastor Brian K. Thieme*

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

**FEBRUARY 10, 2020**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MINUTES**  
**(Draft Minutes - Yet to be Approved)**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order on February 11, 2020 at 7:02 p.m. Attendees included Gary Kespohl (Chairman), Jacque Eckhoff (Secretary), Jim Harms, Angel Arnall, Mary Frerking, Carole Eilers, Rob Hall, Chris Cott, Charlie Cott, Nick Couper, Chris Bailey, Larry McCoig, Pastor Brian Thieme and Annette Kiehne.

Pastor Thieme led the opening devotion with LSB Hymn 854.

Chairman Kespohl added Worker Benefit Review Committee, Bathroom Renovations & Waiver of Liability to New Business.

Angel Arnall moved to approve the Meeting Agenda with these additions; seconded and approved.

Chairman Kespohl asked if there were and additions or corrections to the January 14, 2020 Board of Directors Minutes.

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 preached January 26/27. Rev. Salemink preached and lead bible study February 2/3 (Lutheran's for Life). Pastoral visits continue to be made with individuals, couples, families, and members of the community at large. Sunday morning class finished the Book of Daniel and is now studying Predestination, and the Monday morning class is going through the Large Catechism (Baptism). The Pastor's Study (Office) is slowly coming together.

**MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS**

Looking at Every One His Witness: Pastor Thieme and the Board of Elders are looking at adding a 1:30 p.m. service in October 2020, specifically for the homebound.

**MEMBERSHIP CHANGES:**

Out: Henry and Kimberly Rainey with their children Abigail Rainey and Colton Rainey by transfer to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Centralia, MO.

In: Tom Myers by Profession of Faith; Terri (Ray) Shank by transfer from Good Shepherd, Arnold, Mo.; Josh and Charity Grotzinger with their daughters Isabella Beckmann-Rogers, Josephine Grotzinger, and Caroline Grotzinger by transfer from Faith, Jefferson City, MO.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY - Not Present**

For the month of January, the Regular Envelope collections are 118.43% of the anticipated monthly amount. Loose Plate collections are 90.69% and Sunday School are 43.82%. The Total Monthly collections are 117.38% of the monthly anticipated amount of \$38,131.34. The Total Year to Date collections through the end of January are 117.38% of the anticipated amount of \$38,131.34.

**BOARD REPORTS:**

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - Mary Frerking**

The BOCE is continuing their curriculum, "Enduring Faith".

The Board will consider a special curriculum for the Lenten season. The BOCE is planning to hold a meeting with all available Sunday School teachers during the Sunday School hour on February 23rd. They are asking the Senior Youth to teach/play a game with the younger children so teachers can attend the meeting. The BOCE is in the process of organizing and indexing all remaining curriculum and other Sunday School materials into the file cabinets in the classrooms and the Sunday School office. Planning materials and some decorating supplies have been ordered for the summer's VBS. The date for VBS has not yet been set. GSLS - See page 13 of the BOD packet for financial report.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION - Carol Eilers**

Maintaining 100% enrollment as of February 1, 2020. January 2020 tuition is on track with income estimated in 2020 budget. BOECE is planning a staff welcome and greet meeting for February 19th. Employment offers to fill the Jesus Time teacher and one toddler's teacher aide, which will open in May 2020, are pending. Training on Conscious Discipline curriculum resumed in January. The BOECE approved a motion to forward a recommendation to the BOD on the renovation of the TLCLC office. A state licensing visit is expected but exact timing unknown at this time.

**ELDERS - Larry McCoig**

Stephen Ministry: See page 16 of the BOD packet.

**EVANGELISM - Rob Hall**

No report filed.

**SOCIAL MINISTRY - Angel Arnall**

No report filed.

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

The Board is working with Vanco to implement the BOD decision to accept contributions by bankcard. The Board will also be working with Pastor Thieme regarding how to announce and promote this new contribution system.

**TLC ENDOWMENT FUND - Nick Couper**

See page 18 and 19 of the BOD packet.

**TRUSTEES - Charlie Cott**

No report filed.

**YOUTH - Chris Bailey**

No report filed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

No report filed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT - James Harms**

January's Church's income was \$48,218 (8.9% of the years \$541,875 budgeted income). January's Church's cash expenditures was \$31,956 (7.295% of the years \$438,079 budgeted expenditures (\$541,875 budget - \$103,796 Pastor Contingency). January's Church income over expenditures was \$16,262. This number is reduced to \$7,612 when the budgeted portion of the \$103,796 Pastor Contingency is deducted. January's Learning Center's income was \$68,875 (9.41% of the years \$732,000 budgeted income). January's Learning Center's expenditures was \$45,257 (6.18% of the annual expenditure budget of \$732,000). January's Learning Center income over expenditures was \$23,618. Combined (Church and Learning Center) income over budgeted expenditures totaled \$39,880.

Outstanding 2019 BOD/AOV approved capital expenditures paid in January totaled \$2,810. 2019 net TLC/TLCLC income over expenditures ended at \$131,717. As per an outstanding AOV Motion: 1. \$13,172 (10%) has been sent to MO District LCMS - Missions. 2. \$35,327 is being held to cover outstanding 2019 BOD/AOV approved expenditures 3. \$83,218 (90%) still needs to be sent to LCEF (190 Capital Outlay Reserve) January 31, 2020 Net operating cash available is \$245,923. This will be reduced to \$162,705 when the outstanding AOV motion \$83,218 is sent to LCEF (190 Capital Outlay Reserve). January 31, 2020 Dedicated Accounts totaled \$72,416. January 31, 2020 Lutheran Church Extension Funds accounts total \$588,785. December 31, 2019 TLC LCMS Foundation Endowment Fund accounts increased slightly to \$105,662. Angel Arnall moved to approve the Treasurer's Report; seconded and approved.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Pews - Chris Cott spoke on the removal of pews and addition of chairs on May 30th. It was recommended to order four new chairs. Wooden chairs now being the preference. Chris reported she's done online research and found two options to fit our needs. Cost comparison is \$1318.20 vs \$985 (Discontinued). Larry McCoig moved to approve up to \$1400 for the chairs; seconded. Discussion. Larry McCoig amended his motion to add the cost will come out of BOD Approvals; seconded and approved. Chairman Kespohl called for a vote on the motion to approve up to \$1400 for the chairs, with the cost coming out of BOD Approvals; seconded and approved.

TLC Website (List Needs) - Chris Kespohl would like a list of needs that we are wanting on the website so he can get the process started. Needs include but are not limited to...Access to Pictorial Directory, Private & Public Side, Library of Reference Material, Boards Minutes Directory, Newsletters, Announcements, Podcast Sermon Audio/Visual, Calendar, Prayer Requests, TLCLC Link, Other Links, District News, Outreach Projects, Online Giving, Facility Use Forms, VBS Link, Volunteering and Pictures/Actions. BOD members agreed that both features and functionality are important.

Mid-meeting Hymn: LSB Hymn 854

#### NEW BUSINESS:

TLCLC Office Renovation - See handout in Secretary's notebook. Carole Eilers moved to approve up to \$2000; seconded. Discussion. Carole Eilers amended her motion to add the cost will come out of BOD Approvals; seconded and approved. Chairman Kespohl called for a vote on the motion to approve up to \$2000, with the cost coming out of BOD Approvals; seconded and approved.

Called Worker Benefits - Larry McCoig moved that TLC will begin to pay 75% of the health insurance cost for Divine Called Pastors and their family members beginning March 1, 2020; seconded. Discussion. This is a recommendation of the Board of Elders. Approved.

Proposal to Reorder TLC Pens (\$500) - Larry McCoig moved to approve \$500 for the reorder of TLC pens; seconded. Discussion. Larry McCoig amended his motion to include purchasing pens that fit the holes in the pews. Pens that fit would be Option #2 on page 27 of the BOD packet; seconded and approved. Chairman Kespohl called for a vote on the

motion to approve \$500 for reorder of TLC pens, with the condition that Option #2 on page 27 of the BOD packet be purchased; seconded and approved.

2018 Financial Review - Chairman Kespohl performed the Review. See handout in Secretary's notebook. Angel Arnall moved to approve the 2018 Financial Review; seconded and approved.

Easter Advertising - Columbia Missourian Larry McCoig moved approval of the Easter advertising; seconded. Discussion. Jim Harms moved to table until next month's BOD meeting; seconded and approved.

Worker Benefit Review Committee - Chairman Kespohl appointed the following people to be on the Worker Benefit Review Committee - Dennis Haubein, Jacque Eckhoff, Larry McCoig, Jim Harms and Pat Hansen. Angel Arnall moved to approve the committee appointments; seconded and approved.

Bathroom Renovations - See handouts in Secretary's notebook. Each bathroom renovation would cost approximately \$4500. Charlie Cott moved to approve up to \$4500 for each bathroom renovation; seconded and approved.

Waiver of Liability - See handout in Secretary's notebook. Tonight it's only informational. BOD will talk about it at next month's meeting. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

E2 Conference - See handout in Secretary's notebook.

The processional cross should be finished this week, and could possibly be delivered.

BOD members were told that during their Pictorial Directory Portrait Sessions to let the photographer know if you're a board member.

TLCLC will have CPR/AED Training on May 30, 2020 at 9:00 AM.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on March 10, 2020.

The next Assembly of Voters meeting will be held on February 16, 2020, and there will be a catered meal.

Angel Arnall moved to adjourn at 8:40 PM & Pastor Thieme led the group in a closing devotion (LSB Hymn 854).

Jacque Eckhoff, Secretary

**FEBRUARY 16, 2020**  
**ASSEMBLY OF VOTERS' MINUTES**  
**(Draft Minutes - Yet to be Approved)**

The regular meeting of the Assembly of Voters was called to order on February 16, 2020 at 12:30 p.m. Attendees included Gary Kespohl (Chairman), Jacque Eckhoff (Secretary), James Harms (Treasurer), JoAnn Schoenike (Financial Secretary), Pat Hansen, Carolyn Trigg, Lorelee Adam, Richard Mangold, Tammy Mangold, Jim Niederjohn, Karen Niederjohn, Joyce Raines, Bill Raines, Benjamin Asbeck, Heather Asbeck, Dennis Haubein, Carolyn Holste, Patti Haubein, Debbie Antel, Larry McCoig, Angel Arnall, Carol Morrison, Norburt Pierson, Marion Pierson, Dianne Mirtz, Sylvia Glenn, Richard Wise, Phil Glenn, Nick Couper, Warren Harms, Theresa Yeager, Pat Campbell, Myra McCoig, Annette Kiehne, Doug Kiehne, Joanna McDowell and Pastor Brian Thieme.

Pastor Thieme led the opening devotion (LSB Hymn 826).

Chairman Kespohl introduced Nick Couper, First-Time Attendee to the Assembly of Voters.

Chairman Kespohl added "Members needed for Endowment Fund Board and Social Ministry Board" to New Business.

Phil Glenn moved to approve of the Meeting Agenda with this addition; seconded and approved.

Jim Harms moved to approve Assembly of Voters Minutes of December 15, 2019 and Assembly of Voters Minutes of January 5, 2020; seconded and approved.

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

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Pastor Thieme

January 2020 - Rev. Spots 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. Sunday morning study is on the book of Daniel and the Monday morning class is going through the Large Catechism (Lord's Prayer).

February 2020 - Rev. Spotts is visiting 2/3 of the Homebound each month. Rev. Riggert preached January 26/27. Rev. Salemink preached and lead bible study February 2/3 (Lutheran's for Life). Pastoral visits continue to be made with individuals, couples, families, and members of the community at large. Sunday morning class finished the Book of Daniel and is now studying Predestination, and the Monday morning class is going through the Large Catechism (Baptism). The Pastor's Study (Office) is slowly coming together.

Ministry Highlights - Ava Speech-to-Text Bone-Conductive Headsets Divine Service for the Homebound

Membership Changes:

In: Tom Myers by Profession of Faith

Terry (Ray) Shank by transfer from Good Shepherd, Arnold, MO.

Josh and Charity Grotzinger with their daughters Isabella Beckmann- Rogers, Josephine Grotzinger, and Caroline Grotzinger by transfer from Faith, Jefferson City, Mo.

Out: Henry and Kimberly Rainey with their children Abigail Rainey and Colton Rainey by transfer to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Centralia, Mo.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT:** JoAnn Schoenike

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**TREASURER'S REPORT:** James Harms (Treasurer) 2019 End of Year Report The Church's income for December was \$64,547 with year ending \$589,564 total income (109.07% of the year's \$540,599 budgeted income). The Church's cash expenditures for December was \$41,827 with year ending \$410,759 total expenses (93.6% of the year's \$439,029 budgeted expenditures (\$540,559 budget - \$101,530 Pastor

Contingency). The Church's year end income over expenditures was \$178,805. This number is reduced to \$77,275 when the budgeted portion of the \$101,530 Pastor Contingency is deducted. The Learning Center's income for December was \$60,628 with year ending \$732,098 total income (102.94% of the year's \$711,200 budgeted income). The Learning Center's total expenditures for December were \$53,815 with year ending \$677,492 total expenses (95.26% of the annual expenditure budget of \$711,200). The Learning Center year end income over expenditures was \$54,606. Combined (Church and Learning Center) year end income over budgeted expenditures totaled \$233,411. \$5,000 is being held in reserve for work still to be completed on the roof replacement and is shown as Roof Accounts Payable. 2019 BOD/AOV approved expenditures totaled \$96,694.27 and differs from the \$80,511.40 shown on the Treasurer's Report with Annual Budget. The \$16,182.87 difference on account 995.6 and 995.61 was sent to LCEF for Gym Roof Hail Reserve. Net income over expenditures for 2019 actually ended at \$131,717 after the \$96,694 BOD/AOV expenditures and \$5,000 roofing accounts payable were deducted. \$30,327 BOD/AOV approved expenditures (\$10,292 - TLC Architect, \$1,931 - TLCLC Playground, \$3,259 - TLCLC Closets, \$14,298 - TLCLC Flooring, \$547 - Pastor Office Remodel) will be carried over into 2020. Net operating cash available as of December 31, 2019 was \$233,082. Dedicated accounts totaled a net amount of cash of \$79,242 as of December 31, 2019. Lutheran Church Extension Funds accounts total \$579,921 as of December 31, 2019. TLC Endowment Fund accounts held at the LCMS Foundation increased slightly to \$103,035. February 2020 Report January's Church's income was \$48,218 (8.9% of the years \$541,875 budgeted income). January's Church's cash expenditures was \$31,956 (7.295% of the years \$438,079 budgeted expenditures (\$541,875 budget - \$103,796) Pastor Contingency). January's Church income over expenditures was \$16,262. This number is reduced to \$7,612 when the budgeted portion of the \$103,796 Pastor Contingency is deducted. January's Learning Center's income was \$68,875 (9.41% of the years \$732,000 budgeted income). January's Learning Center's expenditures was \$45,257 (6.18% of the annual expenditure budget of \$732,000). January's Learning Center income over expenditures was \$23,618. Combined (Church and Learning Center) income over budgeted expenditures totaled \$39,880. Outstanding 2019 BOD/AOV approved capital expenditures paid in January totaled \$2,810. 2019 net TLC/TLCLC income over expenditures ended at \$131,717. As per an outstanding AOV Motion: 1. \$13,172 (10%) has been sent to MO District LCMS - Missions. 2. \$35,327 is being held to cover outstanding 2019 BOD/AOV approved expenditures 3. \$83,218 (90%) still needs to be sent to LCEF (190 Capital Outlay Reserve) January 31, 2020 Net operating cash available is \$245,923. This will be reduced to \$162,705 when the outstanding AOV motion \$83,218 is sent to LCEF (190 Capital Outlay Reserve). January 31, 2020 Dedicated Accounts totaled \$72,416. January 31, 2020 Lutheran Church Extension Funds accounts total \$588,785. December 31, 2019 TLC LCMS Foundation

Endowment Fund accounts increased slightly to \$105,662. Angel Arnall moved to approve the Treasurer's Report; seconded and approved.

**BOARD REPORTS:**

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** Carolyn Holste

The 2019 Sunday School mission was Lutheran Heritage Foundation. A check for \$465.59 was sent to the foundation. A 2020 mission will be chosen soon. The BOCE is continuing their curriculum, "Enduring Faith". The Board will consider a special curriculum for the Lenten season. The BOCE is planning to hold a meeting with all available Sunday School teachers during the Sunday School hour on February 23rd. They are asking the Senior Youth to teach/play a game with the younger children so teachers can attend the meeting. The BOCE is in the process of organizing and indexing all remaining curriculum and other Sunday School materials into the file cabinets in the classrooms and the Sunday School office. Planning materials and some decorating supplies have been ordered for the summer's VBS. The date for VBS has not yet been set. CLAS/GSLS: See page 34 of the AOV packet for financial report.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION:** Theresa Yeager

Maintaining 100% enrollment as of February 1, 2020. January 2020 tuition is on track with income estimated in 2020 budget. BOECE is planning a staff welcome and greet meeting for February 19th. Employment offers to fill the Jesus Time teacher and one toddler's teacher aide, which will open in May 2020, are pending. Training on Conscious Discipline curriculum resumed in January. The BOECE approved a motion to forward a recommendation to the BOD on the renovation of the TLCLC office. A state licensing visit is expected but exact timing unknown at this time.

**ELDERS:** Larry McCoig

Elders assignments have been made for 2020. A new record of fellowship pad was approved. Installation of Officers was held January 5, 2020. Stephen Ministry: See page 35 of the AOV packet.

**EVANGELISM:** No Representative Present

No report filed.

**SOCIAL MINISTRY:** Angel Arnall

No report filed. Appointments are still available for the Pictorial Directory.

**STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE:** No Representative Present

The Board is working with Vanco to implement the BOD decision to accept contributions by bankcard. The Board will also be working with Pastor Thieme regarding how to announce and promote this new contribution system.

**TLC ENDOWMENT FUND:** Nick Couper

See page 18 and 19 of the February BOD packet.

**TRUSTEES:** No Representative Present

No report filed.

**YOUTH:** No Representative Present

The Youth is currently planning for the Pancake Breakfast and Easter Breakfast. The summer youth trip will be a "Creation Tour" teaming up with the youth from Fairmont, MN in July 2020. Youth nights are held on the second Sunday at 6pm and a game night on the last Saturday at 7pm.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

No report filed.

**CALL SCREENING COMMITTEE:**

Larry McCoig reported that seven individuals will be interviewed from the Seminary in February 2020.

**KITCHEN COMMITTEE:** See page 36 of the AOV packet.

\*Mid-meeting Devotion (LSB Hymn 826)

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Removed Pews / Church Chairs - In December 2019, the AOV postponed until this meeting a motion to spend up to \$400 to purchase 4 church chairs. In February 2020, the BOD adopted a motion recommending that up to \$1400 be spent to purchase four church chairs. Larry McCoig moved to approve up to \$1400 to purchase four church chairs; seconded. Discussion. Approved.

\*Mid-meeting Devotion (LSB Hymn 826)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Called Worker Benefits - The BOD recommends the adoption of the following recommendation of the Board of Elders: Beginning March 1, 2020, Trinity Lutheran Church will pay for 75% of the health insurance cost for divinely called pastors and their family members. Larry McCoig moved to approve that beginning March 1, 2020, Trinity Lutheran Church will pay for 75% of the health insurance cost for divinely called pastors and their family members; seconded. Discussion. Angel Arnall called the question; seconded and approved. Chairman Kespohl called for a vote on the motion; approved.

2018 Financial Review - Angel Arnall moved to accept the 2018 Financial Review; seconded and approved.

Bathroom Renovations - The BOD recommends spending up to \$9000 to renovate the main men's and women's restrooms in the west TLCLC hallway (rooms 222 and 253). Larry moved to approve spending up to \$9000 to renovate the main men's and women's restrooms in the west TLCLC hallway (rooms 222 and 253); seconded and approved.

Member Needed for Endowment Fund Board - No volunteers at this time.

Member Needed for Social Ministry Board - No volunteers at this time.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held March 10, 2020.

The next Assembly of Voters meeting will be held May 17, 2020.

The Pancake Breakfast, hosted by TLCLC and the Board of Youth, will be held Saturday, March 7, 2020 from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Information on BOD Actions (No action by AOV). See page 37 of AOV packet.

Everyone enjoyed the catered lunch, and would like to see it at future AOV meetings.

Phil Glenn moved to adjourn at 2:02 PM; seconded and approved.

Pastor Thieme led the group in Closing Devotion (LSB Hymn 826).

Jacque Eckhoff, Secretary

## 2020 Trinity Lutheran Church Officers and Board Members

**Chairman**

Gary Kesphohl

**Secretary**

Jacque Eckhoff

**Treasurer**

Jim Harms

**Financial Secretary**

JoAnn Schoenike

**Board of Christian Ed.**

Mary Frerking  
Carolyn Holste  
Julie Smith

**Board of Early**

**Childhood Ed.**  
Carole Eilers  
Cynthia Green  
Christina Hartman  
Karen Niederjohn  
Theresa Yeager

**Board of Elders**

Benjamin Asbeck  
David Attebery  
Ron Barrett  
Jim Cherrington  
John Frerking  
Daniel Hartman  
Larry McCoig

**Board of Evangelism**

Robert Hall  
Chuck Murpy  
Pattie Smith

**Board of Social Ministry**

Angel Arnall  
Kathy Ferguson  
vacancy

**Board of Stewardship  
and Finance**

Lori Bresnahan-Burns  
Rob & Kim Crouch  
Sean Huggans  
Buck Katt  
Richard Mangold  
Andrew Saeger

**Board of TLC**

**Endowment Fund**  
Nick Couper  
Gary Frisch  
vacancy

**Board of Trustees**

Charlie Cott  
Jim Niederjohn  
Eddie Sterling

**Board of Youth**

Chris Bailey  
Melissa Remer-Phifer  
Michelle Wren

Board of Directors reports and  
agenda items are due to the church  
office by noon on  
Friday, March 6, 2020.

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

The **Assembly of Voters** will meet  
**Sunday, May 17** at  
**12:30 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall.

### LET'S SEW THERAPEUTIC BLANKETS

Are you blessed to have a sewing machine and like to sew, do you have a heart to help others, do you have a few extra hours over the next couple months? Are you thinking, "Yes, that's me"? I have the perfect project for you! Let's schedule a half hour to learn how to make a 5-6 pound blanket approximately 35" x 45" suitable for children. Fabric and poly pellets are supplied through this Thrivent Action team. When 15 to 20 blankets are completed, we will gather for a Blanket Blessing and fellowship. Blankets are donated to local agencies who will distribute to those in our community who may benefit from the use of a therapeutic/weighted blanket.

Happy Sewing! 573-823-0008 or email  
alandjudy2004@yahoo.com.



## 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.

**Mondays 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**  
**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
**Room 106**







# Help us strengthen our community!

Be a part of the new Trinity Lutheran directory so everyone will know your name.

## Photography starts March 3

Go to [trinity-lcms.org](http://trinity-lcms.org)  
to reserve your photography session

**Lifetouch.**



### LIFE TEAM UPDATE

Many thanks to all of you who contributed to the Free Will Offering for Lutherans For Life last month! A generous check was sent to Lutherans For Life which will support their vision of equipping Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life. Not only does Lutherans For Life speak about the sanctity of human life, they show it by motivating, educating, organizing and activating Life Chapters and Life teams. Currently over 150 volunteer communities are operating in congregations and neighborhoods across the country which allow Lutherans For Life to reach into the lives of over 200,000 individuals every year. Lutherans For Life touches the very hearts endangered by abortion, assisted suicide, and other life-and-death issues with the most positive, most powerful message in creation—the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

Here at Trinity, besides hosting Life Sunday and Pastor Saleminck's visit, we have an active ministry to Trinity's home bound members who were remembered with Valentine cards, gifts and visits last month to help them remember that they have value in God's sight because He created, redeemed, and still sustains them.

Watch for future Life Team opportunities to educate and equip you to be a Gospel-motivated voice for life! If you are interested in joining the Life Team, please speak to one of our members or email Phyllis White at [bandp@socket.net](mailto:bandp@socket.net).

Blessings, the Life Team



## STEPHEN MINISTRY

During services March 22 and 23, our congregation will commission ten well-trained Stephen Series caregivers! These dedicated people will have completed 50 hours of in-depth training and after commissioning will be ready for caregiving assignments. The 50 hours of training included lecture and role-playing in 18 different areas, each of which has been summarized in newsletter articles the past five months. Here is a summary of the training modules we covered in February and March:



- + Helping Suicidal Persons Get the Help They Need - Learned how to determine the level of risk and how to refer a care receiver to a qualified professional.
- + Dealing with Depression - Learned skills appropriate to providing care for those who are mildly to moderately depressed and when to involve mental health professionals.
- + Bringing the Caring Relationship to a Close - Learned and practiced skills on how and when to close a relationship and how to head-off premature closure.
- + Supervision: A Key to Quality Christian Care (Parts 1 and 2) - Learned what tools are available for supervision and how to use them, with special emphasis on Focus Question Sets.
- + Using Mental Health Professionals and Other Community Resources - Learned when and how to refer care receivers to mental health professionals, how and when it is okay to provide care in conjunction with a professional, and what other resources are available for people in crisis.
- + How to Make a First Caring Visit - Reviewed all we have learned about caregiving and practiced setting up and conducting a first caring visit.
- + Follow Me - Reviewed “The Caregiver’s Compass” as a way of summarizing learnings in five qualities: compassion, faith, skills, trustworthiness, and remaining Christ-centered, and watched a video, *Go-God Is with You!*

Please continue to pray for our team of trainees and leaders as they enter a new stage of this caregiving ministry: Barbara Barrett, Elke Beltz, Mindy Cherrington, Laura Grise, Jessica Murphy, Patty Smith, Theresa Yeager, and our leaders Debbie Antel, Larry McCoig, and Joanna McDowell.

If you have any questions or would like more information about the Stephen Ministry, please contact one of us and/or visit [stephenministries.org](http://stephenministries.org).

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*





*Blessings to you in the name of God our Creator, Jesus our Redeemer and the Holy Spirit who sustains us,*

Because all human life is precious and a gift from God, sometimes medical decision making can be difficult. Sometimes just because something can be done doesn't mean that it should be done. The following is a guide from the *Healthcare Advocacy and Leadership Organization* with *life-affirming principles for medical decision-making*; I pray you find it helpful:

1. No matter what life-sustaining procedure/medical treatment is in question, when in doubt, **err on the side of life**. A medical intervention can be tried with the option of stopping it if it proves ineffective or excessively burdensome *for the patient*.
2. It is the physician's obligation to truthfully and fully, in layperson's terms, discuss with the patient/proxy/family/guardian the benefits, risks, cost, etc. of available medical means that may improve the patient's condition/prolong life. The focus should be on what the person making medical decisions needs to know in order to give *truly informed consent*.
3. The patient or the patient's legal representative makes the decision whether a treatment is too burdensome. (Note: The patient's life must never be ended because it is considered a burden to the patient or others.) If a patient wishes to fight for every moment of life, this is a legitimate interest to be respected.
4. It is impossible to make morally sound, sensible, informed health care decisions based on guesswork about some future illness or injury and possible treatment options. Health care decisions must be based on *current* information.
5. Two extremes are to be avoided:
  - Insistence on physiologically useless or excessively burdensome treatment even when a patient may legitimately wish to forgo it.
  - Withdrawal or withholding of treatment with the intention to hasten/cause death.
6. The object and motive for administering **pain medication** must be to relieve pain. Death must not be sought or intended.
7. Nutrition and hydration, whether a person is fed with a spoon or through a tube, is basic care, not medical treatment. Insertion or surgical implantation of a feeding tube takes medical expertise, but it is an ordinary life-preserving procedure for a person who has a working digestive system but is unable to eat by mouth.
  - **Acceptable** - During the natural dying process, when a person's organs are shutting down so that the body is no longer able to assimilate food or water or when their administration causes serious complications, stopping tube-feeding or spoon-feeding is both medically and morally appropriate. In these circumstances, the cause of death is the person's disease or injury, not deliberate dehydration and starvation.
  - **Unacceptable** - When a person is not dying—or not dying quickly enough to suit someone—food and fluids are often withheld with the intent to cause death because the person is viewed as having an unacceptably low quality of life and /or as imposing burdens on others. The direct cause of death is then dehydration and starvation. (For more information see [www.HALOrganization.com](http://www.HALOrganization.com))

Rest in God's wisdom and His *grace*,

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).

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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

<b>2</b> Phil Glenn	<b>11</b> Sophie Berendzen Lameck Mwamgiga	<b>23</b> Olive Graham Louise Griggs Chris Kespohl
<b>3</b> Kurstin Stephenson	<b>12</b> Michael Brown Zachary Cates Bonnie Lawler	<b>24</b> Debbie Laupp
<b>4</b> Debbie Harms	<b>14</b> Colton Rainey Josh Thieme	<b>25</b> Joan Quilling
<b>5</b> Hawk Harris Gary Kespohl Wyatt Smith	<b>15</b> Hannah Nandor	<b>26</b> Peter Hartman Joyce Walters
<b>6</b> Robert Hall Matthew Swartz	<b>19</b> Sawyer Bergman Margaret Fines	<b>27</b> Diane Linneman
<b>9</b> Rob Crouch Karen Easton Emma Grace Gooch	<b>20</b> Warren Harms Mary Redders Donna Weber	<b>28</b> Karly Berendzen Noah Eckhoff Jacob Marriott Theresa Yeager
<b>10</b> Cynthia Green Dana Luetkemeier Zachary Mott Dan Noll	<b>21</b> Roland Meyer	<b>29</b> Ronald Lueck
	<b>22</b> Thomas Stone, Jr.	<b>30</b> Karl Christopher
		<b>31</b> Pearly Baynes

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



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.

**JCC SCHEDULE:**

Junior Confirmation Classes will meet at at 6:00 p.m. on March 1, 8, 15, and 29. JCC will not meet on March 22.

There will be a meeting for JCC 3 parents on March 1 directly following the class session.

**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.

**PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE BREAKFAST**

Please join us for a pancake and sausage breakfast from 7:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 7, 2020, hosted by the Board of Youth and the Trinity Lutheran Child Learning Center. Child care and games will be available in the Gym, and in the Fellowship Hall we will be serving up whole hog sausage and Aunt Jemima wheat and original pancakes along with coffee, milk, and orange juice. Free will donations will be accepted.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8a & 1030a Worship Service w/Communion 915a Sunday School 12p Stephen Ministry Training 130p Bd of Trustees 5p Handbell Practice 6p JCC 6p LLL 730p JCC 3 Parent Meeting	2 9a Bible Class 6p Worship Service w/Communion 7p Pickleball 7p GriefShare	3 2p-9p Church Directory Photos 6p Bd of Early Childhood Ed.	4 7a Pickleball 9a TLCLC Chapel 12p Mid-week Lent Worship Service 7p Mid-week Lent Worship Service	5 630a Men's Bible Study @ Denny's 9a TLCLC Chapel 2p-9p Church Directory Photos	6 2p-9p Church Directory Photos 5p Pancake Breakfast Setup  REV. THIEME'S DAY OFF	7 7a-1p Pancake Breakfast 10a-5p Church Directory Photos
8 8a & 1030a Worship Service 915a Sunday School 12p College Student Lunch 12p Bd of Youth 5p Choir Practice 6p JCC 6p Youth Group	9 9a Bible Class 6p Worship Service 7p Pickleball 7p GriefShare	10 2p-9p Church Directory Photos 6p Vesper Guild 7p Bd of Directors	11 7a Pickleball 9a TLCLC Chapel 930a Mary Martha Guild 12p Mid-week Lent Worship Service 7p Mid-week Lent Worship Service	12 630a Men's Bible Study @ Denny's 9a TLCLC Chapel	13  REV. THIEME'S DAY OFF	14
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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