

# News of the Son

Trinity Lutheran Church — Columbia, MO



May  
2020



## “During These Times”

During these times several Bible passages come to mind.

† John 6:68 *Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”*

† Psalm 121:1-2 *I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.*

† Ecclesiastes 1:9 *What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun.*

This is not the first time God’s people have faced plagues, pestilence, epidemics, or other such troubles. I can look in my own family archive and find a newspaper clipping about my great-uncle’s death from the Spanish Flu in 1918. The clipping tells how grief replaced happiness in the home. Ernst was on his way home from the war in Europe (The War to End All Wars – WWI), and the family was overjoyed. The joy was replaced with grief when the telegram from the War Department stated that he died aboard ship from the Spanish Flu on the way home. My great-grandmother’s brave heart was challenged by her loss.

Churches were challenged when the 1918 epidemic reached American shores. Churches were closed, and people stayed in their homes. The *Lutheran Witness* magazine responded in part by encouraging God’s people to gather around the Word in their homes. Here is an excerpt from a 1918 article:

Family Devotions. - During the present epidemic the Board of Health of many cities have requested that congregations’ close schools, churches, and Sunday-schools until the danger has passed. Not only our pastors, but also the ministers of other churches advised their people through the public press, or otherwise, that during the closing of the churches they should read the Scriptures at home and have family prayers. In those homes in which this had been a custom before it was easily arranged. To others it was a novel experience. It is to be hoped that some who tasted the spiritual delight of family devotion will continue the practice in the future.

Let no one imagine that the churches of the pastors fear that people will take to prayer in the family and neglect public services. The family that enjoys the reading of the Scriptures and family prayers during the week is the one which is most ready to visit the house of God whenever the doors are thrown open. The more members of a congregation practice home or family devotion, the better will be the church attendance in that congregation. That father and head of the house who gathers his household together each day because it is his intention and determination: “I and my home will serve the Lord.”- that father will be of the same mind on the day when the churches are open and the pastor proclaims God’s Word.

Are you looking for some good work to do? Would you do something to glorify God, something whereby you may show gratitude towards the Savior, something whereby you may be yourself blessed, and whereby you may bless your neighbor, something whereby you may be a blessing to your whole country? Institute family devotion daily in your home. Go about it in a cheerful, friendly, evangelical manner. If that is daily done, you have accomplished something that will bless you and yours in time and eternity.

As we slowly begin to open again and things are still not back to normal, you are encouraged to gather around the Word of Christ. The Lord has and always will sustain us.

1 Peter 1:24-25 *for “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever.” And this word is the good news that was preached to you.*

Your Servant in Christ,

*Pastor Brian K. Thieme*

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



## NEW PASTOR

Our new second pastor will be Joseph McCalley. He received his call placement to Trinity on April 29 and accepted the call on April 30. He will graduate from Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana on May 22, 2020. Joseph is from Strasburg, Colorado, just east of Denver. Pastor-elect McCalley will be ordained and installed at Trinity in either late June or mid-July. While we await his arrival, you are encouraged to send him a card or note welcoming him to his new church. His current address is:

**Joseph M. McCalley, 6600 N Clinton St. #396, Fort Wayne IN 46825.** We thank the Lord for His wisdom and guidance as He leads us through our Divine Call process.

**APRIL 14, 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 April 14, 2020 at 7:02 p.m. Attendees included Gary Kespohl (Chairman), Jacque Eckhoff (Secretary), Jim Harms, JoAnn Schoenike, Angel Arnall, Mary Frerking, Larry McCoig, Theresa Yeager, Robert Hall, Charlie Cott, Nick Couper, Annette Kiehne, Karen Niederjohn, Chris Bailey & Pastor Brian Thieme.

Pastor Thieme led the opening devotion.

Chairman Kespohl added TLC Website Upgrade and BOECE Motion to New Business. Charlie Cott added Church Office Renovation to New Business. Angel Arnall moved to approve the Meeting Agenda with these additions; seconded and approved.

Chairman Kespohl asked if there were any additions or corrections to the March 10, 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. Riggert preached the Mid-Week Lenten Services. Divine Services: Streaming Online, Drive-In for Sunrise Service Easter Morning, Holy Communion by appointment, and CD player sent to help when there were no other means of receiving our Services. Sunday morning class is studying Psalms of Comfort, streaming online. Weekdays at noon studying Hymns of Comfort, streaming online. Bedtime stories M-F online. **MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS:** More time has been spent in Services and Bible Studies than meetings, which is how it should be. Facebook has been used to reach many

in our congregation, throughout the United States, and some throughout the world. Facebook has afforded several Outreach Opportunities: Divine Services, Hymns of Comfort, Bible Studies and Bedtime Stories. We have done a lot of AV work to improve the sound when streaming and recording: Need to improve Wifi, should think about creating a better system for streaming, and may want to consider better video equipment. **MEMBERSHIP CHANGES:**

Transfer Out: Thomas Coyle and Family, Removed by Request

Joleen Finders and Family, Removed by Request  
Deborah Tucker, Transfer to Zion, Moberly MO  
Transfer In: Andrew and Brianne Rivers transfer from Alive in Christ, Columbia MO

Michael Jacobs transfer from Faith, Jefferson City MO

Bonnie Firestone by Infant Baptism

Sadie Schneider by Infant Baptism

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY - JoAnn Schoenike** For the month of March, the Regular Envelope collections are 93.3% of the anticipated monthly amount. Loose Plate collections are 101.88% and Sunday School are 63.59%. The Total Monthly collections are 93.52% of the monthly anticipated amount of \$43,473.09. The Total Year to Date collections through the end of March are 105.06% of the anticipated amount of \$117,719.40.

#### **BOARD REPORTS:**

**CHRISTIAN ED. - Mary Frerking**

No report filed. **GSLs -** See page 10 of the BOD packet for financial report.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD ED. - Theresa Yeager**

See pages 11-16 of the BOD packet for full report.

**ELDERS - Larry McCoig -** No report filed.

**EVANGELISM - Robert Hall -** No report filed.

**SOCIAL MINISTRY - Angel Arnall -** No report filed.

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

Counting continues as per the agreed upon schedule. Online giving through EFT and bankcards is now

available through the Trinity website and the GivePlus app.

TLC ENDOWMENT - Nick Couper - No report filed.

TRUSTEES - Charlie Cott - No report filed.

YOUTH - Chris Bailey - No report filed.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: See page 18 of the BOD packet

TREASURER'S REPORT - James Harms

March's Church income was \$50,182 with a year-to-date income for the month ending March 31, 2020 at \$136,903 (25.26% of the years \$541,875 budgeted income).

AOV approved an annual budget change effective March 1 increasing item #511.5 - Pastor Health to cover 75% of the family health plan cost. This reduced item #519 - Pastor Contingency from \$103,796 to \$93,489.

March's Church expenditures were \$31,297 with a year-to-date expense total for the month ending March 31, 2020 at \$97,532 [21.73% of the years \$448,769 budgeted expenditures (\$541,875 budget - \$93,489) Pastor Contingency]. The Church's year-to-date three-month income over expenditures was \$39,371. This number is reduced to \$15,999 when the budgeted portion of the \$93,489 Pastor Contingency is deducted.

March's Learning Center income was \$60,919 with a year-to-date income for the month ending March 31, 2020 at \$152,213 (26.83% of the years \$732,000 budgeted income). Unsure how much tuition income will need to be credited/refunded due to COVID-19.

March's Learning Center expenditures were \$58,910 with a year-to-date expense total for the month ending March 31, 2020 at \$152,213 (20.79% of the annual expenditure budget of \$732,000). The Learning Center's year-to-date three-month income over expenditures was \$44,153.

Combined (Church and Learning Center) income over budgeted expenditures totaled \$83,524. This amount is reduced to \$70,547 after \$12,977 was paid in BOD & AOV Expenditures.

Prior & Current Year BOD/AOV approved expenditures paid in March totaled \$4,384. Acct 995.1 TLC BOD/AOV App: \$2,111 expenses \$1,318.20 - 4 wooden sanctuary chairs \$408.87 - Lent lite supper \$384 - AOV meal March 31, 2020: \$78,218 AOV EOY income/expenditures motion has not been sent to LCEF (190 Capital Outlay Reserve) at this time. Net operating cash available is \$273,799 and would be reduced to \$195,181 when this is done.

March 31, 2020: Dedicated Accounts totaled \$80,743.

March 31, 2020: Lutheran Church Extension Funds accounts total \$590,829.

February 29, 2020 TLC LCMS Foundation Endowment Funds account value was \$100,355.

There was a market reduction of \$4,495 from a month ago.

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

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Call Update

Larry McCoig reported that an email was received from President Hagan asking for insurance clarification. If we receive a Seminarian, TLC would pay 100% of Pastor and 75% of family. Call date ie 4/28/20.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

TLCLC Closure and Employee Pay

See page 18 of BOD packet. Angel Arnall moved to approve the Executive Committee's action; seconded and approved.

SBA Loan / Paycheck Protection Program See page 18 of BOD packet. Angel Arnall moved to approve the Executive Committee's action; seconded and approved.

BOECE Motion Effective Monday, April 27, 2020 BOECE is requesting that Trinity Lutheran Child Learning Center remain closed until it is deemed safe for our students, their families, and the teachers and staff to return. This decision will be based on recommendations from our federal, state and city government officials, our Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, and the leadership of BOECE, TLCLC and Trinity Lutheran Church. Theresa Yeager moved to approve the BOECE request; seconded and approved.

TLC Website Upgrade

Chris Kespohl showed the BOD the website mock up. Christ shared that the next step is to ask for a written proposal with cost. Chris requested to make website decisions in conjunction with Pastor Thieme, Annette and Andrew. He also mentioned that next year's budget should have a website maintenance budget included. \$1000 should be appropriate.

Church Office Remodel Charlie Cott asked if we are ready for the church office remodel. With current social distancing regulations we are unable to start at the moment. Also, sound system, security and copiers need to be considered. We are a week or two away from a plan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on May 12, 2020. The next Assembly of Voters meeting will be held on May 17, 2020.

Larry McCoig moved to adjourn at 8:14 PM and Pastor Thieme led the group in a closing devotion.

Jacque Eckhoff, Secretary



## What's on the money? (Part I)

(\*All coins feature the national emblem on the reverse.)



**1 peso**  
~ \$0.02

**Front:** Juan Pablo Duarte,  
founding father



**5 pesos**  
~ \$0.09

**Front:** Francisco del Rosario  
Sánchez, founding father



**10 pesos**  
~ \$0.19

**Front:** Matías Ramón Mella,  
founding father



**25 peso**  
~ \$0.46

**Front:** Gregorio Luperón, hero  
of the restoration

(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).)

## Breaking the Limit

Lettering—particularly Bible lettering in my circles—is trending right now. From Wikipedia: “Lettering is an umbrella term that covers the art of drawing letters, instead of simply writing them.”

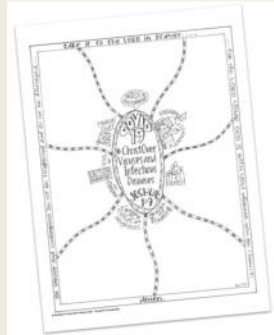
Together with some other LAC missionary women, I completed an [April Bible lettering challenge](#) that saw us letter a different verse each day. About midway through, it hit me. I don’t *enjoy* lettering. There. I said it. I persisted until the 30th because I finish what I start, but I won’t be adding Tombow’s newest marker sets to my Christmas list or practicing thin upstrokes and thick downstrokes in my spare time. (No disrespect to Visual Faith Ministry, featured in my [April newsletter](#) and on page 2.)

I feel pressured to like lettering, which childishly makes me not want to. But even more so: I’m a self-proclaimed perfectionist. My attempts at swirly, flowing strokes look like a second grader learning cursive. My uptight hand muscles know the rules and can’t seem to break them. Psalm 119:96, then, spoke to me:

*I have seen a limit to all perfection, but your commandment is exceedingly broad.*

My friends long ago dubbed my handwriting “Mackenzie Font.” I’ve come to terms with and even embraced the straight-laced part of who I am. But even printing that tends to go in evenly spaced, straight lines on a blank sheet of paper will never be perfect. In fact, my best efforts at anything this side of heaven will always fall short because nobody’s perfect, except One Man. Thanks be to God for sending His flawless Son Jesus Christ to break the limit to perfection—to fulfill the “letter” of the law on our behalf, die, and rise again. His victory is our invitation into the impeccable bliss of His eternal Kingdom!





Christ  
Over  
Viruses and  
Infectious  
Diseases!

This month, use the [Visual Faith Ministry COVID-19 Prayer Sheet](#) to pray for...

- Government & community
- Family
- Work & finances
- Friends & neighbors
- The sick & stranded
- Medical staff & caregivers

## God's Gifts

OIM's new [English Conversation Partner program](#) kicks off in earnest this month! English has long been a bridge between the communities in which missionaries serve and local church bodies, though.

Eurasia in particular has employed English Bible camps as part of its church planting strategy for several summers in a row now, so it only made sense for a team of experienced missionaries and others to collaborate on a resource that didn't need to be "Lutheranized" first. "God's Gifts" helps children strengthen their speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills, all while teaching five stories from the book of Acts that highlight God's gifts of the Holy Spirit, teachers, faith, joy and life. A second curriculum is in development as of this writing.



Learn more and download God's Gifts for **FREE** to use in your church or community [here](#).



*Left: Santiago's cathedral by night; Center: Courtney & I at the La Remembranza cigar factory; Right: I've always known my neighborhood was abloom with mangoes, passion fruit, sour oranges, coconuts, and plantains, but who knew there was a cashew tree, too?!*

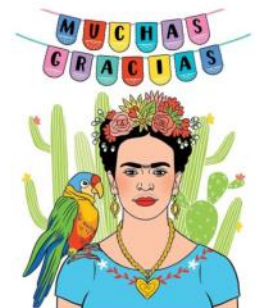
### Quote of the Month!

"Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better."

—Maya Angelou

To support the LCMS through me, you may give a tax-deductible gift...

- **online**, securely from any device: [lcms.org/givenow/mackenzie](https://lcms.org/givenow/mackenzie);
- by **calling** a donor care representative: 1-888-843-5267; or
- by **sending a check** (with "Mackenzie/Latin America" on the memo line) to:
  - ⇒ LCMS, PO Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861; or
  - ⇒ Mission Central, 40718 Highway E 16, Mapleton, IA 51034.







*Blessings to you in the name of our Resurrected LORD,*

The following are excerpts from a message from Lutherans For Life:

### **LIFE HAS CHANGED**

by Rev. Jeff Duncan, Mission & Ministry Director of national LFL

Life as we know it has changed! The novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2), the cause of the disease COVID-19, has our lives in confusion, hysteria, and despair. Or does it?

The devil rejoices when Christians are separated from the gifts of God in Word and Sacrament. Governing authorities take precautions. The public welfare is considered, and policies are dictated. How is the Church—your local church—going to continue? The norm of our weekly worship life is disrupted. Fear and uncertainty abound. Clergy, boards of elders, and church councils are sent scrambling for quick decisions. Strategies are discussed, alternatives are weighed, and announcements are published. **The Word of the Lord shall endure!**

#### ***In reality, life as we know it has not changed at all!***

From the sin of Adam and Eve came the entrance of death into the Garden. For a time, it appeared the Serpent had won. Out of the despair of falling into sin and judgment came a promise.

**I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel”** (Genesis 3:15).

God Himself has delivered on this promise. Salvation has come in a Son, conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

**“But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons”** (Galatians 4:4-5).

Now we have received the gift of adoption into His Life at the cross of our redemption. Sins are forgiven as the Lord suffered the full wrath of the Father’s judgment, drinking it down to the dregs. Dying, He lives! Resurrected to new life, He redeems us from sin, death, and the power of the devil. Raised in glory to the right hand of God, He bestows the power to become sons of the Father in our Baptisms.

**Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his”** (Romans 6:3-5).

Jesus said, **“I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world”** (John 16:33). Sin continues to disrupt, and the effects of the fallen world continue to cause suffering. The devil continues to tempt us away from faith and trust in the work of God as we see this turmoil increasing. And Christ Jesus continues to deliver His followers out of all this world’s doom, gloom, and disease! **Life—as we know it in Jesus—has not changed!** Take heart, dear Christians! In Jesus there remains a peace beyond any worldly understanding. He has already overcome it all, for YOU!

May you remain strong and healthy in Christ Who sustains your peace, now and forever! (Rev. Jeff Duncan, LFL)

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).

### **MISSOURI’S LARGEST DIAPER SHOWER!**

Please help young mothers care for the babies the Lord has given them by donating diapers for Life Network, the local pregnancy resource center. Missouri Lutherans For Life Board of Directors is hosting its annual diaper shower between Mother’s Day and Father’s Day again this year. Your participation is a way to express gratitude to your parents for giving you life.



Start collecting diapers now and bring them to church when we start meeting again. Please be as generous as you are able. Donations are very much appreciated and are a very tangible way to promote the sanctity of human life that God has created, redeemed, and continues to sustain. Thank you!



# Birthdays & Anniversaries

**2**  
Amber Monroe

**3**  
Candis Francis  
Carolyn Licht  
Connie Morrow

**4**  
Nick Couper  
Al Hebard

**5**  
Dan Buchheit  
Pat Campbell

**6**  
April Brown  
John Hemmer

**7**  
Carol Hull  
Caitlyn Smith  
Esther Stone

**8**  
Libbie Couper  
Clay Firestone  
John Carter Kuehner

**9**  
Grayson Fick  
Sue Ousley

**12**  
Justin Lehenbauer  
Gay Matthiesen  
Ruthann Wunder

**13**  
Carol Eggerding  
Meghan O'Neill-Graves

**14**  
Dax Bongard

**15**  
Damon Linneman

**16**  
Aaron Cook

**18**  
Sophia Frerichs

**20**  
Derrick Harms  
Timothy Jones  
Kristin Tipton

**21**  
Katy Wren

**22**  
Jon Arnall

**23**  
Joni Schaumburg

**24**  
Chris Cott  
Easton Watts

**26**  
Elizabeth Raisch  
Alan Weber

**29**  
Amber Cameron  
Cooper Stine

**30**  
Kyle Burns

Daniel and Debi Derendinger.....May 1, 1970  
Eric and Alison Hemmer.....May 4, 2002  
Amy and Robert Sanders .....May 4, 2002  
Paul and Marlee Walz .....May 7, 2005  
Rob and Cherrie Gannon .....May 9, 2015  
Trenton and Jessica Coleman.....May 12, 2012  
Hunter and Nancy Kevil.....May 15, 1991  
Jere and Candis Francis.....May 16, 1981  
David and Sherrie Attebery .....May 19, 1984  
John and Toni Hemmer .....May 19, 1973  
Jess and Doris Lyons.....May 19, 1973  
Andy and Sylvia Mott.....May 19, 2018  
Nathan and Caroline Francis.....May 22, 2010  
Mary and Tyler Sanders.....May 27, 2016  
Larry and Connie Hanson.....May 29, 1982  
Tom and Rachel Marler .....May 29, 2011



## TEMPORARY CHURCH OFFICE LOCATION

While the Church Office is being renovated, the office and its operations will be housed in Room 242 (Rev. Thieme's former office). Office hours and the office phone number remain the same during this time. The renovation is planned to last about three weeks. Please remember that for health and safety reasons, you must have an appointment before visiting the Church Office.

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**WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES:**

**SUNDAY 8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.**

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

**BIBLE STUDY & SUNDAY SCHOOL:**

**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