

News of the Son

Trinity Lutheran Church – Columbia, MO



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From the
Pastor-elect



It is a true Christian joy to have been called to serve Trinity as your pastor as you approach celebrating 100 years of God's grace in Christ in Word and Sacrament. I pray that as I begin serving, God continues to bless the eternal work He is doing through His Spirit in all of you in Columbia and beyond!

I hail from eastern Colorado, from the little town of Strasburg, not too far from the Denver metro area, but nonetheless part of the windswept plains. Or as I like to refer to it as: "not postcard Colorado" or "the part that Kansas forgot." Strasburg's claim to fame is the location where the last railroad spike was driven on the Kansas-Pacific Railroad that made the first true transcontinental railroad crossing (without a transfer) possible.

My father, Matthew, decided to build a "little house on the prairie," much to my mother's chagrin. Dad has been in agribusiness his entire life and travels extensively throughout the rural, mountainous western US. My mom, Barbara, has worked in public health and education, but now enjoys gently scolding her numerous piano students for not practicing (yet, still doling out tons of candy). John, my younger brother, is employed in energy infrastructure and is also following my father's footsteps in building his own home, perhaps wisely, as a bachelor. Both younger sisters, Elizabeth and Anna, are nurses. Anna, the youngest, lives in Denver and works as a labor and delivery nurse. Elizabeth is an ophthalmology operating room nurse and lives near my parents with her husband Richard and their new arrival, Juliette.

My confirmation catechist, James Robinson, and Pastor Frederick Skov first put the "seminary bug" in my ear in 2002, but I downplayed it and went off to college resolved on pursuing a career with the Foreign Service. An internship with the US Congress and some campaign work quickly deterred me from that intention. When Jesus says Christians can't serve God and man, I bullheadedly took that as a challenge rather than the truth. During university, my entire life became centered around University Lutheran Chapel serving as sexton, sacristan, and treasurer. At my grandparents' church, a very young Rev. Bryan Wolfmueller, two vicars, Rev. Clint Stark and Michael Meyer, and the chapel's pastor, Daniel Burhop, reignited my interest in the pastoral ministry. After graduating in 2008 from the University of Colorado at Boulder in International Affairs and Economics, I studied Greek and Hebrew for two years at Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota. Attending seminary was now the surely in the future, but exactly when was still to be determined. I also worked as an assistant winemaker, learning the oenology of cold hardy varieties. In 2012, after six years in school it was time for a break, and I opted to be commissioned as a teacher and was sent off to Beijing, China. My real work in China, however, was moonlighting as a friendship evangelist. This work should not be publicized in order to keep the authorities from upsetting Jesus' apple cart. (I look forward to most certainly sharing stories from my time there, but not in print.) For now, let's just say I focused strongly on student needs, spending afternoons and evenings after class playing badminton and mentoring. I assisted in producing the humanities curriculum for the first home-grown college preparatory program for a public school in China. As part of my work, I organized and led several experiential learning trips for student groups in the wilderness of the American west. In 2015, after four years abroad and hundreds of bizarre gastronomic experiences, I realized that to teach and counsel more effectively, I needed formal theological training and began at Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne. I finished the Master of Divinity (MDiv) degree in 2019, and opted to stay for one more year (a glutton for punishment, I suppose) to begin working on the Master of Sacred Theology degree (STM). The MDiv is the "how to pastor" degree while the STM is an academic degree that focuses in a specific area of theology. My area of study is theological anthropology and narrows down to the eschatological role of modern Christology for the believer (do the words make you as sleepy as they do me?).

When I'm not agonizing over the STM, I enjoy skiing, politics, reading, boating/waterskiing, the American west, writing, and traveling for the sake of food and studying history. As I write, I'm near the end of the Santa Fe Trail at Fort Union, New Mexico. I can hardly wait to begin serving you at the beginning of the trail (so close to Columbia!) with God's gifts, that we may all be nurtured and grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. May the peace which Christ brings always be our confidence!

Your Servant in Christ,

Joseph McCalley

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

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION JULY 12



Please join us on Sunday, July 12 at 3:00 p.m. at Trinity as we celebrate the ordination and installation of Pastor-elect Joseph McCalley. To maintain social distancing at the service, seating in the Sanctuary will be limited. Once we reach the maximum capacity of the Nave, there will be additional seating in the basement with a viewing screen. The service will also be livestreamed at www.facebook.com/trinitylutherancom. A socially-distant reception will follow. As with all services and events, if you are over 65 or have an underlying medical condition, the City of Columbia requires us to encourage you to stay home.

If you would like to welcome our new pastor with a gift card or monetary gift to help him get established in his new home, you can bring it to the reception or address it to him and mail or bring it to the Church Office.

RETURN TO IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES AND EVENTS

Now that the state and local pandemic restrictions are being loosened, Trinity has resumed in-person worship services and on-site events. Based on the most recent orders from the City of Columbia, we are observing the following practices:

- ✝ Services are held at regular times: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and 6:00 p.m. on Monday.
- ✝ The 8:00 a.m. service will be livestreamed at www.facebook.com/trinitylutherancom.
- ✝ Communion will be offered at worship services as scheduled. Communion will also be available at other advertised times and by appointment.
- ✝ There will be no in-person Sunday School or Fellowship Hour at this time. Children's Sunday School will be meeting via Zoom at 9:30 a.m. An adult Bible Study will be available at www.facebook.com/trinitylutherancom.
- ✝ If you are in the high-risk group as defined by the City of Columbia (65 or older or have an underlying medical condition), you are encouraged not to attend services or events.
- ✝ If you have a cough, fever, shortness of breath, loss of taste or smell, or other COVID-19 symptoms, please do not attend.



✝ We are following strict social distancing guidelines. Households are encouraged to sit together, but groups must sit at least six feet from the nearest group with vacant pews both in front of and behind each occupied pew. Please follow all written and verbal instructions given at the service.

✝ The most recent guidelines do not limit our occupancy to a specific number, but our socially-distant capacity is just over 100 people.

✝ Worshipers may, at their discretion, wear face masks. Face masks are not required while attending worship services.

✝ If you need to visit the Church Office, please consider wearing a face mask. Some of our staff are in the high-risk group.



Meetings

✝ Meetings and events may again be held on site. Social distancing guidelines and all City of Columbia orders must be followed including guidelines for food preparation and service. As with worship services, high-risk and symptomatic individuals are encouraged not to attend events and meetings. Please contact the Church Office if your organization, group, board, etc. plans to resume meeting at Trinity.

✝ The City of Columbia's guidelines for reopening places of worship may be found on our website at <http://www.trinity-lcms.org/covid-19-info>.

LIFE TEAM UPDATE

The Life Team met on June 17 for the first time since January! Pastor Thieme led us through a presentation explaining how we can reconnect with our brothers and sisters through 3 simple steps:

- † Celebrate—think of things that give us joy or for which we are thankful;
- † Encourage—share a Bible passage or something that resonated with you from last Sunday’s message;
- † Pray—ask the people you are talking with what is on their heart that you can pray with them about.

We are extending the diaper drive for My Life Clinic. They are in need of size 4, 5, and 6 diapers as well as small packages of baby wipes. They are also in need of formula and maternity clothes. These items can be dropped off at Trinity or at their clinic located at 802 N. Providence Road, just south of Hickman High School. We are most thankful to all of those who have donated and ask members to prayerfully consider donating these items to help those who choose life for their baby.



We are also in the process of obtaining a license to show the movie “Unplanned,” which is the story of Abby Johnson who once worked in a Planned Parenthood clinic and now works tirelessly to bring workers out of that industry and to tell her story to all who will listen. Please be aware this is not a movie for children—only for adults and older teens.

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.

Blessings, the Life Team

ONLINE RESOURCES AND GIVING

As we continue our social distancing measures during this pandemic, please note that Trinity has many resources available for you online:

- † If you have an email address but have not been receiving emails from Trinity, please contact the Church Office at church@trinity-lcms.org so that we can make sure you get important updates. If you have given us your email address to us but still do not get our emails, your email server may think our messages are spam. Please add this address to your safe senders list:

church+trinity-lcms.org@relay.360unite.com.

- † Church services are livestreamed on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/trinitylutherancomo. Audio and video recordings of services are also available within 48 hours at www.trinity-lcms.org/worship-recordings.

- † Bulletins are available at www.trinity-lcms.org/weekly-bulletin.

- † The *Trinity Weekly News* is at www.trinity-lcms.org/news.

- † The prayer list is at www.trinity-lcms.org/weekly-prayer-list. For privacy, a valid login to our website is required.

- † You can contribute to Trinity online by clicking the red “Give Online” button at www.trinity-lcms.org.

- † You can donate directly from your bank account using your routing and account numbers.

- † The Assembly of Voters voted to suspend the use of debit and credit cards pending further research.



MISSOURI'S LARGEST DIAPER SHOWER—COLLECTION EXTENDED



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. **The collection period has been extended until July 6.**

Your participation is a way to express gratitude to your parents for giving you life. Please be as generous as you are able. Donations are much appreciated and may be left at the church. Your contributions are a very tangible way to promote the sanctity of human life that God has created, redeemed, and continues to sustain. Thank you!



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

Last month's article began with "God is good and in control." It's still important to remember when everything else seems out of control, God calls us to trust in Him in all circumstances. He also calls us to be informed citizens and participate in the government He has set before us. This month's newsletter article will begin with the first half of an article from Lutherans For Life entitled "*Is Abortion an Election Issue?*"

So, Chris tells Jamie, "I just couldn't cast a vote for someone who supports abortion." And Jamie says, "You know, Chris, abortion's not the only voting issue. Other things matter to elections and politics too. Seems kind of narrow-minded for you to fixate on just that one."

Have you ever heard a conversation like this? Have you ever had a conversation like this? Have you ever met someone like Chris or Jamie? Have you ever felt like Chris? Like Jamie? Is abortion an election issue? No and Yes. No, abortion is never just an election issue. But yes, abortion is always at least an election issue. Here are ten reasons why:

1. Abortion isn't just a political issue. Abortion has to do with facts and truth about the science of human life—embryos and fetuses are living human beings as much as you and me. Abortion deals with the physical and psychological welfare of the most vulnerable among us—it kills children and makes mothers suffer. Abortion executes the injustice of discriminating against one another—unborn babies face deprivation and dying based only on their age, appearance, experiences, environment, or abilities. And abortion involves moral assessments and enforcements—who has the right to life, who has the authority to take life, when may we limit one's lifestyle because it infringes upon somebody else's survival?

2. Abortion isn't just a single issue. Abortion is a conclusion that comes from a whole set of principles. It relates to economics, medicine and health care, justice and civil rights. It shows how one understands the roles of government and law—shouldn't we protect the weakest? It affects one's sense of the community's commitments to our underprivileged and endangered—wouldn't we want to make up for what they lack rather than take even the little they have? It informs how one feels about our relationships to each other as citizens in a society—can't we care instead of discarding? And abortion has long-term consequences and global implications for both individual bodies and entire populations.

3. Abortion isn't simply a popular-opinion issue. Surveys cannot establish rights and wrongs. Polls cannot determine parental duties. Ballots cannot define a human life's worth and purpose. And even majorities cannot undo death. Of course, people have different perspectives and emotional disputes about abortion access. But none of these alters the logical, biological, social, and ethical realities of the matter. Abortion shapes the very nature of our nation and the makeup of our culture, not to mention the very lives of its victims.

(Pastor Michael Salmink, Executive Director of Lutherans For Life, LifeDate, Summer 2020. Continued next month)

Be bold in your defense 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.

JUNE 9, 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 June 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Attendees included Gary Kespohl (Chairman), Jacque Eckhoff (Secretary), JoAnn Schoenike, James Harms, Karen Niederjohn, Mary Frerking, Larry McCoig, Angel Arnall, Annette Kiehne, Nick Couper and Charlie Cott.

Chairman Kespohl led the opening devotion.

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

Angel Arnall moved to approve the Consent Agenda, including May 12, 2020 Board of Directors Minutes; 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 - Chairman Kespohl

Ministry Highlights (Review)

Membership Changes (Information Only)

Out: Danny Yung and family, released by request. In: None

Divine Services continue to live stream, and Pastoral visits are mostly by phone. Sunday morning class is studying Psalms of Comfort (Live Streaming or Recorded). Pastor Thieme is taking a short break from June 6th - 12th.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY - JoAnn Schoenike

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BOARD REPORTS:

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GSLS - See page 15 of the BOD packet for financial report.

EARLY CHILDHOOD ED. - Karen Niederjohn

Fall enrollment currently has 10 openings. There are two lead teaching positions open. Need to hire 2-4 afternoon staff to cover

open shifts. PT and Annette will social distance to have a modified chapel with each age group. PT broadcast bible stories at nap time to each room in May. This may continue occasionally as necessary. TLCLC is proceeding with summer curriculum. The BOECE had meetings with Annette every Tuesday in May for 20-30 minutes to discuss issues related to Re-Opening of TLCLC. Variance requested to use school age playground for more space during COVID-19. No response from licensing. May request again if need for Fall. Asking for variance to use Fellowship Hall kitchen during kitchen construction. Licensing responded that a variance was not required. TLCLC License expires 8/31/20. Paperwork will be submitted in June to renew. Kitchen flooring and cabinets have been installed. Countertops are on order. Bathroom partitions have been reordered.

ELDERS - Larry McCoig

No report filed.

EVANGELISM - No Rep. Present

The Board of Evangelism is now fully staffed. The Sunday morning Fellowship Hour of coffee and donuts has been cancelled until the issues around the pandemic have been resolved.

SOCIAL MINISTRY - Angel Arnall

No report filed.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE - No Rep. Present

No report filed.

TLC ENDOWMENT FUND - Nick Couper

See page 18 of the BOD packet for the report.

TRUSTEES - Charlie Cott

No report filed.

YOUTH - No Rep. Present

No report filed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

No report filed.

TREASURER'S REPORT - James Harms

May's Church income was \$47,579 with a year-to-date income for the period ending May 31, 2020 at \$231,165 (42.66% of the years \$541,875 budgeted income). Greater than anticipated. May's Church expenditures was \$30,879 with a year-to-date expense total for the period ending May 31, 2020 at \$158,121 [35.23% of the years \$448,769 budgeted expenditures (\$541,875 budget - \$93,489) Pastor Contingency]. The Church's year-to-date five-month income over expenditures was \$73,044. This number is reduced to \$34,090 when the budgeted portion of the \$93,489 Pastor Contingency is deducted. May's Learning Center income was \$20,255 with a year-to-date income for the period ending May 31, 2020 at \$196,385 (26.83% of the years \$732,000 budgeted income). At the end of May TLCLC has a \$7,947.50 COVID-19 Tuition Credit Accounts Payable. May's Learning Center expenditures were \$62,986 with a year-to-date expense total for the period ending May 31, 2020 at \$257,182 (35.13% of the \$732,000 annual expenditure budget). Learning Center's year-to-date five-month income over expenditures was a negative (\$60,797). Combined (Church and Learning Center) income over budgeted expenditures totaled \$12,247. This amount is reduced to a negative (\$31,425) after \$43,672 was paid in BOD & AOV Expenditures. Net operating cash available has been reduced to \$112,937. COVID-19 and AOV/BOV Motions/Approvals has greatly reduced the church's available cash to cover its day to day operations. At the end of May \$31,647 is available in the checking account when you exclude \$125 Petty Cash and \$81,165 of Money

JUNE 14, 2020
ASSEMBLY OF VOTERS' MINUTES
(Draft Minutes - Yet to be Approved)

Market Reserves. On April 14, Trinity received a \$109,500 SBA Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) forgivable 1% loan. These funds to be used to retain workers and maintain payroll over an 8-week period. If 75% of PPP funds are used for payroll costs, we are expecting the loan be forgiven. TLC must apply to the SBA for the loan to be forgiven. AOV approval required to utilize. May 31 Dedicated Accounts total \$187,765. This amount does not include the GSLS \$144,000 reserve at LCEF, but does include the \$109,500 PPP loan. May 31, 2020: Lutheran Church Extension Funds accounts total \$668,615. April 30, 2020 TLC LCMS Foundation Endowment Funds account value was \$94,412. A market reduction of (\$8,623) from the beginning of the year. Acct 995.1 TLC BOD/AOV App: \$2,111 expenses (\$1,318.20 - 4 wooden sanctuary chairs; \$408.87 - Lent lite supper; and \$384 - AOV meal) Jim Harms reported one correction. May 31 Dedicated Accounts total \$187,876, not \$187,765. Angel Arnall moved to approve the Treasurer's Report with this correction; seconded and approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Audio / Visual Needs (Live Streaming) Chairman Kespohl appointed a committee of four to get bids for upgrades: Chris Kespohl, Kevin Mott, Benjamin Asbeck and Sean Huggans.

Wi-Fi Upgrade Bid See page 27-31 of the BOD packet for complete information. Larry McCoig moved to approve \$6,241.52 for Wi-Fi Upgrade; seconded. Larry McCoig amended his motion to say six months into the first year, we need to ask about a maintenance agreement going forward; amendment seconded and approved. Chairman Kespohl called for a vote on the amended motion; seconded and approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Accepting Credit Card Contributions - James Harms Jim Harms reviewed the VANCO handout. Larry McCoig moved to stop accepting debit cards as a contribution method; seconded and approved. Angel Arnall moved to make this recommendation to the AOV, with the stipulation that this subject return to Stewardship & Finance for further research; seconded and approved.

Fellowship Hour (Informational) The Board of Evangelism decided the Sunday morning Fellowship Hour of coffee and donuts will be cancelled until the issues around the pandemic have been resolved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Executive Committee approved up to \$4600 for the purchase of countertops for TLCLC Kitchen, and up to \$3200 for the purchase of a new lawn mower engine.

The BOCE has decided not to hold VBS this summer. However, a VBS Weekend this Fall is being discussed. It will likely be held the first weekend of October.

The next Assembly of Voters meeting will be held on June 14, 2020 at 12:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. No meal will be provided due to COVID-19.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on July 14, 2020. Pastor-Elect Joseph McCalley's Ordination & Installation will be held on July 12, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

Angel Arnall moved to adjourn at 8:26 PM and Larry McCoig led the group in closing devotion.

Jacque Eckhoff, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Assembly of Voters was called to order on June 14, 2020 at 12:30 p.m. Attendees included Gary Kespohl (Chairman), Jacque Eckhoff (Secretary), James Harms (Treasurer), JoAnn Schoenike (Financial Secretary), Phil Glenn, Sylvia Glenn, Warren Harms, Karen Harms, Ron Barrett, Barbara Barrett, Loralee Adam, Dennis Haubein, Patti Haubein, Pete Easterhaus, Theresa Greer, Carolyn Trigg, Carol Squires, Tom Myers, Karen Niederjohn, Carol Morrison, Larry McCoig, Pat Campbell, Laura Grise, Richard Mangold, John Frerking, Mary Frerking, Nick Couper, Joanna McDowell, Angel Arnall & Pastor Brian Thieme. Pastor Thieme led the opening devotion (LSB 644).

Chairman Kespohl introduced Tom Myers, First-Time Attendee to the Assembly of Voters.

Chairman Kespohl added "Lisa Mefrakis, Board of Youth Nominee" to New Business. Barbara Barrett moved to approve the Meeting Agenda with this addition; seconded and approved.

Dennis Haubein moved to approve Assembly of Voters Minutes of February 16, 2020; seconded and approved.

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PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Thieme

MARCH 2020 Rev. Spotts - Visiting 2/3 of the Homebound each month Rev. Riggert - Preaching Mid-week Lenten Services Pastoral visits continue to be made with individuals, couples, families and the community at large. Sunday morning study is on Predestination and the Monday morning class is going through the Large Catechism (Baptism)

APRIL 2020 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.

MAY 2020 Membership Changes: None Divine Services continue to live stream, Communion by drive up appointment, and drive in Easter Sunday Sunrise Service. Sunday morning class is studying Hymns of Comfort (Live Streaming), and Psalms of Comfort at noon Monday through Friday (Live Streaming). Bedtime stories M-F online.

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Membership Changes:

In: Carol Clark by transfer from Good Shepherd, Arnold, Mo.; Andrew and Brianne Rivers by transfer from Alive in Christ, Columbia, Mo.; Michael Jacobs by transfer from Faith, Jefferson City, Mo.; Bonnie Firestone by infant baptism; Sadie Schneider by infant baptism.

Out: Thomas Coyle and family removed by request; Joleen Finders and family removed by request; Deborah Tucker by transfer to Zion, Moberly, Mo; Danny Yung and family removed by request.

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CLAS/GSLS: See page 29 of the AOV packet for financial report.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION: Karen Niederjohn

Fall enrollment currently has 10 openings. There are two lead teaching positions open. Need to hire 2-4 afternoon staff to cover open shifts. PT and Annette will social distance to have a modified chapel with each age group. PT broadcast bible stories at nap time to each room in May. This may continue occasionally as necessary. TLCLC is proceeding with summer curriculum. The BOECE had meetings with Annette every Tuesday in may for 20-30 minutes to discuss issues related to Re-Opening of TLCLC. Variance requested to use school age playground for more space during COVID-19. No response from licensing. May request again if need for Fall. Asking for variance to use Fellowship Hall kitchen during kitchen construction. Licensing responded that a variance was not required. TLCLC License expires 8/31/20. Paperwork will be submitted in June to renew. Kitchen flooring and cabinets have been installed. Countertops are on order. Bathroom partitions have been reordered.

ELDERS: Larry McCoig

Elders have continued to reach out to members. They have also discussed ideas that may assist with warmly welcoming Pastor McCalley to Columbia.

EVANGELISM: No Representative Present

The Board of Evangelism is now fully staffed. The Sunday morning Fellowship Hour of coffee and donuts has been cancelled until the issues around the pandemic have been resolved.

SOCIAL MINISTRY: Angel Arnall

No report filed.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE: No Representative Present

Counting has continued per the agreed upon schedule.

TLC ENDOWMENT FUND: Nick Couper

See March through June BOD packets for reports.

TRUSTEES: No Representative Present

No report filed.

YOUTH: No Representative Present

The youth have sent postcards of well wishes, prayers, and/or scriptures to Trinity's active and inactive 65 years+ members. 4/11/20 the youth had a Social Distancing Easter Parade for residents of Lenoir Woods and The Terrace. Youth meet via Zoom every Sunday at 3:00 pm for approximately 60-90 minutes for devotion, conversation and games. They are exploring options to work with Mobility Worldwide over the summer, and are beginning to work with Eleo's Ministries. Youth summer trip has been cancelled due to the pandemic.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Chairman Kesphl reviewed the Executive Committee report on page 30 of the AOV packet.

Angel Arnall moved to approve \$7500 for TLCLC Kitchen

Cabinets; seconded and approved. Angel Arnall moved to approve \$4600 for TLCLC Kitchen Countertops; seconded and approved.

Barbara Barrett moved to approve \$3200 for new lawn mower engine; seconded and approved.

CALL SCREENING COMMITTEE: No report filed.

NON-CALLED WORKER BENEFITS COMMITTEE: No report filed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Called Worker Benefits: On February 16, 2020, the AOV approved the following motion: "Beginning March 1, 2020, Trinity Lutheran Church will pay for 75% of the health insurance cost for divinely called pastors and their family members." The BOD now recommends to the AOV the adoption of the following motion: "Beginning June 15, 2020, Trinity Lutheran Church will pay for 100% of the health insurance cost for divinely called pastors and will pay for 75% of the health insurance cost for their family members." Larry McCoig moved to approve the BOD's recommendation; seconded and approved.

Church / TLCLC Website: The BOD recommends to the AOV the adoption of the following motion: "Trinity Lutheran Church (TLC) shall enter into a contract with Renew Power Marketing (RPM) to create and maintain a website for TLC and a website for Trinity Lutheran Child Learning Center (TLCLC). TLC agrees to pay \$4800 for the design of the TLC website and \$3200 for the design of the TLCLC website. TLC further agrees to pay (RPM) \$2000 per year for the maintenance of the two websites." John Frerking moved to approve the BOD's recommendation; seconded. Discussion. Dennis Haubein moved to amend the motion so that the \$2000 maintenance charge is only paid for the first year; amendment seconded and approved. Chairman Kespohl asked for a vote on the amended motion which reads "Trinity Lutheran Church (TLC) shall enter into a contract with Renew Power Marketing (RPM) to create and maintain a website for TLC and a website for Trinity Lutheran Child Learning Center (TLCLC). TLC agrees to pay \$4800 for the design of the TLC website and \$3200 for the design of the TLCLC website. TLC further agrees to pay (RPM) \$2000 for maintenance for the first year of the two websites."; seconded and approved.

TLCLC Bathroom Remodel: The BOD recommends to the AOV the ratification of the actions of the Board of Trustees to order the correct bathroom partitions. The correct partitions cost \$6300 which is \$1700 more than budgeted by the AOV in February 2020. Karen Harms moved to approve the BOD's recommendation; seconded and approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Internet Service (Informational): Trinity Lutheran Church shall enter into a contract for the term of three years with CenturyLink to provide internet service of 100Mb/s download speed and 100Mb/s upload speed for the cost of \$225 per month.

TLCLC Closure and Employee Pay (Informational): The Executive Committee voted on March 16 and March 31 to continue paying full-time teachers, director, and permanent part-time teachers of TLCLC until April 30, 2020.

SBA Loan / Paycheck Protection Program: The BOD recommends to the AOV the ratification of the actions of the Executive Committee on March 31 to apply for a forgivable loan under the federal CARES Act to receive funds for salaries, utilities, and rent as part of the Paycheck Protection Program. Angel Arnall moved to approve the BOD's recommendation; seconded and approved.

TLCLC Kitchen Remodel (Informational): Trinity Lutheran Church shall order and have installed cabinets (\$1700) and

countertops (\$4300) for the TLCLC Kitchen up to a total of \$6000.

Audio/Visual Equipment for Live Streaming (Informational): An ad-hoc Live Streaming Committee will be comprised of Benjamin Asbeck, Sean Huggans, Chris Kespohl, and Kevin Mott to solicit bids to purchase/upgrade and install audio/video equipment that can be used to livestream worship services and other events.

Wi-Fi Upgrade Bid: The BOD recommends to the AOV the adoption of the following motion: "Trinity Lutheran Church shall enter into a contract with Smart Solutions for the purchase and installation of the equipment as described in the Smart Solutions bid. Trinity Lutheran Church shall pay \$6,241.52 for these products and services." Larry McCoig moved to approve the BOD's recommendation; seconded. Jim Harms moved to amend the motion to spend up to \$7500 to include dual jacks; amendment seconded and approved. Chairman Kespohl asked for a vote on the amended motion which reads "Trinity Lutheran Church shall enter into a contract with Smart Solutions for the purchase and installation of the equipment as described in the Smart Solutions bid, including installation of dual jacks. Trinity Lutheran Church shall spend up to \$7500 for these products and services."; seconded and approved.

VANCO: The BOD recommends to the AOV the adoption of the following motion: "Trinity Lutheran Church will stop accepting debit cards as a contribution method. This subject shall return to the Board of Stewardship and Finance for further research." Angel Arnall moved to approve the BOD's recommendation; seconded and approved.

Lisa Mefrakis, Board of Youth Nominee Lisa Mefrakis is a candidate for Board of Youth. She would replace Melissa Remer Phifer and serve out her term; seconded and approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor-Elect Joseph McCalley will be ordained and installed at Trinity on Sunday, July 12 at 3:00 p.m.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held July 14, 2020.

The next Assembly of Voters meeting will be September 20, 2020.

Angel Arnall moved to adjourn at 2:29 PM; seconded and approved.

Pastor Thieme led the group in closing devotion.

Jacque Eckhoff, Secretary

Board of Directors reports and agenda items are due to the Church Office by noon on Friday, July 10, 2020.

The Board of Directors will meet Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The Assembly of Voters will meet Sunday, September 20, 2020 at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

SUMMER 2020 VBS POSTPONED

The Board of Christian Education has decided to postpone VBS for this Summer 2020. Normally, we would be in full planning stage for this week of fun and learning God's Word. However, due to current health concerns, our "normal" VBS activities are not permitted at this time. Please know we did consider holding a "Virtual VBS" with remote lessons and activities. However, after much deliberation, the Board felt the children would so much more enjoy hearing God's Word and learning about Jesus through the lessons, games and activities shared



with other children here at church. Therefore, VBS will be postponed this summer, and instead we are hoping to move forward with an abbreviated version of VBS—a weekend of VBS—sometime this fall. We are looking into available weekend, and (health restrictions permitting) we are hoping to have a Saturday & Sunday VBS event sometime in early October!! Please watch for news as we work towards our next VBS together!

TEACHERS WANTED

TLCLC is looking to hire two new teachers to replace the teachers who have retired. Please spread the word to as many people as possible and pray that God will put who He wants into these open positions. Thank you!

Lead Teacher

At Trinity Lutheran Childhood Learning Center, we offer a superior early childhood program (ages 2-6) integrated with Christian values and skillful teaching. Excellence is part of everything we do including environment, classrooms, and curriculum.

We are seeking an experienced lead teacher who will enjoy and thrive in our Christian environment, loves to collaborate with peers and school staff, is driven to educate each child to the best of his/her ability and help each child recognize the gifts that s/he possesses. As a lead teacher you will be responsible for curriculum and lesson plans, child development and assessment, and communication with families.

We are proud to be state licensed and to offer to the successful full-time candidate:

- + Insurance including medical, dental, and vision with employer paying 75% of employee premiums
- + Health Care Savings account with \$500 employer initial contribution
- + Paid time off
- + Retirement plan with employer contributions up to 8.65%
- + \$250 sign-on bonus



This is an hourly position. Salary range of \$10-\$16/hr. Starting salary commensurate with education and experience.

Please send resumes to Annette Kiehne at TLCLC@trinity-LCMS.org. Call (573) 445-1014 during business hours or text (573) 864-6168 with any questions.



JULY

Birthdays & Anniversaries

1
Dottie Glead

2
Braiden Raisch

3
Rachel Blackmore

5
Sharon Reeder

6
Ashley Boehmer

8
Matthew Frerking
Abe Mefrakis

9
Kathy Frerichs
Fred Luetkemeier
Carissa Mariott
Jonah Provost

10
Diane Allen
Archie Bourret
Teresa Gooch
Eric Kincanon

11
Chris Bailey
Jacque Eckhoff
Toni Hemmer
Doug Kiehne
Rachael Marler
Agnes Mrutu

12
Linnea Lilja
Gabe Mefrakis
Henry Parker
Ken Redders

13
Jim Harms
Rachel Kiehne

15
Lynn Allen
Casey Fick

16
Mary Frerking
Aurora Monroe
Emly Stone
Isaac Stone
Phyllis White

17
Glen Frerichs
Summer Kuehner

18
Ron Dickes
Eric Hemmer

19
Neil Eckhoff
Collin Samuel

20
Betty Buchheit
Carolyn Holste
Darren Laupp

21
Sadie Gustafson

22
Larry Kuehner
Clay Mouser
Erika Mouser

23
Mitzi Clayton

24
Elizabeth Kasper
Jay Craig
Jennifer McMillen

25
Spencer Baehman
John Clay
Gladys Thompson

26
David Attebery
Brett Huggans
Charlene Koop
Jason Mott
Fred Pistel

28
Norma Clark
Bryson Clayton
Tammy Mangold

29
Doris Pistel
Vida Schneider
Nancy Schultz

30
Carol Easterhaus

31
Emily Derendinger
Sandy Dirks
Madeline Huggans
Raymond Noll



Lonny and Sandy Dirks.....	July 1, 1978	Warren and Karen Harms.....	July 17, 1982
Chris and Jessica Kespohl.....	July 4, 1998	Casey and Amanda Stine	July 18, 2009
Andrew and Hannah Nandor.....	July 5, 2014	Damon and Tobi Linneman	July 19, 1997
Daniel and Christina Hartman ...	July 6, 2009	Butch and Susan Reynolds.....	July 20, 2002
Jim and Mindy Cherrington	July 11, 1987	Robyn and Mary Raisch.....	July 23, 1977
Lynn and Diane Allen.....	July 12, 1975	Kevin and Diane Smith	July 24, 1982
Timothy and Ashley Jones.....	July 12, 2014	James and Barbara Boling.....	July 26, 1964
Brian and Mitzi Clayton	July 13, 1996	Tom and Nancy Myers	July 29, 1973
Ron and Lori Dickes.....	July 15, 1978	Ben and Arla Benskin	July 30, 1961

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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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