

# News of the Son

Trinity Lutheran Church — Columbia, MO



September  
2020

*From the  
Pastor*



On the heels of the pandemic have followed other disruptive plagues of mind and body affecting us as Christians, but also our society as a whole: isolation, depression, unrest, anger, and insecurity, to name a few. We can be sure that our Lord is using these trials and even the temptations that come with to strengthen us in the faith and Christian living. The Lord Jesus heals us from these “mini-plagues” (which to be sure are also part of life in fallen creation even without a pandemic) chiefly when we gather together in

worship: hearing of God’s love in Word in Sacrament, thereby receiving His forgiveness. Yet, his Spirit also heals through us as we bear one another’s burdens and build each other up when we gather in fellowship.

Since this plague has changed more than a few aspects of how we gather for worship and fellowship, our newsletters in the coming editions will offer a review of “why we do, what we do” in our Sunday and Monday worship, the Divine Service. Pastor Thieme and I (the new guy) pray that this study will strengthen and deepen our understanding of the why and how of worship. Even though the months ahead bring an added degree of uncertainty, we pray that we may be comforted and sustained by the certain and unchanging promises and word of God, even if it looks different. Whether we’re gathering in person, watching online at home, or listening on the go, we remain steadfast in the faith and knowledge that in worship our Lord ministers to us with healing balm—his Word. The Scriptures exhort us to not give up meeting together, and we pray that God would grant us that joy, in all its fullness, soon.

We’ll start our study with a little vocabulary and history lesson (yes, yawns are okay). Our word “liturgy” is derived from the Greek word λειτουργία (lay-tour-ghee-ah) which clunkily comes into English as “town hall work.” In ancient Greece, a public official, a minister (think in the sense of “prime minister”) in a community would provide a significant work to the community of great benefit, usually announced in a meeting place. We can think of this comparably to an Eagle Scout project; it is a project completed for the benefit of many. The Latin word “liturgia” echoes the Greek, meaning “work to/for the people” or “public service.” By the time these words were associated with the Christian church, liturgy had a definite sense conveying “God’s work for His people through his ministers.”

Things took a little different turn in the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> centuries with the word “Mass,” roughly meaning dismissal or formally, “it is sent.” Mass became the common word for worship with the Lord’s Supper because the priest would dismiss the people after the Eucharist. The Lutheran Reformation initially kept the word “mass” for worship, but gradually the German word “Hauptgottesdienst” became the norm. This word means “Chief Service” indicating the Lord’s Supper would be given. This word in rigorous, efficient German style conveys that it is “God’s Service,” which He does for us, not the other way around. (And not to forget the Scandinavians out there, “Gudstjeneste”). In the chief service God (Gott) serves (dienst) his people with the word of forgiveness (Absolution), Holy Baptism, and the Lord’s Supper. It is from this German meaning that we call our worship “Divine Service.” Gathered together God distributes his forgiveness through his ministers, the pastors.

The teachings our church holds about worship are rich in history, but more importantly, they confess that when we gather together, we receive Christ’s gifts, which he desires to give. In the coming issues, we’ll see that the components of the liturgy have their sources in Scripture. Next time we’ll examine the beginning of the Service of the Word: the Invocation and the Confession and Absolution.

Your Servant in Christ,

*Rev. Joseph M. McCalley*

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

## IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES AND EVENTS

Trinity is holding in-person worship services and on-site events. However, the COVID-19 pandemic requires several modifications to the way we meet for worship. Based on the most recent orders from the City of Columbia, we are observing the following practices:

✝ 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.



✝ Worshipers must wear face masks when attending worship services. Worshipers may, at their discretion, remove their face mask once in their seats and at least six feet from the nearest group. Face masks must be worn when arriving, leaving, or otherwise moving about the church.

✝ If you need to visit the Church Office, you must wear a face mask. If you have a meeting or other business at the church, the only time you may remove your mask is if you are alone in a room. Masks should be removed if you are playing a sport or other athletic activity.

✝ If you do not own a face mask or forget to bring one, we will provide a mask for you.

✝ 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/trinitylutherancomo](https://www.facebook.com/trinitylutherancomo).



✝ 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/trinitylutherancomo](https://www.facebook.com/trinitylutherancomo).

✝ 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.

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



**Meetings**

✝ Meetings and events may be held on site. Social distancing guidelines and all City of Columbia orders must be followed including rules for wearing face masks and 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.

## STEPHEN MINISTRY



In our March 2020 newsletter article, we announced the commissioning dates of March 22 and 23. Then COVID-19 arrived, and, like many things, our Stephen Ministry commissioning had to be postponed. We took some time to collect our thoughts and ease into the new normal, began continuing education training sessions, and explored our options for commissioning. Desiring to be commissioned safely, and sooner than later, we held the Rite of Commissioning outdoors on a lovely Tuesday evening, August 4.

The Rite of Commissioning culminated a period of extensive training and preparation. Our caregivers have studied and practiced skills in such areas as dealing with feelings, crisis intervention, asserting oneself with gentleness and firmness, and numerous other topics to prepare them to help people who are experiencing problems in their lives.

So we are ready for assignments and look forward to using our time and talents to help increase the overall caring ministry of our church by carrying the love of Christ to care receivers.

Please continue to pray for our first team of Stephen Caregivers as they enter a new stage of this caregiving ministry. 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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Front row, left to right: Elke Beltz, Theresa Yeager, Patty Smith, Mindy Cherrington, Debbie Antel.

Back row, left to right: Pastor Brian Thieme, Joanna McDowell, Barbara Barrett, Laura Grise, Jessica Murphy, Larry McCoig.

Photo by Myra McCoig; March 1, 2020.

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



## LIVESTREAMING WATCH PARTY

The Life Team will host a watch party for Focus on the Family's livestreaming event "See Life 2020" on Saturday, September 26 at 7:00 p.m. It will take place in the Fellowship Hall. We will of course be practicing social distancing. We will also be sending out the link via email so that you may watch it from your home. This livestream event will include pro-life stories, speakers, and Christian music and will end with a 4D video of a baby in the womb. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about life issues and will watch with us at church or in your home.



## 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](mailto:church@trinity-lcms.org) so that we can send you important updates.

Church services are livestreamed on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/trinitylutherancomo](https://www.facebook.com/trinitylutherancomo). Audio and video recordings of services are also available within 48 hours at [www.trinity-lcms.org/worship-recordings](http://www.trinity-lcms.org/worship-recordings).

Bulletins are available at [www.trinity-lcms.org/weekly-bulletin](http://www.trinity-lcms.org/weekly-bulletin).

The *Trinity Weekly News* is at [www.trinity-lcms.org/news](http://www.trinity-lcms.org/news).

The prayer list is at [www.trinity-lcms.org/weekly-prayer-list](http://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](http://www.trinity-lcms.org). You can donate directly from your bank account using your routing number and account number.



## LIFE TEAM UPDATE

September will be a busy month for the Life Team. In addition to our watch party for the Focus on the Family livestreaming event on September 26, we will also be holding a voter registration drive at Trinity starting on Sunday, September 13 and running through Monday, September 28. We will have 2 forms available: a Missouri voter registration form and an absentee ballot request form. You may fill these out and leave them with us to mail or take them home and mail them. We will also have a flyer from Lutherans for Life which discusses abortion as an election issue.

We will be announcing the date of our movie night soon. We will be showing "Unplanned" the story of Abby Johnson who was once the director of a Planned Parenthood facility. Be aware this movie is not for children, but older teens would be welcome.

Blessings, the Life Team





## Lutherans For Life

*Greetings to you in the name of Jesus who told Martha that only “One thing is necessary, the good portion.”*

It seems everyone is anxious and worried about many things these days. You know what causes your fear and anxiety. However, the problem is not what worries us but the fact that we trust in something other than God to provide for our well-being and happiness. Dr. James Lamb, former executive director of Lutherans For Life addresses the anxiety an infertile couple faces in the following article entitled “Hope for the Infertile Couple”:

Assisted reproductive technology (ART) offers hope for couples dealing with the pain of infertility. But ART sometimes fails. It does not always work for every couple. Some such technologies are problematic for the Christian because of moral and spiritual problems inherent in them. Infertile couples need a hope that transcends ART and one that will not fail.

Such hope can be found only in the risen Jesus and the promises that find their “yes” in Him. But first it is important to look at what God does **not** promise. There is nothing in Scripture that declares that having children is a right granted to couples. Children are a gift from God, an **“inheritance”** (Psalms 127:3). No one has a right to an inheritance. The granting of an inheritance is according to the will and goodness of the giver.

God is the giver of life (Job 12:10). God is the one who opens and closes wombs (Genesis 20:18, 29:31). He does so according to His express purpose. For example, Sarai’s womb was closed to emphasize that Isaac was a child of promise (Galatians 4:27-28). Elizabeth’s womb was closed to show the importance and significance of John the Baptist. Christian couples should never feel that infertility is the result of being punished for some specific sin. That is not how God relates to His people in Christ. He has taken the curse of sin and placed it on His Son (Galatians 3:13). He was punished in our place (Isaiah 53:5). Infertility is the result of sin in general. Our bodies are not the perfect bodies God intended us to have. They are subject to disease and imperfections. Certainly infertility can be the consequence of bad choices, but most often it is due to circumstances over which couples have little control.

Thus, as painful as infertility is, there is no promise that even Christian couples are somehow entitled to conceive and bear their own child. Nor are they free as Christians to pursue reproductive technologies or treatments that are outside the parameters of the one-flesh union of husband and wife or those that involve the inherent destruction of life in order to achieve a pregnancy. Sometimes Christian couples are called upon to accept their infertility, not as chastisement from God, but as an opportunity to strengthen their faith and be a witness to others to trust in the Lord of Life.

This is where the true and unfailing promises of God are so important. The one we turn to frequently is Romans 8:28 (GOD’S WORD): **We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God—those whom he has called according to his plan.**” Sometimes, however, we fail to see the significance of the last phrase, **“according to his plan.”** In spite of sin and imperfection, God’s plans are always carried out for His people (Jeremiah 19:11). A plan God has for an infertile couple, for example, might very well be that He has in mind a child for them to parent through adoption.

Another hope-filled promise is found in Proverbs 3:5-6 (GOD’S WORD): **Trust the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths smooth.**” Human understanding is not enough when dealing with childlessness. It is hard to understand. Hearts are heavy and the questions are many. Leaning too heavily on our own understanding can either lead to hopelessness or to paths for remedy that may not be God-pleasing. Abram and Sara, for example, tried to deal with their infertility by having Abram impregnate Sarai’s handmaid, Hagar. This was not the path God had chosen, and it only led to bitterness and constant strife. Real hope is found in trusting that God knows the journey He wants us on and will direct our steps (Proverbs 16:9). I remember a childless couple in my former congregation. The path God laid out for them was that they became “mother and father” and spiritual mentors to hundreds of children as they taught Sunday school for a combined total of 85 years!

A final and foundational promise from 1 John 4:9 (GOD’S WORD): **“God has shown us his love by sending his only Son into the world so that we could have life through him.”** Infertile Christian couples are going to have all kinds of doubts and fears. But one thing they need not doubt is the love of God. One thing they need not fear is being forsaken by Him. The assurance of God’s love is not determined by the blessings that He gives or withholds. The assurance of God’s love is in the cross where He “purchased and won” us. The assurance of God’s presence is in the empty tomb. A risen Savior is a present Savior. People who are loved by God, people with whom God is constantly present, are never without hope!

(Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, “Hope for the Infertile Couple,” *LifeDate* Winter 2015)

Trust in God, your true hope in all circumstances,  
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).

**AUGUST 11, 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 August 11, 2020 at 7:03 p.m. Attendees included Gary Kespohl (Chairman), Jacque Eckhoff (Secretary), Jim Harms, Robert Hall, Theresa Yaeger, Nick Couper, Larry McCoig, Charlie Cott, Phyllis White, Angel Arnall, Annette Kiehne, Mary Frerking, Carole Eilers, Pastor McCalley and Pastor Thieme.

Pastor Thieme led the opening devotion.

Phyllis White added Three Life Team Requests to New Business: Voter Registration Drive, Movie Request and Live Stream Request. Angel Arnall moved to approve the Meeting Agenda with these additions; seconded and approved.

Angel Arnall moved to approve the Consent Agenda, including July 14, 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:

**PASTORS' REPORTS** - Pastor Thieme & Pastor McCalley  
Membership Changes (Information Only): None

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY** - Not Present

For the month of July, the Regular Envelope collections are 99.49% of the anticipated monthly amount. Loose Plate collections are 157.97% and Sunday School are 0%. The Total Monthly collections are 100.95% of the monthly anticipated amount of \$41,771.13. The Total Year to Date collections through the end of July are 106.31% of the anticipated amount of \$283,181.53.

**BOARD REPORTS:**

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** - Mary Frerking  
No report filed.

**GSLs** - See page 10 of the BOD packet for financial report.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION** - Theresa Yaeger  
Fall enrollment is fluctuating due to COVID. The BOECE approved the purchase of cubbies to provide one for each child due to COVID. TLCLC still needs one lead teaching position and kitchen assistant position, as well as additional afternoon staff to cover open shifts. Pastor McCalley will take over chapel at the beginning of the fall semester. TLCLC License expires on 8/31/20. Paperwork has been submitted. Licensing changing to non-expiring licenses; unsure of future requirements. Kitchen flooring and countertops are complete. Trustees are scheduling foundation repair on 2/3 year old end of building with settling problems.

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

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

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

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

**TLC ENDOWMENT FUND** - Nick Couper  
No report filed.

**TRUSTEES** - Charlie Cott  
No report filed.

**YOUTH** - No Rep. Present  
No report filed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** No report filed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** - Jim Harms

July's Church income was \$45,550 with a year-to-date income for the period ending July 31, 2020 at \$329,567 (60.82% of the years \$541,875 budgeted income).

July's Church expenditures was \$33,692 with a year-to-date expense total for the period ending July 31, 2020 at \$223,380 [45.27% of the years \$493,439 budgeted expenditures adjusted for Acct 519 - Pastor Contingency expenses (\$541,875 budget - \$48,436)]. The Church's year-to-date income over expenditures was \$106,188.

July's Learning Center income was \$57,464 with a year-to-date income for the period ending July 31, 2020 at \$322,773 (44.09% of the years \$732,000 budgeted income). At the end of July TLCLC still has a \$2,994 COVID-19 Tuition Credit Accounts Payable.

July's Learning Center expenditures were \$54,859 with a year-to-date expense total for the period ending July 31, 2020 at \$362,865 (49.57% of the \$732,000 annual expenditure budget). Learning Center's year-to-date income over expenditures was a negative (\$40,092).

Combined (Church and Learning Center) income over budgeted expenditures totaled \$66,096. However, this amount is reduced to a \$4,271 after \$61,825 was paid in BOD & AOV approved expenditures.

Net operating cash available again increased slightly this last month to \$141,304. 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 July \$60,013 is readily available in the checking account when you exclude \$125 Petty Cash and \$81,166 of Money Market Reserves.

On April 14, Trinity received a \$109,500 SBA Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) forgivable 1% loan. These funds are being held in the Designated Accounts. Plan to apply to SBA this month for the loan to be forgiven.

July 31 Dedicated Accounts total \$192,003 which includes the \$109,500 PPP loan. Excludes the GSLs \$144,000 reserve held at LCEF. Adjusted for (\$183.51) Lutheran Witness. Adjusted for (\$50.30) Books Ordered Mbrs.

July 31, 2020: Lutheran Church Extension Funds accounts total \$670,537.

June 30, 2020 TLC LCMS Foundation Endowment Funds account value was \$99,863. A 3.08% market reduction of (\$3,172) 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).

Upon her death, Joan Quilling bequeathed her estate to TLC valued at approximately \$225,000 to be used for the specific purpose of improving or upgrading the facilities, educational programming, technology and enhancing personnel performance. Settlement pending.

Jim Harms moved we continue with Concordia Health Plan and stay with what we have now for 2021; seconded and approved. Robert Hall moved to approve the Treasurer's Report; seconded and approved.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Monitors and Equipment for Pastor Thieme's Study Pastor Thieme requested two 25" monitors, and one docking station. Mary Frerking moved to approve up to \$650 for the purchase of two 25" monitors and one docking station, and the purchase would come from line item 995.1; seconded and approved.

Topographical Survey and Drainage Design for Storm Water Angel Arnall moved that this topic go to the Building Committee for discussion; seconded and approved.

TLCLC Values and Vision Theresa Yeager gave an overview. No action required.

Life Team Voter Registration Drive Request On behalf of Life Team, Phyllis White requested passing out Voter Registration Cards in September, possibly communion Sundays. Voters must be registered by October 3, 2020. They would also like to make available a Lutherans for Life pamphlet. Carole Eilers suggested having absentee ballots available also. Mary Frerking moved to approve this request, pending available dates; seconded and approved.

Life Team Movie Request On behalf of Life Team, Phyllis White requested to show the movie "Unplanned". The license cost \$189 and it can be shown as many times in a year as we'd like. The Life Team budget would be used for the cost of the license. During the movie they'd like to make available Word of Hope pamphlets. Mary Frerking moved to approve this request; seconded and approved.

Life Team Live Stream Request A live stream is available Saturday, September 26, 2020. It is an online event featuring pro life stories and music. It is set up by "Focus on the Family". Life Team would like to stream it at TLC, and wants to provide the link in the church bulletin and newsletter. Mary Frerking moved to approve this request pending calendar review; seconded and approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on September 8, 2020. The next Assembly of Voters meeting will be held on September 20, 2020.

Charlie Cott moved to adjourn at 8:04 PM & Pastor McCalley led the group in closing devotion.

Jacque Eckhoff, Secretary

## 2020 Trinity Lutheran Church Officers and Board Members

### President

Gary Kespohl

### Secretary

Jacque Eckhoff

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Jim Harms

### Financial Secretary

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Kathy Ferguson

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Sean Huggans

Buck Katt

Richard Mangold

Andrew Saeger

### Board of TLC

Endowment Fund

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Gary Frisch

vacancy

### Board of Trustees

Charlie Cott

Eddie Sterling

vacancy

### Board of Youth

Chris Bailey

Lisa Mefrakis

Michelle Wren

Board of Directors reports and  
agenda items are due to the  
Church Office by noon on Friday,  
September 4, 2020.

The Board of Directors will meet  
Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at  
7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

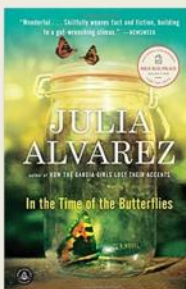
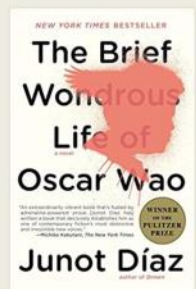
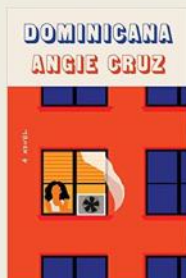
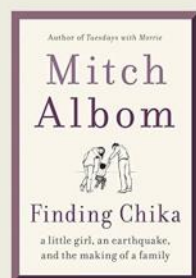
The Assembly of Voters will meet  
Sunday, September 20, 2020 at  
12:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.



Trinity Lutheran Church supports Erin Mackenzie's mission work through the Together In Mission (TIM) program.

## Hispanola on a Page

The kindhearted people and enchanting imagery of the island on which I live have captured authors—and readers—worldwide. See if your local library has any of the following titles, all of which I've read or am currently reading, and escape to the sunny tropics without leaving your couch.



(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).)

## V-B-S During C-O-V-I-D

The past few months have been unprecedented, for sure, but our unchanging God has remained as faithful as ever despite a world turned upside-down. Missionaries and local leaders around the region worked tirelessly to tell kids about His grace and goodness by offering innovative iterations of a summertime staple: Vacation Bible School. From north to south:



VBS leaders + participants in Orange Walk, Belize.

**In Quebec** (AND New Brunswick, the US, and the US Virgin Islands)...kids logged onto Zoom for daily live sessions featuring a Bible story, songs, memory verse review, science object lesson, and optional craft time. Second Corinthians 12:9 taught them that Jesus is our ultimate superhero.

**In the Dominican Republic**...the ladies of Pueblo Nuevo scrambled to make extra packets, to be delivered to kids' homes daily, when they were blessed with 10 more participants than anticipated! Each day, a different biblical figure(s) reminded all that "Jesus Lives!" Follow-up home visits to new families are in process.

**In Puerto Rico**...the entire church planting team collaborated on an *original* curriculum called "*Exploradores de la Creación*" (Explorers of Creation). Puppets enhanced daily briefings from the "research center," which were interspersed with pre-recorded video.

**In Belize**... "Belize Bible School Blitz" saw the church planting team lead half- or full-day events at multiple sites in the span of a single week.







### Praises and Petitions

1. Thanksgiving for the [Wildauers](#) and [Logstons](#), who recently joined the LAC family and will serve in Belize after on-field orientation in the DR.
2. Thanksgiving for the 8/22 marriage of fellow missionary Jamielynn and seminarian Rafael.
3. Thanksgiving for the birth of Caleb Martín to Alliance missionary Rev. Osmel Soliz (Peru) & wife Yolanda.
4. For the Fritsche family at the loss of Rev. Joel's mother, Cheryl.
5. For MKs Elias and Sergei, freshmen at St. Paul's Lutheran boarding HS in Concordia, MO, and their families in Uruguay and the DR, respectively.

### Home Sweet Parsonage

The [LCMS Missions in Latin America & the Caribbean Facebook page](#) recently shared some good news from Honduras: Nicaraguan missionary pastor, Rev. Junior Martínez, and family made a much-anticipated move into a new parsonage!

Honduras is one of the fields I knew the *least* about as I helped write updated narratives for each LAC project starting back in April. The goal in doing so was not only to educate the Church, but also me and the rest of the regional leadership team. Check!

The LCMS's work in Honduras could be summed up as 1) supporting church plants near the capital and southern coast; 2) fostering a pastor-deacon duo's outreach focus; and 3) seeking growth and harmony amongst US partners. But did you know that *five* international church bodies figure into the story of LCMS missions in Honduras, or that Rev. Martínez *also* travels 90 kilometers every other week to bring Word and Sacrament to a church plant in national capital Tegucigalpa's twin city, Comayagüela?

Read more on the [Honduras Mission project page](#) on the OIM website.



Above: All summer, the Krey family blessed me with lunch (& fellowship, like looking through baby books!) on Tuesdays.



Right: A tender moment between seminarian Hector & wife Yudaimy, prepping for the Sacrament of the Altar at Pueblo Nuevo.



Left: Charcuterie by the seashore!

### Quote of the Month!

"The optimist says the cup is half full. The pessimist says the cup is half empty. The child of God says, 'My cup runneth over.'"

—Anonymous

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**¡MUCHAS GRACIAS!**

# SEPTEMBER

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

**1**  
Scott Sendelweck  
Hannah Tipton  
Steve Tubbesing

**3**  
Braden Hemmer  
Liam Schuster

**4**  
Chris Barrett  
Kevin Burns

**7**  
Glen Beltz  
Kristi Mott  
Jacob Schneider

**8**  
Marian Kueck-Pierson  
Sue Nack  
Kylie Sterling

**9**  
Emmit Earnhart

**10**  
Virginia Propp

**11**  
Angel Arnall  
Keith Davis  
Matt Dyer

**12**  
Will Cherrington  
Cydney King  
Doris Lyons

**13**  
Erika Akers

**14**  
Christopher Baker  
Mary Lu Brown  
Conner Neal  
Norbert Pierson  
Loanna Thompson

**15**  
Sherrie Attebery  
Alyse Monsees

**16**  
Rachel Firestone  
Patsy Frisch  
Michael Walz

**17**  
Jerry Riggert

**18**  
Lou Eggerding  
Wade Firestone  
Sarah Stone

**19**  
Misty Brown

**20**  
Anne Farrow  
Zach Mefrakis

**21**  
Roger Brown  
Erica Milbach  
Lydia Steinkoetter

**23**  
Dana Meyer

**25**  
Josh McDowell  
Michelle Miller  
Karen Provost  
Samantha Schneider

**26**  
David Campbell

**28**  
Lisa Thompson

**29**  
Ken Greer  
Larry Linneman

Ron & Carole Eilers..... Sept. 1, 1973  
Jon & Dana Rakers ..... Sept. 4, 1993  
Dennis & Patti Haubein ..... Sept. 4, 1965  
Kenneth & Mary Redders..... Sept. 6, 1974  
Stephen & Denise Tackett ..... Sept. 8, 1995  
Mark & Michelle Gastler..... Sept. 9, 1989  
Tim & Kandy Kling ..... Sept. 14, 2002  
Jacob & Samantha Schneider ..... Sept. 14, 2013  
Jay & Sharon Craig..... Sept. 18, 1992  
Nathan & Jacque Eckhoff..... Sept. 18, 1999  
Fred & Doris Pistel..... Sept. 22, 1962  
George & LaVonne Rattelmuller ... Sept. 22, 1962  
Eddie & Kylie Sterling ..... Sept. 22, 2018  
Dan & Betty Buchheit ..... Sept. 23, 1978  
Roger & Mary Lu Brown..... Sept. 24, 1988

### VESPER GUILD

All women of Trinity are welcome to join our Vesper Guild meeting on Tuesday, September 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Library. We start with devotions followed by business discussions. Meetings are generally done by 8:00 p.m. For more info or questions, please contact Betty Buchheit at (573) 823-2664.



### MARY MARTHA GUILD



Mary Martha Guild will be holding our first meeting of the fall on September 9 in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. All ladies of Trinity are invited to attend. Our meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month from September to May.

### JUNIOR CONFIRMATION CLASSES RESUME

JCC will start up for the fall in September. Here's what you need to know:

- + Students in sixth, seventh, and eighth grade—along with their parents—are encouraged to attend the JCC information meeting on Sunday, September 13. The meeting will be in the Sanctuary immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service.
- + The first class session will be Sunday, September 20 at 6:00 p.m.
- + We will be asking JCC students to serve as acolytes beginning in September. Please watch your email for sign-up information.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>30</b> 8a Worship Service w/Communion 930a Sunday School 1030a Worship Service w/Communion 4p Youth Luau	<b>31</b> 6p Worship Service w/Communion	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 845a TLCLC Chapel 5p Pickleball  REV. MCCALLEY'S DAY OFF	<b>3</b> 630a Men's Bible Study 845a TLCLC Chapel 1100a Chapel w/Communion @ Lenoir Woods	<b>4</b> REV. THIEME'S DAY OFF	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 8a Worship Service w/Communion 930a Sunday School 1030a Worship Service w/Communion 3p Sr. Youth 4p Pickleball	<b>7</b> LABOR DAY OFFICES CLOSED 6p Worship Service w/Communion	<b>8</b> 6p Vesper Guild 7p Bd of Directors	<b>9</b> 845a TLCLC Chapel 930a Mary Martha Guild 5p Pickleball  REV. MCCALLEY'S DAY OFF	<b>10</b> 630a Men's Bible Study 845a TLCLC Chapel	<b>11</b> REV. THIEME'S DAY OFF	<b>12</b>
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**MONDAY 6:00 P.M.**

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**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