

News of the Son

Trinity Lutheran Church — Columbia, MO



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*From the
Pastor*



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Our existence as a congregation, and indeed the Christian Church worldwide as the people of God, is founded upon Christ's command to repent of our sin (Matt. 4:17; Mk. 1:15; Lk. 24:47) and believe on Him. The Bible teaches sin must be dealt with because it separates the unholy from the holy. We see this clearly in the curse pronounced upon mankind in the Fall (Gen. 3:16-24) and the worship of the Old Testament (Lev. 16). In love for the crown of his creation, God does not desire to be separated from what he has created (Gen. 3:15b; Ez. 18:23, 33:11; 1 Tim 2:4, 2 Peter 3:9). Through his suffering, death, and resurrection, Christ *alone* has dealt with sin in its entirety (1 John 2:2) and re-united those who believe on Him with God. Christ has given this gift to the church in the Office of the Keys (Matt. 18:15-20; Jn. 20:22-23) and Confession and Absolution is the exercise thereof.

Heeding Jesus' teaching, the Scriptures exhort Christians of the early church to confess their sins and be reconciled to God (2 Cor. 5:18-20; Js. 5:16), since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:23; Js. 2:10). When we confess this truth as the pastor says, "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us" (1 Jn. 1:8). If we don't believe this, "we make God a liar" (1 Jn. 1:10). Luther said, "there is nothing in us that is not sinful (SA III, III, 37). When we examine our lives' duties and responsibilities according to the Ten Commandments (Small Catechism "What is Confession?") and our neglect and violation of gifts that God protects by them, we are confronted with the damning realization that "we have sinned in thought, word, and deed" against the gifts God has given. The confession, "We poor, miserable sinners..." is the sorrow that afflicts our heart and mind and implores and yearns to have the Absolution, the imparting of the forgiveness, given to us. We may ask, "how often should I confess?" and one answer is, "as often as our sin troubles us."

Having confession and Holy Absolution available on a weekly basis means that God immediately grants our prayer for forgiveness when the pastor says, "in the stead and by command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." It is God who forgives in full, and the Absolution is the seal and glorious consolation of the prayer, "Lord be merciful to me a sinner." The Absolution is the fullness of the Gospel from God's voice himself: reconciliation with God for the sake of Jesus' suffering and death given to the repentant, believing sinner, now holy before God. The Absolution is the pronouncement of justification: sinners reconciled to God for Christ's sake. The great gift of God in worship is receiving the forgiveness of sins, and we first hear and receive that in the Absolution.

For the better part of 1,700 years, private confession and absolution with one's pastor was normal practice. Corporate Confession and Absolution (all together) in the same service as the Lord's Supper is the "new" practice. Our hymnal includes both corporate (LSB p. 290) and individual (LSB p. 292) rites and both can be used to support each other. In the Lutheran Church, the Reformers strongly encouraged the use of private confession because it offered the personal proclamation of the gospel and imparted forgiveness to an individual conscience burdened by particular sins. (AC XI, XXV 13, Apology XI). Even into the 20th century, private confession was usual in the LCMS. Typically, pastors would hear confession and absolve Christians at Friday or Saturday evening vespers before the Lord's Supper on Sunday. The point of this is to be declared holy before receiving the holy things: the Lord's body and blood. Many churches today begin confession at the back of the nave, often around the baptismal font, and then process to the altar to emphasize that the service of Confession and Absolution is distinct from the service of the Lord's Supper. The movement from back of nave to altar demonstrates how we go from unholy to holy, from sinner to saint.

There is much to be said about the abuse of private confession by the Roman church, both before and after the Reformation, but it must suffice that the emphasis has been "how much" sorrow a penitent shows to a priest, who acts as "judge," determining what one needs to do to merit forgiveness (Eph. 2:8), which is not immediately given. The consequence is that the sinner is unsure of their status before God, and therefore robbed of the comfort of Christ's satisfaction for all sin. No Christian need worry about "how sorry" they are because we are justified fully by grace.

Holy Absolution is the true "heartbeat" of confession because it brings the work of the cross—"It is finished!"—directly and immediately to the Christian's ear and heart.

Your Servant in Christ,

Rev. Joseph M. McCalley

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

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:

- ✝ 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 limit our occupancy to 100 people.
- ✝ 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 do not own a face mask or forget to bring one, we will provide a mask for you.

- ✝ If you need to visit one of the pastors or 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.
- ✝ Worship 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. worship service will be livestreamed at www.facebook.com/trinitylutherancomo.
- ✝ A special worship service will be held at 4:30 p.m. on the first, third, and fifth Mondays with extra safety measures. At this service, there will be no singing and masks must be worn at all times.
- ✝ Communion will be offered at worship services as scheduled. Communion will also be available at other advertised times and privately by appointment.
- ✝ Children's Sunday School and Adult Sunday Bible Class meet in-person at 9:30 a.m. An adult Bible study is also available online at www.facebook.com/trinitylutherancomo. Fellowship Hour has been canceled through the end of the year.



- ✝ 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 persons are encouraged not to attend events and meetings.

Greetings in the name of God our Father,

November is National Adoption month. It is good to take time to recognize and acknowledge the challenges adoptive families face, but also to laud their courage as well as rejoice in the blessings of the gift of children however they come into a family. Adoption may not be for everyone, but certainly, fellow believers can and should help support families on that journey. St. James said, **“Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their afflictions, and to keep oneself unstained from the world”** (James 1:27).



The following are excerpts from an article entitled “Look After Orphans in Their Distress” by Beth Spitzer, member of Bethesda Lutheran Church, Hot Springs, South Dakota and Vice President of Hot Springs Area Right to Life:

I am “Auntie Beth” to a nine-year-old nephew adopted from Russia and an eight-year-old niece adopted from the Philippines. I love them dearly, and they bring great joy to my husband and me. Because of my experience watching my brother and sister-in-law navigate the adoption process, I have become aware of the plight of orphans and the needs of adoptive families. I hope this article will help to make the Church aware of those needs.

The first thing I would like to address is the cost of adoption—with international adoption being the costliest. My nephew’s adoption cost around \$55,000, and my niece’s adoption was around half that...The only way these adoptions were made financially possible was through help from family and friends and a few adoption grants...The least expensive way to adopt is through the foster care system. Some people who are adoption-minded become foster parents and then end up adopting a child or children whom they are fostering.

After the adoption and the child is home, the needs do not end. In the case of my nephew and niece, both have special needs...they might be considered unique adoptees. What does not make them unique adoptive children is their history of trauma and attachment issues.

James, brother of Jesus, did not call the need for orphan care a possibility. He called the need for orphan care a fact—a given: **“orphans...in their affliction.”** It doesn’t matter what kind of loving home the child may be in now. These orphans have a history that can’t be forgotten or ignored. This is true even of newborn babies. Trauma affects the brain physically, and that affects these children’s behavior.

My sister-in-law feels strongly that adoption is a special vocation. Even if it isn’t everyone’s, everyone can help and support. Christians in the Church can serve the cause in a variety of ways. Here are some suggestions for simple ways you can help: provide meals, ask how you can pray for them, and don’t expect adoptive parents to do extra volunteer duties in the church. Another way to help is to get trained in ways to help foster and adoptive families. Two wonderful organizations that can help with this are Project 1.27 (www.project127.org) and the Christian Alliance for Orphans (cafo.org).

Attachment issues are among the biggest issues that often come along with adoption. A child’s behavior is greatly connected to healthy attachments. Because that attachment has been disrupted in the life of an adopted child, a healthy adoptive parent will work on attachment with their child for the rest of their lives. When an adoptive child first comes into the home, that family is going to need to “cocoon” for a while to provide the necessary time to bond with that child. Congregational members should not assume they can hold that newly adopted baby, but should be respectful of parents who are trying to build a bond with their child.

While I know this article has laid out some heavy information, I pray it has also lit a fire and helped to reveal the need for adoptive families. My niece and nephew are precious. Their giggles are one of my favorite things in the world. As I was interviewing my sister-in-law, she kept telling me how God provides. He has done that over and over again in big and small ways. One December, a man—a stranger—pulled up to my sister-in-law as she was on a walk and handed her a Christmas card through his truck window. When she opened it, there was a \$50 bill inside. This was at a time when she needed reassurance that proceeding with the adoption was the right thing to do. She says it was like God was telling her, “Oh, daughter, you have no idea how I can provide. Trust in me. I have this handled.” (Beth Spitzer, LifeDate Fall 2020) For additional resources, she recommends authors Karyn Purvis, Heather Forbes, Sherrie Eldridge, Bryon Post, and Dan Siegel, and for books, *What Every Adoptive Parent Needs to Know: Healing Your Child’s Wounded Heart* and *Parenting Your Internationally Adopted Child*.

Would you consider adoption today or support a family who is adopting a child whom God has created, redeemed and wants to call into a relationship with Himself?

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.

NUT SALES ~ ORDERS READY TO PICK UP

The Mary Martha Guild has received and sorted the shipment of nut orders, and they will be ready for pick up beginning November 8. Please stop by the Family Room off the Narthex before or after Sunday and Monday worship services in November to pick up your order. Please do not take orders during the week when Mary Martha is not present to note the pick up. We ordered a few extra items in case you forgot to order or need extras. Check with the Mary Martha member in the Family Room to see what extras are available.



OCTOBER 13, 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 October 13, 2020 at 6:02 p.m. Attendees included Gary Kespohl (Chairman), Jacque Eckhoff (Secretary), Jim Harms, JoAnn Schoenike, Pastor Joseph McCalley, Nick Couper, Robert Hall, Larry McCoig, Pastor Brian Thieme, Angel Arnall, Mary Frerking, Carole Eilers and Annette Kiehne. Pastor McCalley led the opening devotion.

Chairman Kespohl removed Old Business from the Meeting Agenda because the committee has not yet met to discuss Video for Live Streaming and Sound System. Mary Frerking added an addendum to the Christian Education report. JoAnn Schoenike replaced the August Financial Secretary's Report with September.

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

Angel Arnall moved to approve the Consent Agenda, including the September 15, 2020 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 - Pr. Thieme & Pr. McCalley

Membership Changes (Information Only): None

Pastor Thieme and Pastor McCalley have implemented a weekly book study. Presently they are reading "Closed Communion?" by Harrison & Pless.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY - JoAnn Schoenike

For the month of September, the Regular Envelope collections are 91.43% of the anticipated monthly amount. Loose Plate collections are 151.9% and Sunday School are 0%. The Total Monthly collections are 92.89% of the monthly anticipated amount of \$41,388.88. The Total Year to Date collections through the end of September are 105.77% of the anticipated amount of \$363,105.51.

BOARD REPORTS:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - Mary Frerking

Beginning mid-May and continuing until Rally Sunday the BOCE held weekly remote Sunday school classes from church using Zoom for Pre-K through 8th grade. Rally Sunday was held on September 13, 2020. All SS age children moved up to their next grade and received a book/Bible at both services. An abbreviated "Family Fun Day" was held in the afternoon. Beginning on Rally Sunday, SS returned to in-person classes. Because of a shortage of teachers, there are only two classes: one for Pre-K through 5th and one for children 6th-8th. There has been little to no attendance for SS since things shut down in March. Although the BOCE originally considered holding an abbreviated version of VBS some time this

Fall, there are no longer plans to move forward with the event. No plans have been made at this time for Christmas Eve Service. Please see BOD packet for an Addendum to the BOCE Report. The Addendum gives the results of a Sunday school survey sent to parents on September 28, 2020.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION - Carole Eilers

Fall enrollment is down due to COVID: CPS options and stable groups. There is still a need for one Pre-K teacher and afternoon staff. The BOECE will create a 2021 goal with emphasis on developing a policy manual and aligning the function/actions of the board using the LCMS Governing Board Resource. New lighting was installed by the TLCLC entrance.

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 using the agreed upon schedule. Promise forms were mailed to all contributing members in advance of Stewardship Sunday on October 4th. To date 50 promise forms have been returned.

TLC ENDOWMENT FUND - Nick Couper

See BOD packet for complete report.

TRUSTEES - No Rep. Present. No report filed.

YOUTH - No Rep. Present. No report filed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: No report filed.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Jim Harms (Treasurer)

September's Church income was \$43,806 with a year-to-date income for the period ending September 30, 2020 at \$421,317 (77.75% of the years \$541,875 budgeted income). September's Church expenditures was \$43,672 with a year-to-date expense total for the period ending September 30, 2020 at \$309,065 [62.63% 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 \$112,253.

September's Learning Center income was \$45,110 with a year-to-date income for the period ending September 30, 2020 at \$465,257 (50.79% of the years \$732,000 budgeted income). September's Learning Center expenditures were \$52,781 with a year-to-date expense total for the period ending September 30, 2020 at \$415,646 (63.56% of the \$732,000 annual expenditure budget). Learning Center's year-to-date income over expenditures was a negative (\$48,352).

Combined (Church and Learning Center) income over budgeted expenditures totaled \$63,901. However, this is reduced to a negative amount (\$8,622) after \$72,522 was paid in BOD & AOV approved expenditures. Net operating cash available again decreased this last month to \$124,718. 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 September \$43,121 is readily available in the checking account when you exclude Petty Cash and Money Market Reserves.

TLC received the remaining \$1,603.60 Good Shepherd Lutheran School funds this month. Funds have been transferred to account #198 Quilling & GSLS LCEF. On April 14, Trinity received a \$109,500 SBA Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) forgivable 1% loan. Funds are being held in a Designated Account. Waiting on Central Bank guidance. September 30 Dedicated Accounts total \$199,554.41 which includes the \$109,500 PPP loan. Adjusted for (\$207.45) Lutheran Witness. Adjusted for (\$50.29) Books Ordered Mbrs.

September 30, 2020: Lutheran Church Extension Funds accounts total \$890,479. August 31, 2020 TLC LCMS Foundation Endowment Funds account value was \$106,651. 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) Funds (\$205,000) from the Joan Quilling estate was transferred to #198 Quilling & GSLS LCEF. Funds reserved for the specific purpose of improving or upgrading the facilities, educational programming, technology and enhancing personnel performance. A small final disbursement/settlement is forthcoming.

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

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

2021 Budget Jim Harms, Treasurer, reviewed the 2021 Proposed Budget. Corrections and updates were made where needed. Jim

Harms moved to recommend the 2021 Budget to the Assembly of Voters as agreed upon by the Board of Directors; seconded and approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next BOD meeting will be held on November 10, 2020.

The next AOV meeting will be held on November 15, 2020 in the Sanctuary.

Angel Arnall moved to adjourn at 7:29 pm and Pastor McCalley led the closing devotion.

Jacque Eckhoff, Secretary

Board of Directors reports and agenda items are due to the Church Office by noon on Friday, November 6, 2020.

The Board of Directors will meet Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The Assembly of Voters will meet Sunday, November 15, 2020 at 12:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.



ARE YOU EXPERIENCING PANDEMIC FATIGUE?

Are you experiencing pandemic fatigue—the feeling of being mentally and emotionally exhausted by everything going on right now? We are all facing different kinds of life challenges during this time:

- + Isolation and loneliness
- + Anxiety over health
- + Grief
- + Juggling work, childcare, school responsibilities
- + Financial strain or job loss
- + Uncertainty about the future...

The list goes on. It is no wonder we may be hit by pandemic fatigue. Please see our October newsletter article for suggestions to take care of yourself, connect with others, and try something new.

If you or someone you care about is experiencing difficulties like those listed above, please know our Stephen Caregivers are ready to listen, care, encourage, and offer support. The Caregiver will meet with you privately by phone, video chat, or in person when it is safe to do so—to focus on you and your needs. Having a Stephen Caregiver is free, confidential, and offers real care, comfort, and hope.

If you think this might be helpful to you or someone you know, please contact Pastor Thieme or one of the other leaders.

In Christ,

Your Stephen Ministry Leaders

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



Trinity Lutheran Child Learning Center

Fall/Winter 2020 Parent Newsletter

Important Dates...

October 16— Mizzou Spirit Day*

October 29 & 30—Halloween Spirit Days*

November 9-20— Food Drive

November 11— Plaid Spirit Day*

November 24— Harvest Spirit Day*

November 23 & 24— Fall Class Parties

December 4— Ugly Sweater Spirit Day*

December 10— Red & Green Spirit Day*

Early November —Parent-Teacher Conferences

November 25— TLCLC Closed (Open for optional Extra Day contracts only)

November 26 & 27— TLCLC Closed for Thanksgiving Break

December 21 & 22— Christmas Parties

December 14-22 — Class Christmas Programs

December 23, 28, 29, 30— TLCLC Closed (Open for optional Extra Day contracts only)

December 24, 25, 31, January 1— TLCLC Closed for Christmas Break

January 4— School resumes

January 18— TLCLC Closed (Open for optional Extra Day contracts only)

February 15— TLCLC Closed (Open for optional Extra Day contracts only)

**Please see side 2 for an explanation of our Spirit Days*

Prayer for Today



As Covid-19 continues to influence our daily lives, we pray that our children, parents, teachers, and staff stay healthy. The following devotion from Lutheran Church Charities provides guidance during these trying times:

Theologian E. Stanley Jones said, *'Anything less than God will let you down. For every predicament you face in life, God has sufficient grace to carry you through. For every need, He has a supply. For every problem, He has an answer. For every hurt, He has a cure. After recalling everything God had brought him through, Jeremiah concluded, 'There is nothing too hard for You' (Jeremiah 32:17). God looks for opportunities to show you what He can do on your behalf when you put your trust in Him. The Psalmist said, 'According to Your mercy remember me' (Psalm 25:7). Aren't you glad God's goodness and mercy are based on His character and not yours? Corrie ten Boom said, 'If you want to be depressed, look within. If you want to be defeated, look back. If you want to be distracted, look around. But if you want to be delivered, look up.' So the word for you today is: by God's grace, you will get through this.*

Extra Day Enrollment

We have opened up enrollment for Guaranteed Extra Days for the 2020-21 school year. Extra Days are available for current students at the Learning Center as well as school-age children kindergarten—5th grade. The following is a list of the days that are available:

Wednesday, Nov 25	Wednesday, Dec 30	Tuesday, Mar 30
Wednesday, Dec 23	Monday, Jan 18	Wednesday, Mar 31
Monday, Dec 28	Monday, Feb 15	Thursday, Apr 1
Tuesday, Dec 29	Monday, Mar 29	



The fee for any Extra Days will be the same as your contracted daily rate.

An email with the enrollment form was sent out on October 6. If you need Extra Days please fill out the form and return it to the office, or email it to TLCLCkids@gmail.com by Monday, October 19. If you need a paper copy, please let the office know.

We will also offer a "First Come First Served" Extra Day Enrollment two-three weeks before each Extra Day.

Food Bank

The need for donated food is greater than ever during the pandemic, so the Learning Center will once again host a food drive this year from November 9-20. We will send home paper collection bags with your child. Please fill with non-perishable items and send the items with your child. To keep all the children and staff safe, we will ask the kids to place the bags directly into our collection barrels in our entrance. A representative from the Food Bank will be here on November 20 and will talk to each age group while socially distancing, and then collect the barrels. Thank you for your support!



Parent-Teacher Conferences

We are still making plans for parent/teacher conferences that will adhere to all Covid rules. Watch for updates. We anticipate dates in early November.



Spirit Days

Since Covid requires us to cancel or modify most of our traditional holiday celebrations, we have decided to plan extra Spirit Days this year. It will be fun for teachers and for the children to wear various clothing (no costumes) that fits each theme. **Participation is optional.** Please see the list below for Spirit Day themes that will run through December. More will be coming after the Christmas break.



Friday, October 16
Mizzou Day: wear MU Tigers clothing



Thursday, October 29 & Friday, October 30
Halloween: Wear a Halloween shirt or pants (no costumes please)



Wednesday, November 11
Plaid Day



Tuesday, November 24
Harvest Day: Wear fall colors or farmer clothes



Friday, December 4
Ugly Sweater Day



Thursday, December 10
Red & Green Day

Parties



Classes will continue to hold special "party" days this year. Unfortunately, parents will not be allowed to attend and we will not ask for supplies. Instead TLCLC will provide special tableware, food, and crafts to celebrate the occasion. This will keep everyone as safe as possible.



Children's Christmas Service



Due to Covid, we will be unable to hold our traditional all-school children's Christmas service this year. We are working on a plan in which each age group will sing Christmas songs in the church sanctuary and we will broadcast it via "Zoom" by class. Watch your email for more details. We anticipate dates to be December 14-22.

Reminders

Please make sure that your child always has a **SPARE SET OF CLOTHING** in their cubby. Accidents do happen and they need to be able to change into clothes that fit and are appropriate for the season.



Please remember that **TUITION** is due the first of every month with a 10-day grace period. There will be a \$25 late fee if tuition has not been received by the 10th of the month. Thank you!

It's not too late to sign up for **TUITION EXPRESS**. If you're interested in this automated way to pay tuition, please notify the office and we'll send you a form.



MyProcare is an online portal that allows all families to access their TLCLC account information. We have instructions in the office if you'd like to set this up.

If your child has an **8:00-12:30 SCHEDULE**, please remember that your drop-off time is 8:00 or after. If you need to arrange for an earlier drop-off for a nominal extra fee, please let the office know. We also ask that you pick up by 12:30 to avoid the late pick-up fee noted below. Thanks!



For children with an **ALL-DAY SCHEDULE**, please remember the Learning Center closes at 5:30 p.m. Parents are asked to arrive by 5:25 to allow time for us to bring your child to the car by 5:30. If a parent is late picking up, they will receive a written warning. If another late pick-up occurs, the family will be charged \$10 for every five minutes past 5:30.



Job Opening for Pre-K Teacher

Trinity Lutheran Child Learning Center is looking to hire one new lead teacher. Please spread the word to as many people as possible and pray that God will put who He wants into this open position.



This position could be part-time or full-time. Salary range is \$11-\$17/hour. Benefits for full-time include:

- Medical, dental, vision insurance (75% employer/25% employee)
- Retirement plan with employer paying up to 6%
- \$500 employer HSA contribution
- \$250 signing bonus
- Paid time off
- Tuition discount
- TEACH scholarship available

If you are interested, or know someone who might be, stop by the office or contact Annette Kiehne at 445-1014 or by email at tlclc@trinity-lcms.org

Curbside Pick-up Notes

In an effort to keep the drop-off/pick-up process as efficient as possible during the winter months, we ask that you **provide a hat and a pair of gloves**



for your child which will be left in their cubby at school. At pick-up we will bring children out to you with their coat on, but not a hat or gloves since it is such a short trip to the car.

For everyone's safety, please **exit your car at pick-up and greet your child on the sidewalk.** Now that it's getting dark earlier in the evening, we want to ensure the safety of all and prevent children from leaving the sidewalk without the hand of a parent.



As daylight fades earlier and earlier, it will be more difficult for us to read the pick-up signs in your car window. We will continue to do our best to walk your child out to you as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!



Do you recall who won the first season of *American Idol*¹? Know what a group of emus is called² or what the Los Angeles Dodgers' team name refers to³?

Wednesdays in LAC are now **Trivia Wednesdays**, thanks to yours truly and the source of 10 random questions each week, my Scrabble-playing friend Lloyd. I was researching interactive educational tools like Quizizz for another purpose when it dawned on me: building camaraderie and boosting morale through friendly competition!

Your turn to play along! Now through **10/28 at 11:45 pm AST**, go to joinmyquiz.com and enter this code: **54421896**. I'll announce the winner in my November newsletter.

(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.)

Spoils Alert

Last month, I shared an episode from the life of the prophet Ezekiel that resonated with me given my prevailing life circumstances. This month, it's an anecdote from King David's military career and its relevance to missionary life that, although it's never struck me before, I can't get out of my head.

Turn with me to 1 Samuel 30.

The Amalekites have overtaken Ziklag and captured its inhabitants as POWs, including David's two wives. David inquires of the Lord as to whether he should pursue them in retaliation and gets the go ahead from the mouth of the priest Abiathar. David sets out with 600 men, but 200 are "too exhausted" to finish the march to the battleground. Nevertheless, God is faithful and grants David and his men success. Everyone—and everything— that had been held hostage is recovered. The victorious troops return to their brethren and...refuse to share any of the spoils with them since they hadn't lifted a finger in the fight!

David, though, takes a different tack, insisting:

"For as his share is who goes down into the battle, so shall his share be who stays by the baggage. They shall share alike."

David acknowledges God as the One to whom victory belongs. So it is with the battleground of the mission field. I'm on the front lines; if you're reading this, you're staying by the baggage (though NOT out of exhaustion, as you daily labor in the vocation God has given you!). This is a good and necessary task. Meanwhile, it is God who grants victory as hearts of stone turn to flesh and the church in this place grows. I look forward to the day when I, each of you, and people from all nations will share in the heavenly spoils of eternity with our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ!





Praises and Petitions

1. Thanksgiving for the faithful service of the Warner family (Spain), transitioning back to the US this month.
2. Thanksgiving for the 10/17 marriage of fellow missionary Danelle to Rev. Carlos Schumann.
3. Thanksgiving for generous contributors who made COVID-19 food relief efforts around LAC possible.
4. For the potential missionaries who received BIM calls/ appointments to the field in September.
5. For Liz Noé, a young man confirmed at The Church in Palmar (DR) on 10/6.

1. Kelly Clarkson; 2. A mob; 3. Having to
dodge trolleys to get to the stadium.

The True Task

The true North American missionary task is that of raising up national pastors and leaders to replace them as the number of believers in a given field multiplies.

Rejoice with me at a [recent instance of this in Spain](#)! At the 10/10 *Asamblea* of the *Iglesia Luterana Española*, Rev. José Luis de Miguel acceded to the role of Bishop on the heels of outgoing missionary pastor Rev. David Warner. José Luis, a “worker priest” (he does double duty at the Spanish Association Against Cancer) living in Valencia, is a CMSCR graduate. Pray for Godly wisdom in his new role!

Left: Range boxes are so much fun when you're a 2-yr. old MK at any age! *Center:* Disassembled library shelving, donated by CTSFW, ready to make its way to the DR.

Right: Spontaneous photo op on a day trip to the mountains of Jarabacoa.



Quote of the Month

The Pumpkin Prayer

Cut off the top: Lord, open my mind and fill me with your wisdom and patience.

Scoop out the yuckies: Lord, take out all my fussies and frownies and fill me with your love.

Carve out the eyes: Lord, open my eyes to see all of the beautiful things you have made.

Carve out the nose: Lord, help me to be a sweet fragrance for you.

Carve out the mouth: Lord, help me to always speak your words of love and kindness.

Place a candle inside: Lord, fill me with your light to shine for all to see.

Amen.

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NOVEMBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

1
Austin Bailey-King
3
Asa Linneman
4
Lonny Dirks
Mark Gastler
Carol Morrison
5
Justin Grayer
Michele Moyer
Karen Weber
7
Waylon Bennet
8
Sharon Craig
Chris Gambill
Hunter Kevil
11
Kathy Ferguson
Judy Frost

12
Harold Grant
14
Melissa Fitzgerald
Amy Reiss
15
Elly Eckhoff
Sofia Littell
16
Rob Gannon, Jr.
17
Patty Smith
18
Danielle Dyer
19
Lindsey Sall
20
Tracey Summerfield
21
Linda Lehenbauer
Katie Starbuck

22
Mike Samuel
Samuel Turner
23
Lena Crutchfield
Ethan Mott
Leah Sanchez
24
J.P. Mariott, Jr.
25
Ryan Mott
Wyatt Thompson
26
Sarah Weber
28
Josie Kespohl
30
Rebekah Laupp
Amanda Hakes

Al and Jacqueline Hebard Nov. 4, 1961
Ken and VeNora Klussman Nov. 12, 1966
Bob and Hannah Watts Nov. 14, 2009
John and Summer Kuehner Nov. 26, 2011
Willis Linneman and
Joneda Phillips-Linneman Nov. 26, 2004



LIFE TEAM UPDATE

November is National Adoption month, and the Life Team would like to share some information about adoption that we learned in a LFL Zoom call on October 21st. The conversation centered around the Desemone family who adopted 5 children over the years. They shared that adoption is a hard process for both the birth family and the adoptive family. Adoption is expensive, there are usually attachment issues, and often adoptive children have special needs like trauma or physical disabilities. Adjustment periods can take years.

One way to help foster and adoptive families and support mothers who choose adoption is to reframe our thinking. One of the speakers pointed out that sometimes birth mothers are seen as disreputable, adoptive parents as desperate, and the life of the baby may be seen as illegitimate. To help reframe adoption, for example, instead of the phrase “gave up the baby” think “made an adoption plan.”

Instead of thinking of adoption as a last resort or seeing children as a commodity, we should look at adoption as a ministry. This places Christ Jesus in the middle of the lives of the child, birth family, and adoptive family—right where He wants to be!



A practical way to support adoptive, foster, and birth families is to support crisis pregnancy centers in our community. We are blessed to have both My Life Clinic and Lutheran Family and Children Services in our area. LFCS is also an adoption agency that accepts donations of gently used items such as baby clothes, maternity clothes, furniture, car seats, swings, and toys as well as unused diapers, wipes, etc. The Life Team is gathering such items throughout November to donate to LFCS.

Think about all the people you know. Then think about how adoption may touch those lives and intersect with your own. Indeed we are all adopted children: adopted into God’s family through the waters of Baptism and through Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross. For this we can all be thankful all the days of our lives.

Blessings, the Life Team



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 DST ENDS 8a Worship Service w/Comm. 930a Sunday School 1030a Worship Service w/Comm. 3p Youth Group 330p Pickleball 6p JCC	2 9a Bible Study 430p Worship Service w/Comm. 6p Worship Service w/Comm.	3	4 845a TLCLC Chapel 5p Pickleball REV. MCCALLEY'S DAY OFF	5 630a Men's Bible Study 845a TLCLC Chapel 11a Chapel w/Comm. @ Lenoir	6 REV. THIEME'S DAY OFF	7 10a Trinity Garden Club
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Items for the monthly *News of the Son* are due to the church office by noon on the 25th of the month (or the previous Friday if the 25th falls on a weekend).

Announcements for the *Trinity Weekly News* are due to the church office by noon each Thursday. Announcements of 75-100 words are preferred.

Dear Church Family,

Please contact the Church Office when:

- a member of your family is admitted to the hospital so visits can be made
- someone you know is very ill or has passed away
- your class, board, or group would like to use the church for a meeting or event so it can be scheduled on the church calendar
- your contact information or address changes
- a new baby arrives in your family
- a member of your family leaves home for college, joins the military, or is getting married
- you would like to have a member call you to visit or assist you in some way
- you have a prayer request
- you would like to share your time and talents
- you feel the church can assist you in any way