

# News of the Son

Trinity Lutheran Church – Columbia, MO



## 2020 HOLIDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

During the Advent and Christmas seasons, we will be having several special services. Since this is 2020 and public health concerns may require us to alter our plans, these worship schedules are subject to change. Because the socially distant capacity of the Sanctuary is limited, we will offer overflow seating in the Fellowship Hall and/or the Gym on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We will hold three services on Christmas Eve, but none of these will be a “children’s service” like we typically hold. Instead, the Advent service at 7:00 p.m. on December 16 will include special children’s participation opportunities. We will provide as much notice as possible of any changes to these dates and times. We hope you can join us!



### Wednesday December 2:

12:00 p.m.—Advent Worship Service  
7:00 p.m.—Advent Worship Service

### Wednesday December 9:

12:00 p.m.—Advent Worship Service  
7:00 p.m.—Advent Worship Service

### Wednesday December 16:

12:00 p.m.—Advent Worship Service  
7:00 p.m.—Advent Worship Service

### Thursday December 24th:

5:00 p.m.—Christmas Eve Worship Service  
7:00 p.m.—Christmas Eve Worship Service<sup>†</sup>  
11:00 p.m.—Christmas Eve Worship Service

### Friday December 25th:

9:00 a.m.—Christmas Day Worship Service<sup>†</sup>

### Thursday December 31st:

12:00 p.m.—New Year’s Eve Worship Service  
7:00 p.m.—New Year’s Eve Worship Service

<sup>†</sup>This service will also be livestreamed on [www.facebook.com/trinitylutherancomo](http://www.facebook.com/trinitylutherancomo).

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

*From the  
Pastor*



## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

It is fitting our study of the Divine Service liturgy continues with the Service of the Word during Advent and Christmas. During Advent and Christmas, the Christian's focus is on Incarnation of God, who assuming human flesh, comes to die for us sinners and our salvation. Because the Son's atoning death was sufficient, we are sure the mercies of God can be given to us. In the Divine Service, we are assured of forgiveness imparted in Holy Absolution. In Old Testament Temple worship, the High Priest only entered the veiled Holy of Holies once a year, Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement (Leviticus. 16) to sprinkle blood, covering the sins of the Israelites. However, Christ is now the once and for all sacrifice, his blood covering all. We can approach the Lord freely (Hebrews 10:19; Ephesians 2:18). Thus, the pastor moves from outside the communion rail ascending to the altar. Since sin no longer separates us, we have full access to God (Matthew 27:51). Our praise and thanksgiving can now acceptably rise before our Great High Priest on his throne of grace (Heb. 4:14-16). Therefore, the liturgy continues with praises and prayers: an Introit, the Kyrie, the Hymn of Praise, Salutation, and the Collect of the Day.

An Introit, Latin meaning 'entrance,' marks the historic beginning of the Divine Service. It developed as hymn sung as the ministers entered the church and processed to the altar. The Introit is a psalm or a portion thereof. At the beginning and end, an antiphon ("voice answering voice"), taken from the language of the psalm itself or language of Scripture, summarizes the theme of the day. For example, the Christmas antiphons proclaim the birth of Christ. The Introit concludes with the Gloria Patri (Glory be to the Father...) because the Christian church gives glory to the Holy Trinity.

The Kyrie eleison, Greek for "Lord, have mercy". It too is a hymn, sung in procession, but also a prayer for God, our Lord and King, to hear and help us. It calls upon God to give what was announced in the Introit. Pleas for God's mercy are found throughout the Psalms (4:1, 6:2, 9:13, 25:16, 27:7, 30:10, 31:9, 51:1, 86:16, 123:3). Numerous gospels accounts record people calling upon Jesus to show them mercy (Matthew 15:22, 17:15, 20:30; Luke 18:9-14), especially calling for healing. In our hymnal, the pastor makes different supplications, and the congregation responds with "Lord, have mercy!" Petitions and supplications, requests, at length form a litany (LSB pg. 288).

The Hymn of Praise, or Gloria in Excelsis (Glory in the Highest...) is another hymn, but of adoration derived from Luke 2:14, the angelic announcement to the shepherds of Christ's birth (see LSB #368). Tradition holds it was first used at midnight Christmas Service in 498 AD. As Christ came in humble birth, so also he comes to us in Word and Sacrament. We see the Gloria first appearing in about 530 AD. In the Gloria, the congregation sings four ascriptions: adoration to God the Father and God the Son, petitions God the Son for mercy, and finally praises God the Son's power and might.

In the Salutation, *V* "The Lord be with you. R And with thy spirit" the pastor faces the people from the altar. He brings a message from God: the Lord hears our cries for mercy and will listen. The versicle "Let us pray" is an invitation to pray because God desires his people to pray: Ruth 2:4; Luke 1:28; 2 Thess. 3:16; Philemon 25; Galatians 6:18.

The Collect of the Day. It was thought this prayer offered by the pastor collected summarized all the requests made by members into one prayer-after each had prayed. This dates to around 440 AD. Many of the collects we pray have been in use for at least 1,200 years-around the time of King Charlemagne! The pastor prays on behalf of the congregation, since he has been called by them to do so, but it is the congregation's prayer. Their response in the Salutation indicates this special relationship. The Collect summarizes the central thought of the Sunday, taking into account the readings and the liturgical season. It follows a five-part pattern: 1) Address-to a person of the Trinity, 2) Rationale-a characteristic of God, 3) Petition-what is being asked, 4) Benefit-goal toward the fulfillment of the petition, 5) Termination-"who lives and reigns"-a doxology, or praise to God. These take their form from Scripture. The theme of the Collect prepares the congregation for the particular grace offered in the Readings from Scripture.

Your Servant in Christ,

*Rev. Joseph M. McCalley*

## COVID-19 INFORMATION

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](http://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 these services, 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](http://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.



*Advent and Christmas blessings to you, dear friends in Christ,*

As we thoughtfully ponder and anticipate the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, it is appropriate that we remember that moment of time in the life of each one of us when life began...a moment when we were changed from nothing into something; from nothing into everything. At that fraction of time called conception, we were in the presence of the One who is life, who is light and who is love. At that time of conception there was direction, destiny and power because "in the beginning God created..." He made everything, including the incredible human brain. The human brain ranks among the greatest wonders of God's creation. At that moment of conception, there is in the single fertilized egg, which each one of us once was, 27 times more information than is found in an entire set of the Encyclopedia Britannica! The truth is that you and I didn't come from a fetus, an embryo or a fertilized egg. You and I once were a fetus, an embryo, a fertilized egg. Each individual life is a continuum that begins at conception. The same is true for Jesus. The Body that lay in the manger, the Body that hung on the cross, the Body that rose from the crypt was a body given to Jesus at His conception in the womb of Mary.

Before we were formed (Psalm 139), before God's hands made us and fashioned us into an intricate unity (Job 10:8, 12), God knew us, loved us and had a plan for us. In a world in which so many people have a poor self-image, lack self-esteem and feel rejected and unwanted, the conception, life, death and resurrection of Jesus say to each one of us, "you are so special, so unique, so valuable that you are worth dying for."

When a young child was asked how he got out of his mother's tummy, he exclaimed, "God made a baby door!" With all the biological, medical and scientific language we use to describe pregnancy and childbirth, fundamentally, that is what it really is. God made a baby door for physical life and for spiritual life, because it was God's own Baby, His own Son, who through His conception, life, death and resurrection became the Door by which each of us was birthed into His family. **That's cause for celebration! We ought to be so filled with the joy of being alive, so grateful for the gift of created life, that others seeing us will say, "teach me what you know; teach me your joy; teach me your peace; teach me your LORD!" Let the celebration begin!**

*(The preceding was adapted with permission from Dr. Jean Garton's speech at the Southern District Convention of LCMS in July 1997)*

The hymns we sing during the Advent and Christmas seasons echo the message above. One hymn calls Mary's womb Jesus's throne and His pure and kingly hall'. When Jesus chose to begin His life in the womb of Mary, He gave value to every human life in the womb. I encourage you to listen to the words of the familiar advent and Christmas hymns as you sing them this season to hear their affirmation of the value of each and every life in the womb today. Sing and rejoice in God's gift of life!

Lutherans For Life publishes "Life Thoughts in the Church Year". Here is the life thought for November 29th, the first Sunday in Advent: ***Restore us, O God (Psalm 80:7)! Restore us by Your humble coming among us. Restore our courage to speak for those vulnerable to using death as a solution. Restore our compassion to serve their survival and salvation as You have ours. Restore our congregations to welcome, receive and embrace every human life. Restore our communities to accompany instead of abandoning. And restore our country to protect and provide for unborn and elderly.*** (LifeDate, Fall 2020)

Have a blessed Advent and Christmas in Christ, who gives value to all human life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death,

Sylvia Glenn,  
Life Ministry Coordinator for Lutherans For Life

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*** call WORD of HOPE, toll-free 888-217-8679, or visit [www.word-of-hope.org](http://www.word-of-hope.org).

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

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order on November 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Attendees included Larry McCoig (Head Elder), Jacque Eckhoff (Secretary), Jim Harms, JoAnn Schoenike, Pastor Joseph McCalley, Robert Hall, Nick Couper, Angel Arnall, Annette Kiehne, Theresa Yeager and Charlie Cott.

Pastor McCalley led the opening devotion.

Nick Couper moved to approve the Meeting Agenda; seconded and approved.

Angel Arnall moved to approve the Consent Agenda, including the October 13, 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 - Pastor McCalley**

**Membership Changes (Information Only):**

In: Breanna Dawn Bongard from Immanuel Lutheran Church in Sweet Springs, MO

Out: Dr. Charles Jeffery & Monica Kay Smith, and children Caitlyn & Morgyn to Alive in Christ in Columbia, MO

Stephanie Christel Wollenburg to Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bronx, NY

Pastor Thieme & Pastor McCalley attended the Church Worker's Conference via Zoom on 10/21/20. Pastoral visits continue to be made with individuals, couples and families. Sunday morning study is on the book of Philemon, and the Monday morning class is going through the Large Catechism (Infant Baptism). Pastor Thieme took vacation days November 7-10, and will travel to Chicago November 19-20.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY - JoAnn Schoenike**

For the month of October, the Regular Envelope collections are 92.68% of the anticipated monthly amount. Loose Plate collections are 81.41% and Sunday School are 0%. The Total Monthly collections are 92.18% of the monthly anticipated amount of \$38,666.79. The Total Year to Date collections through the end of October are 104.46% of the anticipated amount of \$401,772.31.

**BOARD REPORTS:**

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - No Rep. Present**

The BOCE still continues to hold in person Sunday school for grades Pre-K through 8th. Senior Youth also continues to meet in person each Sunday. Attendance for Sunday school has been scant. For Pre-K through 5th, only one Sunday has had children for Sunday school since Rally Sunday. 6th through 8th grade class has had no

more than four children on a particular Sunday. The Board has purchased Christmas ornaments for all Sunday school age children Pre-K through Senior Youth. The Board has also purchased Advent calendars for each Sunday school family. The BOCE is discussing options for an abbreviated Christmas Eve Service with the Sunday school children. Plans have not yet been finalized. The BOCE will be within budget again this year. The Board is considering the purchase of a lap top for use by the teachers/Board members for Board activities and potentially to be used for Zoom Sunday school classes in the upcoming year. They are also looking into the purchase of a projector to be used by teachers during Sunday school and for showing movies outside. BOCE will need a new slate of three members for the upcoming year.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD ED. - Theresa Yeager**

Fall enrollment is down due to COVID: CPS options and stable groups. There is still a need for one Pre-K teacher, one kitchen aid and several afternoon staff. Chapel is happening two days a week with Pastors. An update is needed on the half doors in preschool classrooms, and the sanitizer broke again with water leakage. Currently waiting on a quote to order the replacement.

**ELDERS - Larry McCoig**

No report filed.

**EVANGELISM - No report filed.**

**SOCIAL MINISTRY - Angel Arnall**

No report filed.

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

No report filed.

**TLC ENDOWMENT FUND - Nick Couper**

See page 13 of the BOD packet for report.

**TRUSTEES - No report filed.**

**YOUTH - No report filed.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: No report filed.**

**KITCHEN COMMITTEE:**

Wednesday, October 28, six members of the Mary Martha Guild spent the morning deep cleaning the Fellowship Hall and the Fellowship Hall kitchen. The committee would like to report two issues. The first being to resolve the problem of the water backing up into the sink when the sanitizer drains rust-colored water after the wash and rinse cycles. Second, place the two covers over the hood to help with some of the old temperatures in the kitchen. The committee also reported that Lucky's Grocery Store donated paper products to the church when their store closed. The next deep cleaning by the Kitchen Committee is scheduled for April 2021.

**TREASURER'S REPORT - Jim Harms (Treasurer)**

October's Church income was \$38,893 with a year-to-date

income for the period ending October 31, 2020 at \$460,210 (84.93% of the years \$541,875 budgeted income). Regular envelope income is \$13,780 less YTD compared to prior year same period. October's Church expenditures was \$51,495 with a year-to-date expense total for the period ending October 31, 2020 at \$360,560 [73.07% 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 \$99,651.

October's Learning Center income was \$47,913 with a year-to-date income for the period ending October 31, 2020 at \$464,818 (63.5% of the years \$732,000 budgeted income). TLCLC income is \$144,616 less YTD compared to prior year same period. October's Learning Center expenditures were \$69,723 with a year-to-date expense total for period ending October 31, 2020 at \$534,980 (73.08% of the \$732,000 annual expenditure budget). There were 3 payroll periods in October that increased TLCLC expenses this month. TLCLC expenses are \$10,893 less YTD compared to prior year same period. Learning Center's year-to-date income over expenditures was a negative (\$70,162).

Combined (Church and Learning Center) income over budgeted expenditures totaled \$29,488. However, this is reduced to a negative amount (\$47,997) after \$77,485 was paid in BOD & AOV approved expenditures. At the end of October \$9,348 is available in the TLC checking account after excluding Petty Cash and Money Market Reserves. TLCLC reduced income from COVID-19 and AOV/ BOV Motions/Approvals has greatly reduced the church's available cash to cover its day to day operations. Waiting on Central Bank guidance on the April 14th \$109,500 SBA Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) forgivable 1% loan. Funds are being held in a Designated Account.

October 31 Dedicated Accounts total \$207,324 which includes the \$109,500 PPP loan. Adjusted for (\$255.33) Lutheran Witness. Adjusted for (\$50.29) Books Ordered Mbrs.

October 31, 2020: Lutheran Church Extension Funds accounts total \$890,571.

September 30, 2020 TLC LCMS Foundation Endowment Funds account value was \$105,065.

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)

A small final disbursement/settlement is forthcoming from the Joan Quilling estate.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Video for Live Streaming & Sound System The committee

met Sunday, November 8. They will meet again this Sunday, November 15. Then the committee will ask the BOD to call a special meeting to discuss their recommendations.

Budget Update Jim Harms reviewed updates to the 2021 Budget. Robert Hall moved to approve the 2021 Budget; seconded and approved. The Budget will now go to the AOV.

NEW BUSINESS: Kitchen Sanitizer Charlie Cott reported that they are going to try to repair the old TLCLC Sanitizer and use it to replace the one in the kitchen.

Circuit Forum (Information Only): November 15, 2020 at Campus Lutheran Church (2:00 pm) Pastor McCalley, along with Larry McCoig, will represent TLC. Our Congregation at the last AOV nominated the Rev. Joshua Ketelsen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on December 8, 2020.

The next Assembly of Voters meeting will be held on November 15, 2020 in the Sanctuary.

Charlie Cott moved to adjourn at 7:32 pm and Pastor McCalley led the closing devotion.

Jacque Eckhoff, Secretary

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NOVEMBER 15, 2020</b> <b>ASSEMBLY OF VOTERS' MINUTES</b> <b>(Draft Minutes - Yet to be Approved)</b></p>
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The regular meeting of the Assembly of Voters was called to order on November 15, 2020 at 12:30 p.m. Attendees included Larry McCoig (Head Elder), Jacque Eckhoff (Secretary) James Harms (Treasurer), Phil Glenn, Sylvia Glenn, Nick Couper, Carolyn Trigg, Tom Myers, Warren Harms, Jim Cherrington, Ron Barrett, David Atteberry, Sherrie Atteberry, John Frerking, Mary Frerking, Angel Arnall, Pat Campbell, Annette Kiehne, Pastor Brian Thieme and Pastor Joseph McCalley.

Pastor Thieme led the opening devotion.

It states in the Bylaws of the Assembly of Voters of Trinity Lutheran Church that the only items of business at the November meeting shall be an initial consideration of the slate of candidates and the budget for the following year. The Meeting Agenda is in accordance with this bylaw.

Head Elder Larry McCoig reminded the Assembly of Voters that a minimum of twenty (20) members present shall constitute a quorum. Due to less than 20 members being in attendance the approval of the September 20, 2020 Assembly of Voters Minutes will be postponed until the December meeting.

BUSINESS: Nominations for 2021 Officers and Board Members: David Atteberry distributed an updated list of

nominations to all present members. Daniel Hakes was then added as a nomination for Board of Christian Education. Voting will occur at the December 20, 2020 Assembly of Voters meeting.

2021 Budget: Jim Harms, Treasurer, reviewed the proposed 2021 Budget. Voting will occur at the December 20, 2020 Assembly of Voters meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The next regular Board of Directors meeting will be held December 8, 2020.

The next regular Assembly of Voters meeting will be held December 20, 2020.

Motion to adjourn at 1:08 p.m.; seconded and approved.

Pastor Thieme led the group in a closing prayer.

Jacque Eckhoff, Secretary

**NOVEMBER 24, 2020  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MINUTES  
(Draft Minutes - Yet to be Approved)**

A special meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order on November 24, 2020 at 6:02 p.m. Attendees included Gary Kespohl (Chairman), Jacque Eckhoff (Secretary), Jim Harms, JoAnn Schoenike, Robert Hall, Nick Couper, Angel Arnall, Theresa Yeagar, Mary Frerking, Charlie Cott, Larry McCoig, Kevin Mott, Pastor Brian Thieme and Pastor Joseph McCalley.

Pastor Thieme led the opening prayer.

The only order of business for this Special Board of Directors meeting was "Sound System and Video for Livestreaming". The committee collected two bids. One from Sound Solutions and one from Harvest AV Solutions. Kevin Mott, committee member, was in attendance to review the recommendation and answer questions. The committee recommended to go with the bid from Harvest AV Solutions. This company is more experienced with the scope of work TLC is needing. They have done similar work for hundreds of large churches. The total price from Harvest was \$50,545.93, but there will be adjustments made to the bid that will bring that price down. Adjustments made due to the fact we don't need all the equipment the company suggested. One example being, we would only need two cameras and not four. The work should take three to four months to complete.

Larry McCoig moved that the committee be given the authority to approve up to \$50,000 with Harvest AV Solutions, and the President and Secretary will sign the final contract; seconded. Jim Harms stated that the committee must provide Harvest AV Solutions with a tax exempt certificate. Approved.

Angel Arnall moved to adjourn at 6:25 pm and Pastor McCalley led the closing prayer.

Jacque Eckhoff, Secretary

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

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

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

NOMINATIONS FOR 2021 OFFICER AND BOARD POSITIONS	
<b>President:</b>	Open
<b>Secretary:</b>	Warren Harms
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Open
<b>Financial Secretary:</b>	Open
<b>Elders:</b>	David Attebery (incumbent)
<b>Elders:</b>	Jim Cherrington (incumbent)
<b>Christian Ed.:</b>	Kylie Sterling
<b>Christian Ed.:</b>	Daniel Hakes
<b>Early Childhood Ed.:</b>	Open
<b>Evangelism:</b>	Dianne Mirtz
<b>Endowment:</b>	Gary Frisch (incumbent)
<b>Endowment:</b>	Carey Smith (1-year term)
<b>Stewardship &amp; Finance:</b>	Lori Burns (incumbent)
<b>Stewardship &amp; Finance:</b>	Ken Greer
<b>Stewardship &amp; Finance:</b>	Open (2-year term)
<b>Trustees:</b>	Doug McDowell
<b>Social Ministry:</b>	Angel Arnall (incumbent)
<b>Social Ministry:</b>	Emily Derendinger (2-year term)
<b>Youth:</b>	Chris Bailey (incumbent)

## FROM THE TRINITY LUTHERAN CHILD LEARNING CENTER DIRECTOR



2020 has been a challenging year for us all. What started out as any other year in January turned into unprecedented events in March, and the effects of Covid-19 continue. We are working hard to keep students, staff, and families as safe as possible, and we pray every day for the end to this pandemic and all those affected.

TLCLC has been able to respond and adjust to this new way of life with your support. We have had families and staff in quarantine. We were able to continue the employment of our teachers and staff through the shutdown with the approval of the federal PPP loan program. Our summer program thrived with the addition of a second school-age classroom. We were able to reach so many children and share the wonder of God's word and the true gift of salvation from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This fall our enrollment is less than it has been as families adjust to the new normal of working from home and virtual classes for their older children.

TLCLC would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to the TLC congregation for your support as we continue with our mission to introduce Jesus to young children. Our goal for the remainder of this year and into the future is to strengthen the bonds between TLCLC and TLC. To that end, you can expect to hear more from us in the monthly news and weekly bulletin. You are also invited to visit our web page at [TLCLCkids.com](http://TLCLCkids.com) (to be updated soon thanks to your support) and our Facebook page by searching for Trinity Lutheran Child Learning Center.

Blessings to all, Annette Kiehne



## LIFE TEAM UPDATE

This past year has been full of changes and challenges. The Life Team attempted to meet the challenges of educating our congregation by inviting Pastor Salemink to speak at our Life Sunday celebration, holding a diaper shower for My Life crisis pregnancy center, hosting a live streaming event from Focus on the Family, sponsoring a voter registration drive, passing out information on Abortion as an Election issue, and celebrating National Adoption month in November with Lutheran Family and Children Services. The Life Team thanks everyone who contributed to these endeavors.



Going forward, the Life Team invites you to learn more about the huge problem of human trafficking by emailing [help@stophumantraffickingmo.com](mailto:help@stophumantraffickingmo.com) to RSVP to join Zoom meetings held on the first Thursday of every month at 6:00 p.m. The Zoom meeting in December will feature survivors of human trafficking and their stories. These meetings are held by the Stop Human Trafficking Coalition of Central Missouri and are open to everyone. This is a easy, safe way to learn more about this deadly issue.

Blessings, the Life Team



## WHO BENEFITS FROM STEPHEN MINISTRY? (PLUS, AN EXPLANATION OF OUR LOGO!)

Everybody benefits from Stephen Ministry. Those receiving care benefit because they receive prayer and support throughout the crisis they face. Caregivers benefit through the spiritual growth they experience from being involved in meaningful ministry. Our pastors benefit because caring ministry at Trinity is expanded. Most of all, you benefit from the knowledge that special care is available to you should you need it. In addition, you now have a place where you can refer a church member you know who is going through a difficult time so that they can receive special care when they need it most. Stephen Ministry has made Trinity an even more caring place!



Having a Stephen Caregiver is free, completely 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 listed below.

The Stephen Ministry logo tells the story of a care receiver's journey from brokenness to wholeness through the transforming power of the cross of Jesus. It serves as a simple reminder that it is not the caregiver who restores a person to wholeness; rather, it is only through the cross of Jesus that a person can be made whole. We use the logo as a visual tool reminder about the important caregiving that happens through it.

Thank you for your continued support. The past few months have been particularly challenging. We embrace that challenge and look forward to growing this ministry at Trinity.

In Christ,

Your Stephen Ministry Leaders

Pastor Brian Thieme: 573-445-2112 or revthieme@trinity-lcms.org

Larry McCoig (Elder): 660-247-3026 or lmomc@yahoo.com

Joanna McDowell: 573-881-4138 or mcdowellfamily@centurytel.net

Debbie Antel: 573-819-3140 or debbieantel@gmail.com

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

*Galatians 6:2*



## SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Since we unfortunately have to forego including children in the Christmas Eve service this year, the Board of Christian Education has decided to use the evening midweek Advent service on December 16 for limited children's participation. Details for this service have not yet been finalized. We will, however, avoid gathering our children in groups both as part of the service and in the weeks leading up to the service. This means there will be no group practices or a dress rehearsal of any kind. We will also likely be limited to having our children participate in the day's readings, sing a solo or duet as part of the service hymns, and offering musical selections, including pre-service music. Details will be forthcoming very soon. Please keep an eye out for email and announcements in the Sunday bulletin.

Finally, the Board has an Advent Calendar for each Sunday school FAMILY, and an ornament for each Sunday school CHILD Pre-K through Senior Youth! These will both be available for pick-up in the hallway near the church doors beginning on Thanksgiving, November 26. Please check your name off on the list when you pick up your ornaments and Advent calendar.





# DECEMBER

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

**1**  
Kyle Dickes  
Larry Samuel

**2**  
Brianna Chiu  
Kristin Gerike  
Stanley Wise

**3**  
J.R. Littell

**4**  
Norma Keil  
Josh Steffen

**5**  
Matt Gibson  
Andy Mott

**7**  
Annette Kiehne  
Hannah Watts

**8**  
Ainsley  
Thoroughman

**9**  
Julie Calfee  
Nolan Froese  
Sylvia Glenn  
Kevin Kiehne  
Rev. George  
Rattelmuller

**10**  
Shelly Gibson  
Jan Lang

**11**  
Bonnie Firestone  
Laura Grise  
Lynne Scharlott  
Diane Smith

**13**  
Avery Linneman  
Barbara Sanchez

**15**  
Allie Kruse  
Kelly Snader

**16**  
Jonathan Rakers

**17**  
Zachary Jones  
Chuck Murphy

**19**  
Jason Starbuck

**20**  
Erika Berry  
Emelia Mangold  
Brian Tate  
Chyerl Varvil

**21**  
Elizabeth  
Crutchfield  
Lillian Fei  
Cole Starbuck

**22**  
Elke Beltz  
Joseph Buchheit

**23**  
Becky Mott

**26**  
Emily Cupp

**28**  
Donna Elliott  
Chloe Gibson  
Herb Griggs  
Noah Mefrakis

**29**  
Jackson Gooch  
Izabel Hanson  
Michelle Wren

**30**  
Jon Berendzen

**31**  
Ruth Stone  
Colin Weber  
Marilyn Wise

Glen and Elke Beltz..... December 2, 2006

Rex and Lou Pasley ..... December 4, 1988

Karl and Barbara (Henke) Christopher

..... December 7, 1984

Don and Chyerl Varvil..... December 12, 1974

Ron and Barbara Barrett ..... December 16, 1977

Phil and Sylvia Glenn..... December 19, 1970

Kevin Burns and Lori Bresnahan Burns

..... December 21, 2018

Don and Susan Malson..... December 22, 1974

Larry and Virginia Propp..... December 23, 1971

Rob and Melba Hall ..... December 24, 1990

Danny and Karla Yung ..... December 26, 2003

Norburt and Marian Kueck-Pierson

..... December 28, 2008

Don and Lynne Scharlott .... December 30, 1972

### PHONE CALLS



Dear Trinity Members: You may receive a phone call from one of the Elders or Stephen Caregivers to see how you are doing, to give thanks for God's gifts, and encourage you. We are praying the Lord continues to watch over you, keep you, and protect you. Please know that if you desire to receive the Lord's Supper, we will be delighted to bring it to you. We are only a phone call away, so please do not hesitate to contact us.

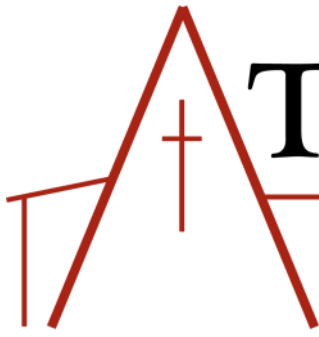
Your servant in Christ, Pastor Brian K. Thieme

### THANK YOU!

The Mary Martha Guild would like to thank you for your support of our fall fundraiser. The nut sales were a success, and we were able to meet our goal. The nuts were delivered to us by Farmstead Nuts and Treats at no charge due to the large amount of nuts you ordered. We also received some funding from Thrivent. The proceeds from sales will be used for financial donations to missions selected by Guild members. Thank you all for your orders, and many thanks to those who served on the fundraiser committee to complete this project successfully.

Thanks again! ~ Mary Martha Guild





# Trinity

Lutheran Church  
Columbia, Missouri

# December 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 8a Worship Service w/Comm. 930a Sunday School 1030a Worship Service w/Comm. 330p Pickleball	30 9a Bible Study 430p Worship Service w/Comm. 6p Worship Service w/Comm.	1 5:30p Bd of Early Childhood Ed.	2 845a TLCLC Chapel 12p Advent Service 5p Pickleball 7p Advent Service	3 845a TLCLC Chapel 11a Chapel w/Comm. @ Lenoir	4       REV. THIEME'S DAY OFF	5
6 8a Worship Service w/Comm. 930a Sunday School 1030a Worship Service w/Comm. 12p JCC 330p Pickleball	7 9a Bible Study 930a Church Decorating 430p Worship Service w/Comm. 6p Worship Service w/Comm.	8 6p Vesper Guild 7p Bd of Directors	9 845a TLCLC Chapel 930a Mary Martha Guild 12p Advent Service 5p Pickleball 7p Advent Service	10 845a TLCLC Chapel	11       REV. THIEME'S DAY OFF	12
13 8a Worship Service 930a Sunday School 1030a Worship Service 12p JCC 330p Pickleball	14 9a Bible Study 6p Worship Service	15	16 845a TLCLC Chapel 12p Advent Service 5p Pickleball 530p Life Team 7p Advent Service	17 845a TLCLC Chapel 11a Chapel w/Comm. @ Lenoir 6p Bd of Elders	18       REV. THIEME'S DAY OFF	19
20 8a Worship Service w/Comm. 930a Sunday School 1030a Worship Service w/Comm. 1230p Assembly of Voters 3p JCC 330p Pickleball	21 430p Worship Service w/Comm. 6p Worship Service w/Comm.	22	23 5p Pickleball	24 CHRISTMAS EVE 5p Christmas Eve Service 7p Christmas Eve Service 11p Christmas Eve Service w/Comm.	25 CHRISTMAS DAY OFFICES CLOSED 9a Christmas Service w/Comm.	26
27 8a Worship Service 930a Sunday School 1030a Worship Service 330p Pickleball	28 6p Worship Service	29	30 5p Pickleball	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE 12p New Year's Eve Service w/Comm. 7p New Year's Eve Service w/Comm.	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY OFFICES CLOSED	2

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### **WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES:**

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

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

### **BIBLE STUDY & SUNDAY SCHOOL:**

**SUNDAY 9:15 A.M.**

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**WEBSITE: TRINITY-LCMS.ORG**

### **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