

News of the Son

Trinity Lutheran Church – Columbia, MO



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2021

*From the
Pastor*



THE READINGS

In the Epiphany season, God’s glory is revealed as the person and work of Christ Jesus. We learn of this revelation through God’s word. Therefore, it is helpful to learn a little about the reading of God’s Word in worship.

What’s the basis for the public reading of Scripture in the Divine Service?

- 1) *The Lord’s own command:* Jesus commands the Apostles to teach and obey all that he has commanded and taught.¹ By doing so, he has promised to be with us until the end of the age. Jesus teaches the study the Scripture is important so we remain faithful Christians. By continuing in his teaching, we rightly believe what God has revealed.² You hear God’s word “so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”³
- 2) *Old Testament precedent:* People who belong to God desire and need to hear what he has to say. This is practiced throughout the Old Testament.⁴
- 3) *Gospel precedent:* The Gospels record that Jesus was hearing, preaching, and teaching in and near local synagogues. A synagogue met the Jewish need to hear the Word of God. A synagogue was a village building, frequently someone’s house, where Jews would hear the promises of God and be instructed in holy living.⁵
- 4) *Early Church precedent:* In the New Testament, St. Paul instructs Timothy, a young pastor, to “devote [him]self to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.”⁶ He is to do this because “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”⁷ The early church placed great emphasis on hearing the Word together.⁸

Thus, reading of Scripture in worship was happening before, during, and after Jesus’ life on earth.

The Lutheran Confessions profess that the Word of God is the most important component for believers because people’s souls are at stake. The confessions say “We believe, teach, and confess that the only rule and norm to which all teachings, together with all teachers, should be evaluated and judged are the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures of the Old and New Testament.”⁹ Everything the church does must come from and be in accord with God’s Word. This belief is drawn from Scripture. It is not a pious or stubborn wish.

When St. Paul teaches in synagogues as he travels on his missionary journeys, he uses the Old Testament to show people that Jesus is the true Savior.¹⁰ St. Paul also asks “how shall they hear without someone preaching?”¹¹ Thus, the Bible teaches the importance of hearing and studying Scripture, and the Confessions echo that importance.

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

When it comes to worship, the *Small Catechism* teaches that the meaning of the third commandment is that Christians should regularly hear the Word of God. “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy; We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.”¹² Thus, the Word of God is the center for all that we believe and do as the people of God.¹³ In sum, faith comes by hearing and hearing and hearing through the Word of Christ.¹⁴

Three Readings: Synagogues in Jesus’ time regularly had two readings: one from the Law and one from the Prophets. Christian congregations continued this practice, but added the New Testament writings as they became widely available.

The Old Testament: This reading is helpful because the history and prophecy point directly to Christ.

The Epistle: The epistle lesson frequently teaches God’s law for Christian living, in light of Christ’s death and resurrection. The Epistle is not “*thou shalt* and *thou shalt not*,” but, “how shall I and the Christian church properly understand _____?”

The Gospel: The Gospel is the mountaintop of the first half of the worship service. It gives a living witness of our Lord, his teaching, his saving death and resurrection, and his commands to the church. We confess with St. Peter, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life!”¹⁵ The Gospel reading serves as the basis for the day’s main teaching point. The Old Testament and epistle supplement the main point.

Many years ago, Scripture was read (which included preaching) as long as time permitted (all day church, anyone!). Things have changed quite a bit for our time together to be only about one hour.

Next time: the Sermon, Three Ecumenical Creeds, and hymns!

Your Servant in Christ,

Rev. Joseph M. McCalley

Notes:

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| 1. Mt. 28:20 | 8. Ac. 2:42; He. 10:25 |
| 2. Jn. 8:31 | 9. Summary of the <i>Epitome of the Formula of Concord</i> |
| 3. Jn. 20:31 | 10. Ac. 13, 17:11 |
| 4. Dt. 31:11; Ex. 24:7; Js. 8:34; 2 Ki. 22-23; Ne. 8-9 | 11. Ro. 10:14 |
| 5. Mt. 4:13, 13:54, 23:2, 6; Mk. 1:21-28, 5:21-43;
Lk. 2:41-47, 4:31-37, 8:41-49; Jn. 6:59 | 12. <i>Luther’s Small Catechism</i> , exp. to Third Commandment |
| 6. 1 Ti. 4:13 | 13. Js. 1:8 |
| 7. 2 Ti. 3:16-17 | 14. Ro. 10:17 |
| | 15. Jn. 6:68 |

DECEMBER 8, 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 December 8, 2020 at 7:02 p.m. Attendees included Gary Kespohl (Chairman), Jacque Eckhoff (Secretary), Jim Harms, JoAnn Schoenike, Larry McCoig, Charlie Cott, Theresa Yeager, Nick Couper, Mary Frerking, Annette Kiehne, Carole Eilers, Angel Arnall, Pastor Brian Thieme and Pastor Joseph McCalley.

Pastor Thieme led the opening devotion.

Chairman Kespohl added Board of Christian Education Report to the Consent Agenda.

Pastor Thieme added Missouri District Convention to New Business.

Larry McCoig moved to approve the Meeting Agenda with these additions; seconded and approved.

Larry McCoig moved to approve the Consent Agenda, including the November 10, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes and the November 24, 2020 Special Meeting 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

Membership Changes (Information Only):

In: Norman Gephardt, transfer from Zion, Lone Elm, Missouri

Out: None

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).

FINANCIAL SECRETARY - JoAnn Schoenike

For the month of November, the Regular Envelope collections are 110.39% of the anticipated monthly amount. Loose Plate collections are 296.16% and Sunday School are 0%. The Total Monthly collections are 114.48% of the monthly anticipated amount of \$41,395.67. The Total Year to Date collections through the end of November are 105.40% of the anticipated amount of \$443,167.98.

BOARD REPORTS:

CHRISTIAN ED. - Mary Frerking

In person Sunday school continues for grades Pre-K through 8th, and Senior Youth also continues to meet in person each Sunday. Attendance for Pre-K through 8th has been limited.

The BOCE has placed Advent Calendars and Christmas ornaments for pick up in the hallway.

Instead of participating in the Christmas Eve Service this year, children have been asked to participate in limited roles in the Advent Service on Wed., December 16 at 7:00 pm.

The BOCE is considering the purchase of a lap top computer for use by teachers/Board members for Board activities and potential Zoom Sunday school classes.

The BOCE has a new slate of Board members for 2021.

EARLY CHILDHOOD ED. - Theresa Yeager

Fall enrollment is down due to COVID: CPS school options and stable groups.

There is still a need for teachers, one kitchen aid and afternoon staff.

Chapel is two days a week with the pastors.

Crum was called for no heat in the gym.

Work to be completed includes a replacement mop sink in the furnace room, and motion activated flood lights installed by the TLCLC entrance to light the parking lot/pickup area and playground double doors.

ELDERS - Larry McCoig

No report filed.

EVANGELISM - No Rep. Present

No report filed.

SOCIAL MINISTRY - Angel Arnall

No report filed.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE - No Rep. Present No report

filed.

TLC ENDOWMENT FUND - No Rep. Present

See page 13 of the BOD packet for report.

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 (Treasurer)

November's Church income was \$50,736 with a year-to-date income for the period ending November 30, 2020 at \$510,947 (94.29% of the years \$541,875 budgeted income). Regular envelope & loose plate income is \$12,120 less YTD compared to prior year same period.

November's Church expenditures was \$42,171 with a year-to-date expense total for the period ending November 30, 2020 at \$402,809 [81.63% 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 \$108,138.

November's Learning Center income was \$45,207 with a year-to-date income for the period ending November 30, 2020 at \$509,722 (69.63% of the years \$732,000 budgeted income). Due to the COVID-1 effect TLCLC income is \$161,748 less YTD compared to prior year same period.

November's Learning Center expenditures were \$46,387 with a year-to-date expense total for the period ending November 30, 2020 at \$581,366 (79.42% of the \$732,000 annual expenditure budget). TLCLC expenses are \$37,791 less YTD compared to prior year same period. Learning Center's year-to-date income over expenditures was a negative (\$71,644). After the \$80,600 PPP loan is credited the year-to-date income over expenditures changes to \$8,956.

Combined (Church and Learning Center) income over budgeted expenditures totaled \$36,493. However, this is reduced to a negative amount (\$43,065) after \$79,558 was paid in BOD & AOV approved expenditures. At the end of November \$12,929 is available in the TLC checking account after excluding Petty Cash and Money Market Reserves. TLCLC reduced income from COVID-19 and \$79,558 in 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.

November 30 Dedicated Accounts total \$199,024 which includes the \$109,500 PPP loan. Adjusted for (\$291.27) Lutheran Witness. Adjusted for (\$50.29) Books Ordered Mbrs.

November 30, 2020: Lutheran Church Extension Funds accounts total \$890,668.

October 31, 2020 TLC LCMS Foundation Endowment Funds account value was \$104,061. 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)

TLC received the final \$5,385.47 disbursement/settlement from the Joan Quilling estate which totaled \$210,385.47 and is to be used for the specific purpose of improving or upgrading the facilities, educational programming, technology and enhancing personnel performance. \$50,000 has been committed to the 995.26 TLC AV Project.

Larry McCoig moved to approve the Treasurer's Report; seconded and approved.

OLD BUSINESS: Nominating Committee (Update) Chairman Kespohl reviewed the 2020 Nominating Committee Report. Pastor Thieme reported that Daniel Hakes, who accepted the nomination for the BOCE, is not officially a member. He is in the process and should be official soon. He can hold the position once he becomes a member.

Budget (Update) Larry McCoig moved to recommend the proposed 2021 Budget to the AOV on December 20, 2020; seconded and approved.

Kitchen Sanitizer (Kitchen Committee-Budget Considerations) Charlie Cott reported they are still working on the kitchen sanitizer situation.

NEW BUSINESS:

Schedule of Worship Services for 2021 Larry McCoig moved to recommend the Schedule of Worship Services for 2021 to the AOV on December 20, 2020; seconded and approved.

Facility Use Request Larry McCoig moved to approve as requested; seconded and approved.

Missouri District Convention Pastor Thieme reviewed the proposal to LCMS congregations to add an extra year to the 2019-22 triennium. Angel Arnall moved to recommend this proposal to the AOV on December 20, 2020; seconded and approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

Installation of Officers and Board Members will be January 3, 2021.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on January 12, 2021.

Jim Harms asked if the BOD needs to approve bonuses for TLCLC staff. Theresa Yeager moved to accept 2020 bonuses for TLCLC staff that were based on the policy adopted by the BOECE. The total of bonuses being \$3665; seconded and approved.

Theresa Yeager moved to adjourn at 7:45 pm and Pastor McCalley led the closing prayer.

Jacque Eckhoff, Secretary

2021 Trinity Lutheran Church Officers and Board Members

President

Gary Kespohl

Secretary

Warren Harms

Treasurer

Jim Harms

Financial Secretary

JoAnn Schoenike

Board of Christian Ed.

Daniel Hakes

Kylie Sterling

Sarah Thieme

**Board of Early
Childhood Ed.**

Carole Eilers

Cynthia Green

Christina Hartman

Karen Niederjohn

Joni Schaumburg

Board of Elders

Benjamin Asbeck

David Attebery

Ron Barrett

Jim Cherrington

John Frerking

Daniel Hartman

Larry McCoig

Board of Evangelism

Robert Hall

Dianne Mirtz

Chuck Murphy

Board of Social Ministry

Angel Arnall

Emily Derendinger

Kathy Ferguson

**Board of Stewardship
and Finance**

Lori Bresnahan-Burns

Rob & Kim Crouch

Ken Greer

Sean Huggans

Richard Mangold

vacancy

Board of TLC

Endowment Fund

Nick Couper

Gary Frisch

Carey Smith

Board of Trustees

Charlie Cott

Doug McDowell

Eddie Sterling

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, January 8.

The Board of Directors will meet Tuesday, January 12 at 7:00 p.m.

The Assembly of Voters will meet Sunday, February 21 at 12:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

A blessed New Year to you in the name of Jesus, our Savior!



Sanctity of Human Life Sunday is observed this month. The theme for this year is “*From Invisible to Indispensable!*” based on 1 Corinthians 12:22: “On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable...” The following is the first place essay in the high school category of Missouri’s Lutherans For Life contest. The author, Abigail Wagner, is also the National winner in the Life essay contest. Please be encouraged by her bold words.

Invisible and Indispensable

“On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable” (Lutheran Study Bible 1967). In the past weeks and months, parts of American life previously unseen and unthought of have suddenly become indispensable. The things and people we took for granted, such as grocery stores, medical workers, cleaning supplies, and even the ability to leave our homes without fear or restrictions, entered the forefront of our minds overnight. However, this pandemic has not only given us cause to think about the overlooked factors that suddenly make up the backbone of our lives. It has also given us a chance to reexamine those who, although they are God’s indispensable creations, have often been dismissed as invisible and worthless.

The effects of COVID-19 have revealed the drastic differences in the respect our society claims to have for life, and the blatant disregard it shows for the weak and helpless every day. There is nowhere that this is clearer than the state of New York. In late March, the state’s governor, Andrew Cuomo, in response to the economic difficulties caused by his stay-at-home order, tweeted that “you cannot put a value on human life” (Cuomo). The governor made these statements to explain his admirable efforts to preserve life during a time of crisis. However, they also revealed the unjust inequalities in the way the world views visible and invisible lives. The same state where Governor Cuomo spoke in support of the inestimable value of life is also home to some of the nation’s most permissive abortion laws. Under the Reproductive Health Act, passed in early 2019, the deadly procedure can be performed until 24 weeks for any reason, and then until the child is born if a doctor believes a woman’s health (a term the Act does not define) may be at risk. This pandemic has drawn our attention to the value of those we see around us, and in doing so has highlighted the injustices done to unborn, equally indispensable bearers of God’s image.

The unborn are not the only invisible members of society whose dire situation has suddenly been made clear by our current crisis. Perhaps the most horrifying part of life in this time has been the stories, both from the United States and nations around the world, of doctors forced to choose which patients will receive life-saving medical care during a shortage of resources, often treating the youngest and healthiest patients first. Although our current situation sadly requires humans to make decisions about life and death, it reveals the insidious attitudes that lead to assisted suicide and euthanasia. Even in times of stability, the elderly and disabled are sometimes characterized as a “drain” on society’s resources, or dismissed as having lives that are not worth living because of physical suffering. These ideas have given humans the power to decide when to dispose of something that should be seen as entirely indispensable—a life created and loved by God.

Humanity often falls victim to a false definition of what people are indispensable, based solely on our tendency to value the things we can see. According to the world’s point of view, the born are more valuable than the unborn because it is easier to discern their humanity. The abled are more valuable than the disabled because their material contributions are greater. The young are more valuable than the old because they can live without the support of others. In all times, but especially in moments such as these, it is vital to remember that there are two things which are invisible, yet valuable above all else: the innate value of every human life, and the redemptive love of the God who created each one uniquely indispensable.

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.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

JANUARY

2
Candace Sall
Elena Scharlott

3
Gail Schuster

4
Doug McDowell

5
TJ Marler
Bob Watts

6
Reece McMillen
Corie O'Neill

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Chase Hemmer
Andrew Saeger

8
Andy Luetkemeier
Joanna McDowell
Sadie Schneider

9
Beth Sall

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Nathan Eckhoff

11
Patty Kespohl
Brian Thieme

12
Sophia LaFoy
Terri Shank
Stephanie Stansell

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Forrest Firestone
Adam Francis

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John David Banks
Melba Hall

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Jon Harpert

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Jeffrey Arnall
Josiah Thieme
Keri Thoroughman

19
Larry McCoig

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Connie Coil

21
Amanda Thieme

22
Kimberly Cameron
Denise Tackitt

23
Debi Derendinger
Colton Douglass
Sophia Thompson

24
Mya Monroe

25
Jordan Hudspith
Frances Kiene

27
Emilee Buchheit

28
JoAnn Schoenike

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Debbie Antel
Joseph Sall

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Andrew Rivers

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Meredith Stone

Joseph & Candace SallJanuary 9, 1993
Angel & Jeff Arnall..... January 10, 1998
David & Katie Campbell January 10, 1992
Tom & Nancy Schultz January 11, 1992
Jon & Karly Berendzen..... January 19, 2008
Beau & Stephanie Baehman .. January 20, 2006
Chuck & Jessica Murphy..... January 21, 2009
Gary & Patty Kespohl..... January 27, 1968
Bill & Joyce Raines January 27, 1963



OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

During the worship services on Sunday and Monday, January 3 & 4, we dedicate our newly elected officers and board members and rededicate our incumbent board members for 2021.

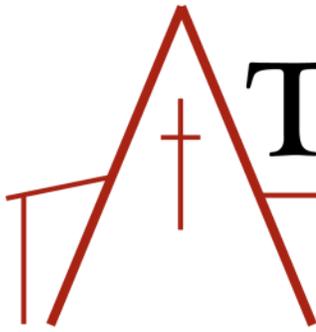
Please welcome our new volunteers: Emily Derendinger (Social Ministry), Ken Greer (Stewardship & Finance), Daniel Hakes (Christian Education), Warren Harms (Secretary), Doug McDowell (Trustees), Dianne Mirtz (Evangelism), Joni Schaumburg (Early Childhood Education), Carey Smith (TLC Endowment), Kylie Sterling (Christian Education), and Sarah Thieme (Christian Education).

Trinity Lutheran Church simply could not carry out its ministry and mission without the tireless work of all our volunteers.



We also extend our heartfelt thanks to those whose service ends at the close of 2020: Jacque Eckhoff (Secretary), Mary Frerking (Christian Education), Carolyn Holste (Christian Education), Buck Katt (Stewardship & Finance), Andrew Saeger (Stewardship & Finance), Patti Smith (Evangelism), and Theresa Yeager (Early Childhood Education).

Your hard work and faithful service have been a blessing to your congregation!



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Lutheran Church
Columbia, Missouri

January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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
3 8a Worship Service w/Comm. 930a Sunday School 1030a Worship Service w/Comm. 1230p Board Orientation (Zoom) 330p Pickleball	4 430p Worship Service w/Comm. 6p Worship Service w/Comm.	5 6p Stephen Ministry Training	6 845a TLCLC Chapel 5p Pickleball REV. MCCALLEY'S DAY OFF	7 630a Men's Bible Study 845a TLCLC Chapel 11a Chapel w/Comm. @ Lenoir	8 REV. THIEME'S DAY OFF	9
10 8a Worship Service w/Comm. 930a Sunday School 1030a Worship Service w/Comm. 12p JCC 330p Pickleball	11 9a Bible Study 430p Worship Service w/Comm. 6p Worship Service w/Comm.	12 6p Vesper Guild 7p Bd of Directors	13 845a TLCLC Chapel 930a Mary Martha Guild 5p Pickleball REV. MCCALLEY'S DAY OFF	14 630a Men's Bible Study 845a TLCLC Chapel	15 REV. THIEME'S DAY OFF	16
17 8a Worship Service w/Comm. 930a Sunday School 1030a Worship Service w/Comm. 12p JCC 330p Pickleball	18 9a Bible Study 430p Worship Service w/Comm. 6p Worship Service w/Comm.	19	20 845a TLCLC Chapel 5p Pickleball 530p Life Team REV. MCCALLEY'S DAY OFF	21 630a Men's Bible Study 845a TLCLC Chapel 11a Chapel w/Comm. @ Lenoir	22 REV. THIEME'S DAY OFF	23
24/31 8a Worship Service w/Comm. 930a Sunday School 1030a Worship Service w/Comm. 12p JCC 330p Pickleball	25 9a Bible Study 430p Worship Service w/Comm. 6p Worship Service w/Comm.	26	27 845a TLCLC Chapel 5p Pickleball REV. MCCALLEY'S DAY OFF	28 630a Men's Bible Study 845a TLCLC Chapel 6p Bd of Elders	29 REV. THIEME'S DAY OFF	30

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

MONDAY 6:00 P.M.

BIBLE STUDY & SUNDAY SCHOOL:

SUNDAY 9:15 A.M.

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ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

Items for the monthly *News of the Son* are due to the church office by noon on the 25th of the month (or the previous Friday if the 25th falls on a weekend).

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

Dear Church Family,

Please contact the Church Office when:

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