

# News of the Son

Trinity Lutheran Church — Columbia, MO



February  
2023

## *How do we talk to God?*

The Ten Commandments taught us what God expects of us, what pleases Him, and what sins to confess. We learned from the Creed what we can expect from God. In His Word He “talks” to us. Today we are going to look at talking to Him and we do need to talk to Him.

For we are in a situation where no person can perfectly keep the Ten Commandments, even though he has begun to believe. The devil with all his power, together with the world and our own flesh, resists our efforts. Therefore, nothing is more necessary than that we should continually turn towards God's ear, call upon Him, and pray to Him. We must pray that He would give, preserve, and increase faith in us and the fulfillment of the Ten Commandments [2 Thessalonians 1:3]. We pray that He would remove everything that is in our way and that opposes us in these matters (Large Catechism, Part 3).

We pray because He commands us to pray.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

It is not left to our whims and desires. Our Lord is not looking for a silent partner. He bids us to talk to Him in prayer and turn toward Him in giving thanks and in our times of trouble. We are His beloved children and He bends an ear toward us. We pray also because He promised to hear His people.

and call upon me in the day of trouble;

I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me (Psalm 50:15).

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened (Matthew 7:7-8).

Our prayers are heard, not on their own merits, but because of Christ.

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not

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have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need (Hebrews 4:14-16).

In boldness and confidence, we approach the throne of grace. We intercede and make supplications for one another and on behalf of the unbelieving world.

How do we pray? We can pray the Psalms, as they were used by the Old Testament people, Christ Himself, and the Church as prayers. The Catechism itself can be prayer. Many of the hymns can be used as prayers. Of course the Lord's prayer is the ultimate prayer. Through this prayer He taught the disciples and us how and what to pray. "Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:"

**Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. (Matthew 6 and Luke 11)**

**For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

Lord, we give you thanks for the gift of prayer.

Your Servant in Christ,

*Rev. Brian K. Thieme*





**Ash Wednesday, February 22:**

12 & 7 p.m.—Ash Wednesday Service

**Wednesday March 1:**

12 & 7 p.m.—Midweek Lenten Service

**Wednesday March 8:**

12 & 7 p.m.—Midweek Lenten Service

**Wednesday March 15:**

12 & 7 p.m.—Midweek Lenten Service

**Wednesday March 22:**

12 & 7 p.m.—Midweek Lenten Service

**Wednesday March 29:**

12 & 7 p.m.—Midweek Lenten Service

**Maundy Thursday, April 6:**

12 & 7 p.m.—Maundy Thursday Service

**Good Friday, April 7:**

12 & 7 p.m.—Good Friday Service

**Easter Sunday, April 9:**

7 a.m.—Sunrise Service

10:30 a.m.—Easter Service

Monday 6 p.m.—Easter Service

*Reminders for you...*

Trinity Lutheran Church has a caregiving ministry. When you face a difficult time, reach out to one of our pastors and consider a caring relationship with a Stephen Ministry caregiver. The ministry is free and completely confidential. Quotes from past care receivers: "It is a wonderful thing available to people in need." "The Stephen Ministry and my caregiver were a Godsend." A tri-fold flyer and a yellow information card are available from the information stand in the narthex.

The ministry is also designed to train and spiritually equip fellow believers to seek our Lord as they walk beside and support our brothers and sisters in Christ through sad and difficult times. Contact one of our Stephen Ministry leaders and/or visit [stephenministries.org](http://stephenministries.org) to learn more.

Stephen Ministry has a resource available to you. *Journeying through Grief* book sets can help you extend care and minister to people you know who are grieving the loss of a loved one. It is sometimes difficult to know how to minister to others who are grieving. Our hope is this will be a loving and effective way for you to extend care to people in your life. The book sets are available to you at no cost or obligation. A sample set is on display in the information stand in the narthex. If you would like to obtain a set of the books, text or leave a message to Barbara Barrett: 573-268-0056 or email her at [Barbara.barrett5@outlook.com](mailto:Barbara.barrett5@outlook.com)

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Joanna McDowell 573-881-4138

Pastor Thieme 573-445-2112

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## 2023 Member Contribution Envelopes

Please pick up your box of envelopes for 2023 off the tables in the overflow room.

There is a new number for 2023 for the majority of our members, so do not use remaining 2022 envelopes. Thank you.

If you cannot locate your box, please leave a message for the Financial Secretary and she will be happy to assist you.



## Lutheranism 101

In January, we began a new session of **Adult Catechism Classes!** Classes are held on Wednesday afternoons at 1 p.m.



Members are welcome to join the class!

## Scholarship Opportunity

Interested in becoming a church worker (pastor, deaconess, DCE, teacher)? Trinity Lutheran Church offers scholarships for students pursuing church work.



1. Eligibility
  - a. Scholarships may be awarded to students studying for an LCMS church vocation (pastor, teacher, DCE, deaconess, etc.)
  - b. Recipients must be attending an LCMS university or seminary.
  - c. Recipients must be a member of Trinity Lutheran Church.
2. Application and Approval
  - a. Potential recipients must submit a written letter of application to the Board of Directors.
  - b. Scholarships may be renewed annually if the recipient requests continued support by submitting a written letter of application to the Board of Directors.
  - c. Applications for summer school scholarships will be considered.
  - d. Scholarships and their specific amounts must be approved by the Assembly of Voters.
3. Administration
  - a. Scholarship checks will be written to the institution (or its appropriate subunit) on behalf of the recipient. Checks will not be written directly to the recipient.
  - b. Scholarship funds will first be drawn from the budgeted line account item (account 534). If the budgeted account is depleted, funds may also be drawn from the dedicated LCEF scholarship fund (account 195).
  - c. If the budgeted line account has a balance at the end of the fiscal year, the balance will be moved into the dedicated LCEF scholarship fund.

## Mary Martha Guild

The Mary Martha Guild will meet Wednesday, November 10th in the overflow from 9:30-11:30 a.m. All church members are welcome to attend.

Anyone interested in more information should contact Theresa Greer at 573-823-3200 or email [tlgreer51@gmail.com](mailto:tlgreer51@gmail.com)



## Vesper Guild

All women of Trinity are welcome to join our Vesper Guild meeting on Tuesday, November 9th at 6:00 p.m. We start with devotions followed by business discussions. Meetings are generally done by 8:00 p.m.

For more info or questions, please contact Betty Buchheit at (573) 823-2664.



# LWML PRAYER SERVICE



*But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever  
sing for joy. Psalm 5:11a*

Sunday, February 19, 2023

2:00 – 4:00 pm

Trinity Lutheran Church sanctuary

2201 W. Rollins Rd.

Columbia, MO 65203

Refreshments will be served



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[lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)



## **Life Newsbytes**

Abortion pills took the lives of nearly 500,000 preborn babies in 2020, while sales from the deadly pill regimen made up an astounding 53% of nationally reported abortion numbers, according to updated data published by Guttmacher Institute researchers. The report entitled, "Abortion Incidence and Service Availability in the United States, 2020," also found that between 2017 and 2020, the share of "medication abortions" increased for all facility types. Numbers published by the FDA through June of 2021 reveal that the abortion pill has ended the lives of nearly five million preborn human beings since its approval in 2000 ... Abortion reporting data is not required by federal law; therefore, the CDC relies solely on data from the states that individually require abortion reporting. Guttmacher gathers information differently, relying on responses to surveys it sends to abortionists; those overall numbers tend to be more comprehensive. "There were 492,210 medication abortions in 2020, a 45% increase from 2017," Guttmacher Institute researchers wrote in a report published on November 20. "Medication abortion accounted for the majority of all abortions in 2020 (53%), compared to 39% in 2017," noted authors Rachel K. Jones, Marielle Kirstein, and Jesse Philbin ... Guttmacher's percent of national abortion pill numbers was slightly higher than what was reported by the CDC. (*Live Action News*, 11/23/22; *CLR LifeWire*, 12/8/22)

## **Speaking up For Life**

"Friend of Jesus, no matter what painful or wonderful endings you marked in the past year, please watch for the early signs of new beginnings. Seize them as opportunities for you and God to develop together. Think about what the Bible teaches about life, appreciate God's love for you, gather up bits and pieces of experience, and put them in a file named 'Lessons Learned.' Then keep it handy." *Jason Nelson, Time of Grace*

"[E]very human life, no matter the size, level of development, environment, or degree of dependency, is indispensable in fulfilling God's plans." *Lynette Auch, former President of Lutherans For Life*

"You are not and never have been simply a number, a blob of tissue, or an invisible nobody. Rather, you are now and always have been God's handcrafted gift to the world." *Michelle Bauman, Director of Y4Life*

"The Lord called all things into being, from the greatest to the least, with His mighty mere Word. But He formed the human bodies with His own fingers and His very breath. He lovingly, intimately, and meticulously knits us together in our mothers' wombs." *Pastor Michael Salemink, Executive Director of Lutherans For Life*

**Since 1973: 63,459,781  
abortions in America**

Source: [www.lifenews.com/2022/01/07/63459781-babies-have-been-killed-in-abortions-since-roe-v-wade-in-1973](http://www.lifenews.com/2022/01/07/63459781-babies-have-been-killed-in-abortions-since-roe-v-wade-in-1973)



**Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Who blesses us,**

**You are blessed for life!** That was the theme of last fall's Lutherans For Life National Conference and this year's Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. As good Lutherans we can ask, "What does this mean?" The bulletin insert for Life Sunday explains it very well:

*"A blessing is neither earned nor deserved but received. "And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the voice of the Lord your God" (Deuteronomy 28:2). Likewise, life ensues as a gift indicating God's grace and a privilege affirming His favor. A blessing means speaking, a promise humbly hidden in simple words. "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed" (John 20:29). Likewise, every life has promise and purpose, no matter what size, skills, or circumstances. Blessed amounts to more than being merely happy, healthy, attractive, affluent, or influential. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied" (Matthew 5:6). Likewise, every human life exceeds just physical functions and emotional assessments.*

*"A blessing comes from God and connects to Him. "So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them: (Numbers 6:27). Likewise, every human being embodies God's creation, reflects His incarnation, and ensures His ongoing and increasing involvement. A blessing implies multiplication and abundance. "I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore" (Genesis 22:17). Likewise, even at the beginning, every human person makes our heart bigger and our world better. Blessings often issue from loved ones of significant age and experience. [Elizabeth in her old age] exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb!'" (Luke 1:42). Likewise, every neighbor draws us beyond appearances and expectations. Blessing consists not only of substance but of activity. "If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them (John 13:17). Likewise, life sets love in motion and puts joy into practice.*

**"Life is what God blesses us with and what He blesses us for---life together and life forever!"** (Lutherans For Life bulletin insert for Life Sunday. Scripture references from the English Standard Version of the Holy Bible).

To view and listen to the plenary speakers and workshop leaders from the 2022 National Conference go to [lutheransforlife.org/conference](http://lutheransforlife.org/conference) and scroll down for the audio and video. And plan now to attend the 2023 National Conference in October near the Creation Museum and the Ark in Kentucky. More details to follow.

**SAVE THE DATE!** for the Lutherans For Life of Missouri annual meeting to be held on May 6, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Columbia, MO. The speaker will address 'end of life issues'. The essay and poster contest winners and the recipients of the Leonard Wallenmeyer award will be announced at that time. Hope to see you there.

Also, please encourage any young person you know to participate in this year's Lutherans For Life essay or poster contest. The essay contest is for grades 6-12 and is based on the theme "Just As....I Am" from Ephesians 2:10 (For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.). The poster contest is for grades 3-5 and celebrates all life God has created and can be based on a Bible passage, hymn verse or Sunday School song.

The deadline for Lutheran high school seniors to apply for the Leonard Wallenmeyer award is February 10, 2023. For more information all contests are posted on the MOLFL web page: [lflfmo.org](http://lflfmo.org) under outreach. Won't you encourage the young people in your life to take advantage of these opportunities to be Gospel-motivated voices for life?

Blessed for life,

Sylvia Glenn

Feel free to call me (573-592-7866) for information or concerns about life issues. For those who have had an abortion, there is a **word of hope!** "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds" (Psalm 147:3). For confidential post-abortion **referral, counsel, and reconciliation** call WORD of HOPE, toll-free 888-217-8679, or visit [www.word-of-hope.org](http://www.word-of-hope.org).



# SUPER BOWL SUB ORDERS



Trinity's Senior High Youth are selling sub sandwiches for Super Bowl Sunday to raise money for the Higher Things conference. Your donation will help youth to attend.

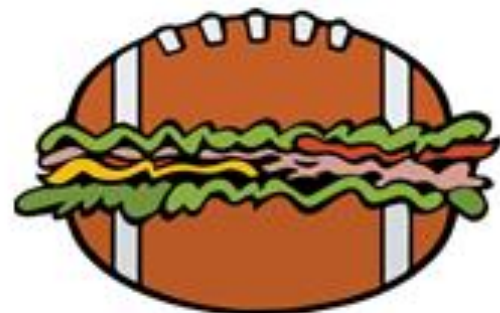
Order forms are available on the Youth bulletin board, across from the church office. Place your order form in the provided envelope on the board. Please pay by check when you pick up your sandwiches on Sunday, February 12, 2023.

**Please place your order any time before Friday, February 3. All orders are due by noon on February 3.**

## **Sandwich Options:**

- Turkey
- Roast Beef

All sandwiches will include Salami, along with Swiss & American cheeses. Each sandwich will also come with potato chips.



## **Pricing:**

Sandwiches are **\$6 each** or **6 for \$30**



## Mall Walking for Israel Trip

Want to take steps to help prepare yourself for the Israel Trip? Join Pastor Thieme and fellow travelers at Columbia Mall at 7 a.m. on Wednesdays, starting February 1.



Join us for Bible study on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and Mondays at 9 a.m.

Pastor Thieme is teaching a series on 1 John.

## Men's Thursday Morning Bible Study



Pastor McCalley is leading a study on death and dying through February 9, 2023. The study covers issues and concerns of pastors, families, and funeral home directors during times of loss and grief.

Please join us! Next Bible study topic TBD.



BOCE wants to invite all of God's children to Sunday School hour.

Grades pre-K-5th meet in the gym and 6th-8th meet in the classroom attached

to the fellowship hall from 9:30am to 10:20am. The high school youth meet in the youth room and the adult bible study meets in the fellowship hall from 9:30 am to 10:15 am.

We would like to extend the invitation to everyone to study scripture during Sunday school hour after coffee and donuts. We look forward to seeing you there!

## 2023 Trinity Lutheran Church Officers and Board Members

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Board of Directors reports & agenda items are due by the end of the day on Wednesday, February 1, 2023.

The Board of Directors will meet Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The Assembly of Voters will meet next on Sunday, February 26, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

**January 10, 2022 Board of Directors  
(draft meeting minutes)**

- I. **Opening Devotion & Prayer:** Pastor Thieme led the Board members in singing the first 2 verses of Hymn # 828, *We are Called to Stand Together*.
- II. **Attendance:** Larry McCoig (President), Warren Harms (Treasurer), Mary Frerking (Secretary), Gary Kespohl (Trustees), David Attebery (Elders), Dan Watts (BOECE), Gary Frisch (Endowment), Jacque Eckhoff (Youth), Dianne Mirtz (Evangelism), Pastor Thieme, Daniel Hakes (BOCE), Larry Samuel (Social Ministry), Annette Kiehne (TLCLC Director), Jensen Duenckel (Stewardship & Finance), Doug McDowell (Trustees) & Karen Harms.
- III. **Approval of the Meeting agenda:** The President noted three additions to the agenda: VI. E., Administrative Items, VII B., Building Committee request, and the monthly report from the Board of Youth (Consent Agenda). Motion made and seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Motion approved without further discussion.
- IV. **Treasurer's Reports:** The Treasurer reviewed the attached reports. For the year 2022, total receipts for the church were 112% of our annual budget. For the year 2022, total receipts for the Learning Center were 105% of our annual budget. TLCLC reported they did not access any of their reserved funds to meet the budget for 2022.

TLCLC Director had a question about the money for the bonuses for employees that are not part of the grant and should be paid out of 2022 funds. The Director will discuss this with the Treasurer after the meeting. If the grant is not approved, TLCLC will still pay out bonuses for all staff. If granted, TLCLC will pay bonuses to those not covered by the grant.

The Chair of Elders took over as chair of the BOD meeting so the President could discuss several budgets and/or financial items. The President asked generally about the loose plate. The President noted the laws provide that a board can spend their budget but not spend over their budget without prior approval. Each board needs approval to go over their respective budget.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's reports. Reports accepted without further discussion.
- V. **Approval of the Consent Agenda:** The President briefly explained the purpose of a Consent Agenda to the new board members. A motion

was made and seconded to approve the Consent Agenda (as amended with the Board of Youth report). Motion approved without further discussion.

- A. Minutes of December 6, 2022, regular meeting
- B. Pastors' Reports: No Membership Changes
- C. Financial Secretary's Report:
- D. Board Reports:
  1. Christian Education:
  2. Early Childhood Education:
  3. Director of TLCLC
  4. Elders:
  5. Evangelism:
  6. Social Ministry:
  7. Stewardship and Finance:
  8. Trinity Lutheran Church Endowment Fund:
  9. Trustees
  10. Youth: Handout at meeting
- E. Committee Reports:

Executive Committee
- VI. **Old Business:** Proposed By-Laws changes:

Endowment Fund: This motion was first presented by the Board of Endowment at the December 2022 BOD meeting and tabled for review and vote at the January 2023 meeting. After a brief discussion, the motion remained tabled until the March BOD meeting so the other boards can also review their respective portions of the TLC By-Laws (see Motion noted below).

Brief discussion: The Chair of the Board of Endowment discussed the three individual Endowment Funds. Funds from the Main Endowment Fund can be drawn from both the principal and earnings in the fund. Amounts drawn from the two remaining Endowment Funds, a. the 2012 Trinity Youth Endowment Fund, and b. the 2015 Bourret Fund, can only be taken from the earnings in those funds.

The President made a proposal that each board review their section of the Constitution and By-Laws for any changes they would propose for review at the May AOV meeting. The Chair would convene a committee – which is made up of the BOD – to present proposed changes to the AOV. And anything in the By-Laws not reviewed by a specific board be reviewed by the Executive Committee.

A comment was made to simplify the Constitution and/or By-Laws, and instead put details in a separate document such as

## Operating Procedures.

A Motion was made by the Chair of the Elders for each board to review their respective section of the By-Laws to include greater efficiencies and operational procedures to be presented and reviewed at the March BOD meeting. A second was made. Motion approved.

It was requested that the Secretary send an electronic copy of the By-Laws to be forwarded to all board members.

- A. 2023 Schedule for BOD & AOV meetings: The schedule, which was approved at the December 2022 BOD meeting, was reviewed with current members. It was agreed the BOD will continue to meet at 6:30 pm.
- B. Memo from the Secretary: The Secretary reviewed the attached summary of how board reports are submitted to the Secretary.
- C. Board Report Templates: The Secretary reviewed the attached proposed templates for board reports and board minutes.
- D. Administrative: Pastor Thieme reviewed the handout for a Plan of Action Presentation (handout at meeting). The President reviewed the process of presenting a motion as set forth in the proposed Plan of Action.

Intermissio: Pastor Thieme led the board members in singing verses 3 & 4 of Hymn #828.

## VII. New Business:

- A. Proposed Schedule for "Meet Each Board" Monthly Minute: The President discussed how each board will be asked to take 5 to 7 minutes to describe what their board is doing and set out 3 objectives the board wishes to achieve in 2023. The proposed schedule was changed to switch BOECE to February and BOCE to March. Those boards agreed to the proposed schedule change.
- B. Building Committee Funding for an elevator in the lift location (handout at meeting): This request for funding was submitted to the President on 1/9/2023. Motion was made and seconded as submitted by the Chair of the Building Committee. Discussion followed.

The Motion as presented by the Building Committee was not approved by a unanimous negative vote. The President advised that the BOD will report to the AOV that this motion was presented and not approved by the BOD.

C.Trustees provided an update on construction of the Infant Room. Remaining projects to complete the room include the installation of the lights and finish patching sheet rock holes.

On 1/24, Septagon will cut out the window and put up a temporary guard until Koontz arrives as planned on 1/26 to install the door. Then finishing work will be needed to complete the project and install pavers by the door. The TLCLC Director advised that once the project is completed, the fire department, licensing, and health department will need to review and approve the project.

## VIII. Announcements:

- A. The next BOD meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2023, at 6:30 pm.
  - B. The next regularly scheduled AOV meeting is February 26, 2023, at 12:00 pm.
  - C. The 2022 Year-End Board Reports are due 2/14/23 for presentation to the February AOV Meeting.
- IX. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm
- X. **Closing/Claudendo:** Pastor Thieme led the board members in singing verse 5 of Hymn:

Respectfully submitted by Mary A Frerking  
January 12, 2023



- LEAD TEACHER-INFANT ROOM
- TEACHER'S AIDE



If interested in exploring employment with our center:

- Send an email to Annette Kiehne at [TLCLC@trinity-lcms.org](mailto:TLCLC@trinity-lcms.org)
- Call us at 573-445-1014
- Text Annette directly at 573-864-6168
- For more information, check out the job posting on Indeed ([www.indeed.com](http://www.indeed.com))
- Area college students may apply on Handshake at [www.joinhandshake.com](http://www.joinhandshake.com)



SERVING THE LORD IN

## Latin America & the Caribbean: missionaryMAC



January 2023

News from Volunteer Coordinator Erin Mackenzie | [missionaryMAC.blogspot.com](http://missionaryMAC.blogspot.com) |  [erin.mackenzie5](https://www.facebook.com/erin.mackenzie5)

(If you received a hard copy of this and would like to help me be green and save on postage, please email [erin.mackenzie@lcms.org](mailto:erin.mackenzie@lcms.org).)

I stayed with friends after flying into SDQ late on a Saturday night in November. The following afternoon, we popped over to what was anecdotally described to me as “the most expensive school in the country” to catch the end of a basketball tournament: [Carol Morgan School](#) (CMS).



CMS, a pre-K—12 private (though not religiously affiliated) international school, sits on 15 beautiful acres. Its 980 “Sharks” enjoy, among other amenities:

- an air-conditioned gymnasium with wood flooring;
- a water filtration system that allows for potable drinking fountains throughout;
- 72 classrooms;
- seven computer labs; and
- accreditation by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

### How He Built This

I’m an every-now-and-then kind of podcast listener (except when it comes to “[5 Minutes with a Missionary](#),” in which case I’m a diehard fan). One I find interesting from time to time is NPR’s “How I Built This.” Each episode consists of host Guy Raz digging into the backstory behind a mainstream brand, establishment, or website by interviewing its founder. A sampling of some I’ve listened to includes Jeni’s Splendid Ice Creams, Stacy’s Pita Chips, Famous Dave’s, Expedia, and Mailchimp. It’s safe to say most of the guests, whether they set out to or not, have come into the kind of wealth that means they’re set for life, with household name recognition to boot. Guy’s very last question is always something along the lines of “How much of your success can be attributed to hard work and intelligence, and how much is just being lucky?”

Answers vary.

We, too, are set for life—life eternal. All believers can look forward with joyful anticipation to the riches of heavenly mansions (John 14:2), streets paved with gold (Revelation 21:21), and sumptuous banquets (Isaiah 25:6). How much of our spiritual “success” can be attributed to hard work and intelligence and how much is just being sons and daughters of a loving, merciful Father?

The Bible’s answer doesn’t waver:

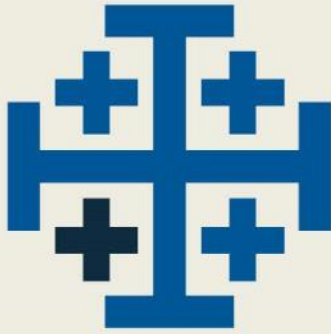
*For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.*  
(Hebrews 3:4)

Your salvation and mine is 100% God’s doing. I remember my pastor telling my confirmation class that we have about as much to do with getting ourselves to heaven as a fly flapping its wings on the back of an ox pulling a fully laden cart—a contribution too infinitesimal to register, and even that’s an overestimate.

In grateful response to God’s mercy that “depends not on human will or exertion” (Romans 9:16), let’s make the name of the “*founder* and perfecter of our faith” (Hebrews 12:2) a household one, too.

**Making  
Disciples  
for Life** 





### Praises and Petitions

1. Thanksgiving for the introduction of *Himnario Luterano* in the DR congregations.
2. Thanksgiving for a better-than-hoped-for solution to a sticky immigration situation involving a LAC missionary.
3. For LAC missionary wives Agatha (DR) and Melissa (Jamaica), both in their last trimester of pregnancy.
4. For the PR ministry team in the aftermath of a fire next door that severely damaged the Ponce Mercy Center exterior.
5. For our neighbors in Haiti, over 50% of whom are living in hunger.

## Partner Spotlight: MOST Ministries



I first got to know [MOST \(Mission Opportunities Short Term\) Ministries](#), an LCMS Recognized Service Organization, in July 2009, [interpreting for an eyeglass clinic](#) as a GEO. Like the LCMS Office of International Mission (OIM), MOST is a mission sending organization, one whose bread and butter is indeed the eyeglass clinics they have down to a science, having given out 149,621 pairs in their 21-year history. In fact, there's an eyeglass team serving in Tanzania as I write this! Contrary to popular belief, though, MOST isn't a one-trick pony; remaining 2023 opportunities include medical, construction, VBS, water filter, and community outreach teams. MOST and OIM aren't in competition but rather hammering out the minutiae of a symbiotic relationship. COVID put the kibosh on two joint teams slated to serve in Peru in 2020, but three years later—with the addition of a new Executive Director in August 2022 and a former LAC missionary in the role of Mission Engager— I'm again looking forward to how OIM can help MOST round out their calendar and MOST can help OIM fill critical, field-driven needs. Now that's making the MOST of it!

Below: DR missionaries celebrated Rev. Dr. Jonathan Naumann's 40th ordination anniversary at Thanksgiving with a surprise slideshow by his wife, Deac. Cheryl.



Above, left: Sunrise from the window seat on the early flight out of STI. Above, right: Ashley (PR) and I wish you were here [ArtBox, the "Belize Arts & Crafts Centre," in Belmopan].

### Quote of the Month

"To pray, 'Thy will be done,' I must be willing, if the answer requires it, that my will be undone."

--Elisabeth Elliot

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Gracias



# February

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

**1**  
Elaine Samuel  
Donna Watts

**3**  
Sean Huggans  
Janice Kuehner  
Adelaide Reaser  
Lacie Starbuck

**4**  
Marshall Mouser  
Stephen Tackitt  
Emma Thompson

**5**  
Ron Eilers  
Art Mielke

**6**  
Jack Kespohl  
Luke Thoroughman

**7**  
Carolyn Trigg  
Mackenzie Watts

**8**  
Nadia Laediss

**9**  
Kevin Hughes  
Norah Stone

**10**  
Shelby Haeker  
Dick Klingbeil

**12**  
Bill Watts  
**13**  
Susan Dyer  
Cohen Steinkoetter

**14**  
Wanda Calfee  
**15**  
Mindy Cherrington  
Carzell Frerking  
Nanette Schneider

**17**  
Judy Lammers  
Andrew Schuster  
Shirley Smith

**18**  
Maisie Thompson  
**19**  
John Hartman  
Louis Mwamgiga  
Vanette Noll  
Bill Raines

**20**  
Kate Berendzen  
Nicholas Fei

**21**  
Mike Brame  
Nick Kespohl  
Coy Stockhorst

**25**  
Hudson Parker

**26**  
Jessica Kespohl

**27**  
Tori Tomson

**28**  
Jacob Huggans  
**29**  
Joyce Palmer

Carol & Jim Squires.....February 2, 1965

Kevin & MaryLou Hughes .....February 17, 1973

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
- † you would like to be assigned a Stephen Caregiver to help you through a difficult time
- † 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

### Announcement Submissions

Items for the monthly **News of the Son** are due to the church office **by the 20th of the month.**

Announcements for the **Trinity Weekly News** are due to the church office **by end of day on Wednesdays.**

Please include the following information:

- group/event name
- date & time (one-time or recurring event?)
- location
- other relevant information—sign-up/registration, deadline, cost or materials needed, length of time to run the announcement, etc.



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

# February 2023

| Sun  | Mon   | Tue   | Wed   | Thu  | Fri                           | Sat       |
|--|---|---|---|--|-------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>29</b><br>8a Divine Serv w/ Comm.<br>930a Sun. School<br>1030a Divine Serv w/ Comm.<br>12p Bd of Youth<br>12p JCC<br>5p Handbells                     | <b>30</b><br>9a Bible Study<br>1p GLAT<br>6p Divine Serv w/ Comm.                           | <b>31</b><br>530p Pickleball  | <b>1</b><br>7a Mall Walking<br>9a TLCLC Chapel<br>1p Lutheranism<br>101<br>6p Choir practice  | <b>2</b><br>630a Men's Bible Study<br>9a TLCLC Chapel<br>11a Communion @ Lenoir<br>530p Pickleball | <b>3</b><br>Pastors' Day Off  | <b>4</b>  |
| <b>5</b><br>8a Divine Serv w/ Comm.<br>930a Sun. School<br>1030a Divine Serv w/Comm.<br>12p JCC<br>5p Handbells<br>6p Choir<br>6p LLL Fellowship         | <b>6</b><br>9a Bible Study<br>1p GLAT<br>6p Divine Serv w/ Comm.                            | <b>7</b><br>530p Pickleball<br>530p BoECE<br>6p Stephen Min.<br>630p BoCE | <b>8</b><br>7a Mall Walking<br>9a TLCLC Chapel<br>930a Mary Martha Guild<br>1p Lutheranism<br>101   | <b>9</b><br>630a Men's Bible Study<br>9a TLCLC Chapel<br>530p Pickleball                           | <b>10</b><br>Pastors' Day Off | <b>11</b> |
| <b>12</b><br>8a Divine Serv w/ Comm.<br>930a Sun. School<br>1030a Divine Serv w/Comm.<br>6p Choir<br>6p JCC  | <b>13</b><br>9a Bible Study<br>1p GLAT<br>6p Divine Serv w/ Comm.<br>7p Israel Trip Meeting | <b>14</b><br>530p Pickleball<br>6p Vesper Guild<br>630p BoD               | <b>15</b><br>7a Mall Walking<br>9a TLCLC Chapel<br>1p Lutheranism<br>101<br>530p Life Team  | <b>16</b><br>630a Men's Bible Study<br>9a TLCLC Chapel<br>530p Pickleball<br>6p Bd of Evang        | <b>17</b><br>Pastors' Day Off | <b>18</b> |
| <b>19</b><br>8a Divine Serv w/ Comm.<br>930a Sun. School<br>1030a Divine Serv w/Comm.<br>12p Bd of Youth<br>2p LWML Prayer Service<br>6p Choir<br>6p JCC | <b>20</b><br>9a Bible Study<br>1p GLAT<br>6p Divine Serv w/ Comm.                           | <b>21</b><br>530p Pickleball<br>630p Bd of Stew & Fin                     | <b>22</b><br><b>Ash Wednesday</b><br>7a Mall Walking<br>9a TLCLC Chapel<br>12p Midweek Lenten Service<br>1p Lutheranism<br>101<br>7p Midweek Lenten Service | <b>23</b><br>630a Men's Bible Study<br>9a TLCLC Chapel<br>530p Pickleball<br>6p Bd of Elders       | <b>24</b><br>Pastors' Day Off | <b>25</b> |
| <b>26</b><br><b>Lent 1</b><br>8a Divine Serv w/ Comm.<br>930a Sun. School<br>1030a Divine Serv w/ Comm.<br>12p AOV<br>5p Handbells<br>6p Choir<br>6p JCC | <b>27</b><br>9a Bible Study<br>1p GLAT<br>6p Divine Serv w/ Comm.                           | <b>28</b><br>530p Pickleball<br>530p Bd of Trustees                       | <b>1</b><br>7a Mall Walking<br>9a TLCLC Chapel<br>12p Midweek Lenten Service<br>1p Lutheranism<br>101<br>7p Midweek Lenten Service                          | <b>2</b><br>630a Men's Bible Study<br>9a TLCLC Chapel<br>11a Communion @ Lenoir<br>530p Pickleball | <b>3</b><br>Pastors' Day Off  | <b>4</b>  |

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