

News of the Son

Trinity Lutheran Church — Columbia, MO



March
2023



Midweek Noon services will be
livestreamed on Facebook:
[www.facebook.com/
trinitylutherancomo](http://www.facebook.com/trinitylutherancomo) and
YouTube: TrinityCoMo



Palm Sunday

(4/2/23): Children ages preK-6th are invited to process behind the cross with palm branches for the 8am and 10:30am services.

Easter Sunday(4/9/23): Between morning services and during Sunday school time there will be an Easter egg hunt for preK-6th. Weather permitting the hunt will be outside but if not we will hunt for chocolate in the gym classrooms.



Wednesday March 1: The Power of Temptation

12 & 7 p.m.—Midweek Lenten Service

Wednesday March 8: Attitudes Toward Temptation

12 & 7 p.m.—Midweek Lenten Service

Wednesday March 15: Temptation of the Flesh

12 & 7 p.m.—Midweek Lenten Service

Wednesday March 22: Temptation of the Spirit

12 & 7 p.m.—Midweek Lenten Service

Wednesday March 29: Temptation of the Whole Man

12 & 7 p.m.—Midweek Lenten Service

Maundy Thursday, April 6: And Lead Us Not Into Temptation

12 & 7 p.m.—Maundy Thursday Service

Good Friday, April 7: But Deliver Us From Evil

12 & 7 p.m.—Good Friday Service

Easter Sunday, April 9: For Thine the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory

7 a.m.—Sunrise Service

Breakfast following sunrise service

10:30 a.m.—Easter Service

Monday 6 p.m.—Easter Service

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Knowing Christ's Love
Seeking His Will
Spreading His Word

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.

Mary Martha Guild

The Mary Martha Guild will meet Wednesday, **March 8th** 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



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!

Vesper Guild

All women of Trinity are welcome to join our Vesper Guild meeting on Tuesday, **March 14th** 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.



Ice Skating and Ice Cream!

Junior 3 Confirmation and Youth Group, March 12, 2023

Place: Washington Park Ice Arena and Central Dairy—Jefferson City

Time: 1:00pm to 4:30pm

Commitment: 3.5 hours and \$4

Contact: Pastor McCalley



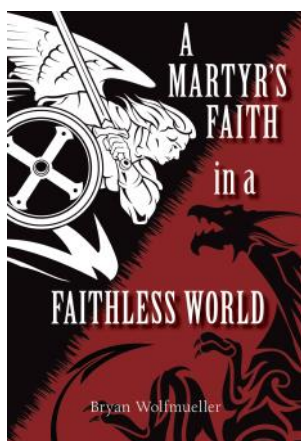
Meet at church at 1:00pm and we'll carpool to Washington Park Ice Arena in Jeff City (711 Kansas St. Ph. 573-634-6580). We'll skate as long as you want and then head over to Central Dairy for ice cream. We'll return to church between 4 and 4:30. Junior Three confirmation students are specially invited. Bring friends! Cost is \$4 per person. **Please RSVP to Pastor by Saturday, March 11.**



For over 100 years Lutheran Hour Ministries has been committed to sharing the Gospel with those who need to hear it. Today, LHM energizes, equips, and engages Christians to share the Gospel throughout North America and around the globe. We are able to offer many free or low-cost resources because people like you have already joined our mission. Learn more about how you can get involved at lhm.org/discoverlhm.

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,



Join us for Bible study!

On Monday mornings at 9 a.m. Pastor Thieme will be teaching a series on *A Martyr's Faith in a Faithless World* by Bryan Wolfmueller.

Christians need heroes. Christians need heroes like David and Paul, who remind us the Lord can forgive murder, adultery,

and raging against the Church. Christians need heroes like Moses and Matthew, who remind us God raises up men and women to teach and bless us. Christians need heroes who can stand as examples, especially when the Lord gives us their same vocations and callings—parents like Mary and Joseph, preachers like Stephen, rulers like Solomon.

Christians need heroes who pray and serve. Christians need heroes who suffer with patience. Christians need heroes who die.

Jesus says, "If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me" (Matt. 16:24). Faith is following Jesus through death to life. But first through death. This is why Christians have always considered those who die for their faith to be heroes. They preach with their lives, their lips, and their blood. They endure terrible afflictions and abuse because they confess Christ. In the lives and deaths of the martyrs, we see the devil's rage on full display, and we see that his rage comes to nothing—that he is impotent and overcome by the blood of the Lamb.

The martyrs remind us there is nothing the devil can do to us. The martyrs remind us death is nothing to fear. These Christian heroes encourage us to finish our race, reminding us what—or better, who—is at the finish line waiting for us: Jesus.

This August marks the 30-year anniversary of Pastor Thieme's ordination and installation into the Office of the Holy Ministry, and each and every one of those years have



been in service to our congregation! God be praised! Some of our members have asked what will be done to acknowledge and celebrate this milestone anniversary. Rest assured, preliminary plans are underway! The Assembly of Voters will be asked to formally appoint a 30th Anniversary Planning Committee, per Bylaw 8.3.1. Meanwhile, we encourage you to help now by sharing your thoughts and ideas with one or more of these people: Debbie Antel, Chris Cott, Larry Samuel, Pastor McCalley, or Larry McCoig. There will be opportunities to serve on subcommittees and assist in many ways. More detailed information will be forthcoming at future meetings and in our publications. Thank you!



Thursday Morning Bible Study

Beginning on Thursday, March 16th, men's Bible Study will begin meeting at 7 a.m. (instead of 6:30). We are studying what we believe, teach, and confess in relation to other Christian denominations. This study will be guided by the October 2022 edition of *The Lutheran Witness*. Join us!

Trinity Lutheran Church choir practices have resumed! Practices are held on Sundays at 6:00 p.m. in the church overflow area.



**February 14, 2023 Board of Directors
(draft meeting minutes)**

- I. **Opening Devotion & Prayer:** Pastor Thieme led the members in singing Verses 1-4 of Hymn #430, *My Song is Love Unknown*.
- II. **Attendance:** Larry McCoig (President), Warren Harms (Treasurer), Mary Frerking (Secretary), David Attebery (Elders), Dan Watts (BOECE), Annette Kiehne (TLCLC Director), Jensen Duenckel (Stewardship & Finance), Dianne Mirtz (Evangelism), Rob Hall (Endowment), Gary Kespohl (Trustees), Doug McDowell (Trustees), Jacque Eckhoff (Youth), Daniel Hakes (BOCE), Pastor Thieme, Pastor McCalley & Karen Harms.
- III. **Approval of the Meeting Agenda:** Several items were added to New Business on the agenda: 1. the Elders request for BoxCast, 2. Trustees report on termites, 3. Scholarship Fund info and 4. Transportation Committee Facility Use Request. A motion was made to accept the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded and approved without further additions.
- IV. **Treasurer's Reports:** The Treasurer reviewed the three submitted reports. It was noted Concordia Plans did not bill for February. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's reports. Motion was seconded and approved without further discussion.
- V. **Approval of the Consent Agenda:** A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion seconded without further discussion.
 - A. Minutes of January 10, 2023, regular meeting
 - B. Pastors' Reports:
 1. Membership Change:
 - a. Baptism of Jamie Grace Watts on 1/8/2023, daughter of William (Billy) and Jessica Watts.
 - C. Financial Secretary's Report.
 - D. Board Reports:
 1. Christian Education:
 2. Early Childhood Education:
 3. Director of TLCLC No Report
 4. Elders:
 5. Evangelism:
 6. Social Ministry: No Report
 7. Stewardship and Finance: No Report
 8. Trinity Lutheran Church Endowment Fund:
 9. Trustees
 10. Youth
 - E. Committee Reports:

1. Executive Committee

VI. **Old Business:**

- A. Year-End board reports still needed for 2/26/2023 AOV Agenda: The Secretary reported year-end reports are still needed from Stewardship & Finance and Social Ministry.
- B. Changes to TLC Board Member Name & Address Excel Spreadsheet: The Secretary reported on information still needed to update the 2023 Excel Spreadsheet. The Church Secretary will be provided with an updated copy of this report, in addition to the Chair of the Nominating Committee.
- C. "Board of the Month": BOECE: The chair of the Committee gave a brief report on the Committee, its members, the Learning Center, enrollment, and other items about TLCLC teachers and support staff. (A written copy of this report was provided to the Secretary).

Intermissio: Pastor Thieme led the members in singing verses 5&6 of Hymn #430.

VII. **New Business:**

- A. Facility Use Request: Rich Germinder Pack 2 Cub Scouts: This item could not be considered because it did not meet the Facility Use requirements.
- B. Facility Use Request: Josh Thieme : Motion made and seconded for approval of this request. The motion was approved without further discussion.
- C. Building Committee Request for Special AOV & funding for food: The report of the Building Committee was revised to identify the date of the Special AOV on 3/19/2023.

A motion was made and seconded for approval of \$250 to be used towards food for the members in attendance at the Special AOV. A question was raised about the account from which the funds would be taken. No account had been identified by the Building Committee when making the motion. Discussion followed about the need for a budget item going forward for funding for all similar dinners at the church. The Building Committee advised food did not need to be provided at the Special AOV, but the Committee thought those in attendance would appreciate it.

The funds used for the food supplied at the 6/5/2022 Special AOV was taken from the funds approved by the AOV for preliminary designs of the building plans. A question was

raised if the usage of those funds approved by the AOV should have been used towards the purchase of food.

Following additional discussion, Dan Watts offered to personally cover the cost of the food provided at the Special AOV meeting and moved to approve the motion on this basis. The motion was approved without further discussion.

The Building Committee was advised it needed to present a written motion for approval of the Special AOV, and that the motion had to be made in writing by five members of the Committee. Therefore, the BC report as submitted was not in accordance with the By-Laws and was not a written petition for a Special AOV from five members of the Assembly of Voters.

The President suggested and the Board members moved for a Special AOV meeting on 3/19/2023. The motion was seconded. Discussion followed.

The BOD was advised the BC could request a Special AOV, but it could not set the agenda. The BC was advised to review the By-Laws for the rules regarding who is responsible for setting the agenda for a Special AOV. The motion to schedule a Special AOV on March 19, 2023, was approved.

- D. Trustees Plan of Action – Altar Guild: Trustees made a motion on its proposed Plan of Action for remodeling the Sacristy. Motion was seconded. After a brief discussion, the Motion was approved and will be taken to the Assembly of Voters for approval on 2/26/2023.

- E. Elders Report & Motion to subscribe to Growth Level of BoxCast: A motion was made and seconded by the Elders to approve \$600 annually to be “redirected from the worship account to the appropriate website maintenance account to cover this increase in cost.” The motion was approved without further discussion.

- F. Trustees – Termite treatment at TLC: The Trustees reported on the discovery of termites during installation/completion of the Infant Room, and its examination of the surrounding areas of the Learning Center for potential infestation.

The Trustee received a proposal from Wingate to conduct a full perimeter check of the church property and to implement a chemical barrier around the perimeter that will last 10 years. Trustees provided a 1/24/2023 Wingate’s proposal by a handout to members at the meeting.

Trustees reported the church does not need to have the closet sprinklers inspected. Trustees also reported that the bottom step of the church bus will have a steel plate installed as it is beginning

to rot, and there are plans underway to repair the bus windows.

- G. Transportation Committee Facility Use Request: The TC presented a motion to use the church bus for a Learning Center teachers’ trip to Wentzville on March 4th for the LCMS Early Childhood Conference. The Conference provides continuing education for TLCLC teachers. This motion was seconded and approved without further discussion.

- H. Scholarship Opportunity: Pastor Thieme summarized the Scholarship opportunity available at TLC as provided in the handout to the members. Pastor also advised there is an application for this scholarship which should be placed on the agenda for the March BOD meeting.

VIII. Announcements:

- A. Vote for LCMS President as part of the National Convention will be on the 2/26/2023 AOV agenda.
- B. The next BOD meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2023, at 6:30 pm.
- C. Proposed By-Laws changes for discussion at March BOD meeting are due to the Secretary by March 8, 2023.
- D. The next regularly scheduled AOV meeting is February 26, 2023, at 12:00 pm.
- IX. **Adjournment:** Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm
- X. **Closing/Claudendo:** Pastor Thieme led the members in singing verse 7 of Hymn #430.

Respectfully submitted by Mary A Frerking
February 14, 2023

February 26, 2023 Assembly of Voters (draft meeting minutes)

- I. **Opening Devotion:** Pastor Thieme led the members in an opening devotion from Martin Luther, Psalm 32.
- II. **Introduction of first-time attendees to the Assembly of Voters:** Cheryl Varvil and Deborah Sherwood were introduced to the members in attendance. Both Ms. Varvil and Ms. Sherwood are now voting members of the congregation.
- III. **Attendance Roster:** 41 members in attendance, in addition to Pastor Thieme and Pastor McCalley, so a Quorum was present. (See attached Attendance Roster)
- IV. **Addition of items to the Agenda:** Old Business addition: TLCLC POA for Playground Improvements, and New Business addition: Trustee's POA for \$7K for Sacristy update.
A question was raised about the end of the 2022-year Financial Secretary's report. This report from January was not attached to this packet. A suggestion was offered to provide the 2022-year end financial report at the next AOV on 3/19/2023.
- V. **Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the Agenda as noted above. The amended agenda was approved without further discussion.
- VI. **Approval of the Assembly of Voters minutes:** December 11, 2022, Regular Assembly of Voters Meeting Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes. Motion approved without further discussion.
- VII. **Pastor's reports:** No questions were posed for Pastor's report.
- VIII. **Membership Changes:**
In: None.
Out: None.
Baptism: Baptism of Jamie Grace Watts on January 8, 2023, daughter of William (Billy) and Jessica Watts.
Profession of Faith: None.
- IX. **Financial Secretary's Reports:** The Financial Secretary reviewed her report for the period ended January 2023. No questions were posed. Motion was made and seconded to approve the report as submitted. Motion approved without further discussion.
- X. **Treasurer's Reports:** The Treasurer reviewed his reports. The floor was open for questions. A question was raised about the Administration Acct. which reported a 36.69% of proposed budget. It was likely due to the cost of paper, but the Treasurer will check back and let us know. Motion was made and seconded to approve Treasurer's reports. Motion approved without further discussion.
- XI. **Annual Board Reports 2021:** Year-end reports for 2022 were open for discussion. No questions were posed by members in attendance. (No motion made to approve the 2022 Year-end reports).
- XII. **Old Business:**
TLCLC POA for Playground Improvements: The Chair of the BOECE reviewed the Motion as submitted POA: "To shift the additional \$10K from the TLCLC Reserve account to the \$8K TLCLC Office Furniture project funding for a total of \$18K. Any unspent funds will be returned to the TLCLC Account." Motion was seconded. The LC has two quotes for the needed furniture. Money is currently in Acct. 256.3, Designated Gifts, and is not currently in the Reserve Account. The motion was approved without further discussion.
- XIII. **New Business:**
A. The President reported the congregation's nominations for LCMC President: Matthew C. Harrison, First Vice-President, Peter K. Lang, and Regional Vice-President, Benjamin T. Ball. Motion was made and seconded for approval of these candidates. The President reported these nominations were discussed at the BOD.
Elders reported President Harrison is the current president, and the other two candidates are also currently serving the Synod and doing a fine job. President Harrison has also done very well navigating the Synod through challenging issues regarding the Concordia universities and various Synod financial issues. The Motion was approved without further discussion.
B. Trustee's POA: Motion was made for "TLC purchase these cabinets, countertop, piscina sink, shipping and installation not to exceed \$7K." Motion was seconded. Discussion followed.
This POA does not replace all the cabinets in the Sacristy. The Trustees provided some additional information about the proposed updates to the members in attendance. Main concern was to have a 48" long cabinet to lay the altar paraments for storage without folding. The Trustees also reviewed the special sink/drain that will run out into the yard and the unused wine will go directly into the ground. There will also be a double sink for washing and the other to empty the wine. Distilled water will be used to clean out that drain from time to time.

Question raised about updating all the cabinets now. Trustees advised it is due to the cost and they can update the rest of the cabinets at another time. The motion was approved without further discussion.

XIV. Announcements:

- A. The next BOD Meeting will be March 14, 2023, 6:30 pm.
- B. A Special AOV will be held on March 19, 2023, at 12 noon. The President reported the Special AOV is for approval of the plans for the elevator.
- C. The next regularly scheduled AOV meeting will be May 21, 2023, at 12:00 pm.
- D. This August marks the 30th Anniversary of Pastor Thieme's time at TLC. Preliminary plans are on the way. The President will ask for a Planning Committee to be appointed. Currently Debbie Antel, Chris Cott, Larry Samuel, Pastor McCalley & Larry McCoig have started the process. More detailed info will be forthcoming.

XV. Adjournment: Motion was made at 12:35 to adjourn and was seconded. Motion to adjourn was approved.

XVI. Closing Devotion & Prayer: Pastor Thieme led the members in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Mary A Frerking
February 26, 2023

2023 Trinity Lutheran Church Officers and Board Members

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Warren Harms

Financial Secretary

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Daniel Hakes

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Sarah Thieme

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Childhood Ed.**

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Benjamin Asbeck

Ron Barrett

Jim Cherrington

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Dianne Mirtz

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Lisa Mefrakis

Board of Directors reports & agenda items are due by the end of the day on Wednesday, March 8, 2023.

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

A Special Assembly of Voters meeting will be held on Sunday, March 19, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

The Life Team would like to let everyone know about exciting opportunities to support life!



Missouri Right to Life Action Day

- Wednesday, March 8th at the Capitol in Jefferson City
- An opportunity to lobby your legislators and urge them to keep Missouri a pro-life state
- Registration begins at 10 am with an opportunity to speak to legislators
- Attend the rally in the rotunda at noon
- Former U.S. Congresswoman, Vickie Hartzler will be sharing her adoption story.
- For more information call 573 635 5110 or visit Righttolife@missourilife.org.
- **Remember, Action Changes Things**
- Wear RED for life!

My Life Clinic will be holding a pickleball tournament

- Saturday, April 15th
- Cost for an individual is \$20 and \$30 for two person team.
- Columbia Sports Field house at 4251 Philips Farm Road from 9 am to 4 pm.
- You will be paired with someone if you sign up as an individual.
- To register contact Cassidy at cassidy@mylifeclinic.org
- For more information, visit lifenetworkfriends.org/pickleball.
- The Life Team asks that you prayerfully consider supporting life in these ways or others. If you have any questions, contact Phyllis White or Sylvia Glenn

LFL of Missouri Annual Meeting

- Saturday, May 6th 2023 here at Trinity!
- Attendance is open to all
- An excellent opportunity for anyone who wants to learn more about life issues!
- The meeting begins at 9 am and ends at 1 pm. Breakfast foods and lunch will be served.
- The topic is End of Life issues
- Scott Licht from LFL will be our speaker.
- Registration is \$10 and covers the cost of lunch. It is payable the day of the event.
- To register, contact Diane Albers at lflfmo@gmail.com or Sylvia Glenn at glennhaven.mo@gmail.com by Monday, May 1st.
- Members of LCMS churches in the mid Missouri area are invited.
- Spread the word to people you know from mid Missouri churches!

In-gathering items for Monarch Jewelry

Unwanted/broken jewelry to donate to Monarch Jewelry, a wonderful organization which raises money to battle sex trafficking in the St. Louis area

In-gathering items for pregnancy resource centers:

Sound machines	Items for mothers
Diapers, all sizes	Teething gel
Wipes	Fitted crib sheets
Baby hygiene kits	

We hope to see many of you there!
Blessings and thanks, the Life Team

February
2023



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Life Newsbytes

On January 13, attorneys general from 22 different states signed a letter to the Federal Drug Administration (FDA), requesting that it reverse its recent decision to expand access to the abortion pill through direct pharmacy distribution. In the letter to FDA Commissioner Dr. Robert Califf, attorneys general from states including Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Kentucky urged a reversal. “The Food and Drug Administration’s decision to abandon commonsense restrictions on remotely prescribing and administering abortion-inducing drugs is both illegal and dangerous,” the letter reads. “In direct contravention of longstanding FDA practice and congressional mandate, the FDA’s rollback of important safety restrictions ignores both women’s health and straightforward federal statutes. We urge you to reverse your decision.” Earlier in January, Danco Laboratories, the U.S. manufacturer of the abortion pill, announced that pharmacies can now become certified to dispense Mifeprex® (mifepristone)—the first drug in the abortion pill regimen—directly to patients. Prior to this, women were required to obtain mifepristone from a licensed clinic or medical facility, but are no longer required to do so despite the fact that studies have shown the abortion pill to be four times more dangerous than a first-trimester surgical abortion. (*Live Action News*, 1/17/23; *CLR LifeWire*, 1/19/23)

Speaking up For Life

“Say, ‘Congratulations and thanks be to God!’ Pregnancy is never a sin, and motherhood, even amid afflictions, is always a blessing. Our Lord has honored her with this holy vocation. She and her baby belong to Him from this time forth and forevermore!” *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life*

“The Church can become a place of belonging for everyone. As much as a person feels invisible in their loneliness, the Church has a place for them. Your church can be a place where each person finds they are indispensable to the Body of Christ.” *Mona Fuerstenau*

“Jesus Christ has made every human life indispensable.” *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life*

“There’s so much work to be done, so many lives to protect. The unborn, the mentally ill, the hungry, the broken, and many others still need to hear about our hope in Christ and the love He has for us, and it’s our duty to bring it to them.” *Katie Reid, 2021 Y4Life intern*



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**Since 1973: 64,443,118
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Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ God's sacrifice for us,

The Lenten season is a time of reflection and contemplation of our sins, and the sacrifice God made to rescue us from our sinfulness. We are rescued to rescue others by sharing the Gospel, the message of Christ's death and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and salvation. Marie MacPherson writes about the

sacrifice in the following article entitled *"The Sacrifice"*.

"To (love God) and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices" (Mark 12:33).

Remember the good old Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you"? **It's a rule that we like to think we keep as Christians, and keep well. However, when we carefully examine our own thoughts, words and deeds toward our neighbors—from little neighbors in our homes who keep us from our own agendas to big neighbors in our communities whom we scorn, rather than pity and grieve—we might quickly conclude that a burnt offering and a sacrificial system would be much easier than perfection on this matter of the Golden Rule!**

The passage above was asserted by a scribe in response to Jesus summarizing the most important commandment, quoting from Deuteronomy 6:4-5 and Leviticus 19:18. Essentially, Jesus condensed all of the Old Testament into a single phrase, "Love God and love your neighbor." While a goodly bulk of the Old Testament prescribes a sacrificial system we no longer follow in modern times, that system was instituted by God to point believers to Christ, who was to come, and was, in fact, now in their midst. This side of Heaven, we will never perfectly love our neighbors, yet our good God has provided for us, His children. Hebrews 9:13-14 declares, *"For if the blood of goats and bulls...sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit, offered Himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God."* **In joy for that purification, may God make us all into sacrificial lovers of our neighbors, small and great, beginning in our homes and overflowing into our communities.**

"My heart must Thou have solely, My Savior and my God! Come, Jesus, take it wholly, And make it Thine abode! Mold it to Thy control, That I, Thy Word receiving, May find, in Thee believing, Salvation for my soul."

[(EL 259:7; T.H.Kingo, translated by C. Doving) (The Sacrifice, by Marie MacPherson, LifeDate, Winter 2022)]

SAVE THE DATE! Plan to attend! The annual meeting of Lutherans For Life of Missouri will be held on May 6, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Columbia, MO from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm. Rev. Scott Licht, the CFO/COO of Lutherans For Life, will speak about 'care at the end of life'. The essay and poster contest winners and the recipients of the Leonard Wallenmeyer award will be announced at that time. Registration begins at 9:00 am. The registration fee of \$10 includes morning snacks and lunch. Everyone is invited to this central location in MO. For planning purposes, please contact Diane Albers (llofmo@yahoo.com) (314-240-2018) or Sylvia Glenn (glennhaven.mo@gmail.com) (573-592-7866) by May 1st if you plan to attend. 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. Won't you help the young people in your life take advantage of these opportunities to be Gospel-motivated voices for life, loving God and loving neighbors?

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.



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How you can help

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Contact

Judy Frost
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Details

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You can hardly go wrong with chocolate at Valentine's Day, whether nestled in a heart-shaped box, wrapped in shiny pink or red foil, or even tempered and drizzled over a perfectly ripe, juicy strawberry. The cacao used to make these and other confections *might* just have come from the tropics; the climate in this part of the world creates an ideal growing environment. Ever wondered just what makes up those magical beans?

1. 54% fat (cocoa butter)
2. 31% carbohydrates
3. 11% protein
4. 3% polyphenols
5. < 1% minerals

Source: Ajaw Chocolate, Ltd. San Ignacio, Belize



Touring Chokolala during the March 2020 DR FORO.

Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. Golden Sun...

We're just coming off some of the shortest, darkest days of the year in the Northern Hemisphere. I'm extra careful not to trip over my own two feet during the first lap or two of morning runs lit only by moonlight and a handful of lampposts near the botanical garden's entrance. And last week, to be in Santo Domingo for an 8:30 am residency card renewal appointment, I departed under cover of night. Sunrise only varies by an hour or so here, but lately it's been after 7:00 am, and 4+ years deployed is enough to notice that's much later than it will be in the dog days of summer.

As I blindly round another bend in the blacktop path or my headlights reflect off the white lane stripes of the *Autopista*, the blackness is almost deep enough for a niggling doubt to creep up until the first rays peek over the horizon line: *will* the sun *ever* come up?

In Job 38, God poses a series of rhetorical questions to Job. Verses 12's:

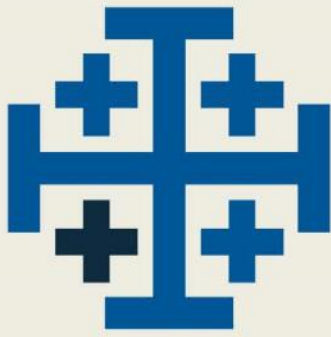
"Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place...?"

Even stripped of his family, dwelling, and livelihood, Job still never loses faith in the God who has "commanded the morning" since *days* began, period:

"God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day." —Genesis 1:5

Until the end of time, the sun's daily march from east to west reminds us of God's faithfulness. He kept His promise to send a Savior to redeem all people from their sins; who are we to doubt that He'd ever neglect to look after something so trivial as calling forth the most brilliant of all stars at its precisely appointed time? For all this and more, we magnify Him. Scripture even goes so far as to use the planet's circadian rhythm as a euphemism for how often: "From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!" (Psalm 113:3).

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Praises and Petitions

1. Thanksgiving for the safe arrival of Darlo and Edvard, new residential seminary students from Haiti, to the DR.
2. Thanksgiving for the faithful service of the LCMS Executive Director of Accounting (and former missionary to Panama!), Ross Stroh, who retired 2/3.
3. Thanksgiving for the start of ESL classes in Belize.
4. For the Peru church planting team amid ongoing political protests, at times violent.
5. For all who mourn the death of Edilberto Méndez Mora (director of LHM-Panama and student in CMSCR's distance program).

On the 8-track

Iglesia Luterana Redentor in Panama City, Panama, has been under construction since my first time there in 2016. At the



Alliance missionary Raphael Voigt (left) got in on the power tool action.

October 2022 Panama FORO, LAC regional leadership committed to finishing the project ASAP with the help of volunteers. Enter: me. In the months since, I've helped create an aggressive 8-team plan for turning a 2nd story space into a livable parsonage that can double as housing for future volunteers, FORO partners, and other guests. Team 1 is on the ground as I write this; teams 2 and following are waiting for YOU and YOUR CHURCH! Email mission.teams@lcms.org.



(Above) With the Paneque family (Cuba) at the DR missionary/seminary Christmas party.



(Left): Soaking up some rays at the Valle de los Lilis rest stop.

(Right): Tirzah, Ashley, and I about to chow down on some tuna pasta salad, cabbage slaw, rice & beans, stewed chicken, and tostones post-hike.



Quote of the Month

"Art is a process; not a product."

—MaryAnn Kohl, Bright Ring Publishing

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March

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

2 Phil Glenn	12 Michael Brown Bonnie Lawler Ezekiel Williams	27 Diane Linneman
3 Jeanne Griggs	14 Josh Thieme	28 Karly Berendzen Jacob Mariott Theresa Yeager
4 Debbie Harms	15 Hannah Nandor	29 Ron Lueck
5 Hawk Harris Gary Kespohl Wyatt Smith	19 Sawyer Bergman Margaret Fines	30 Karl Christopher
6 Robert Dierking Rob Hall	20 Warren Harms Mary Redders DJ Weber	
7 Dennis Haubein	21 Roland Meyer	
9 Rob Crouch Emma Gooch	22 Tom Stone	
10 Brooke Cameron Cynthia Green Dana Luetkemeier Zachary Mott Dan Noll	23 Louise Griggs Christopher Kespohl	
11 Benjamin Asbeck Sophie Berendzen Lameck Mwamgiga	24 Debbie Laupp	
	26 Peter Hartman Joyce Walters	

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.

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



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 Lent 1 8a Divine Serv w/ Comm. 930a Sun. School 1030a Divine Serv w/ Comm. 12p AOV 5p Handbells 6p Choir 6p JCC	27 9a Bible Study 1p GLAT 6p Divine Serv w/ Comm.	28 530p Pickleball 530p Bd of Trustees	1 7a Mall Walking 9a TLCLC Chapel 12p Midweek Lenten Service 1p Lutheranism 101 7p Midweek Lenten Service	2 630a Men's Bible Study 9a TLCLC Chapel 11a Communion @ Lenoir 530p Pickleball	3 Pastors' Day Off	4 9a MO Dist LLL
5 Lent 2 8a Divine Serv w/ Comm. 930a Sun. School 1030a Divine Serv w/Comm. 6p Choir 6p JCC 6p LLL Fellowship	6 9a Bible Study 1p GLAT 6p Divine Serv w/ Comm.	7 530p Pickleball 530p BoECE 6p Stephen Min. 630p BoCE	8 7a Mall Walking 9a TLCLC Chapel 930a Mary Martha Guild 12p Midweek Lenten Service 1p Lutheranism 101 7p Midweek Lenten Service	9 630a Men's Bible Study 9a TLCLC Chapel 530p Pickleball	10 Pastors' Day Off	11
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26 Lent 5 8a Divine Serv w/ Comm. 930a Sun. School 1030a Divine Serv w/ Comm. 12p Bd of Youth	27 9a Bible Study 1p GLAT 6p Divine Serv w/ Comm.	28 530p Pickleball 530p Bd of Trustees	29 7a Mall Walking 9a TLCLC Chapel 12p Midweek Lenten Service 1p Lutheranism 101 7p Midweek Lenten Service	30 7a Men's Bible Study 9a TLCLC Chapel 530p Pickleball	31 Pastors' Day Off	1

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