News of the Son

Trinity Lutheran Church — Columbia, MO

The Gift of Holy Communion

In our life with God, we saw what God expects of us in the Ten Commandments. What pleases Him, and what sins to confess. With the Creeds, we saw what we can expect from Him. A Father who creates and sustains. A Son who redeems us, not with gold or silver, but with His precious blood. The Holy Spirit, who sanctifies us. In the Lord's Prayer, we approach and speak to our heavenly Father as His dear children. In Holy Baptism, we are made the children of God. His name is placed upon us. In our life with God through Holy Absolution, the forgiveness of sins accomplished on the cross for all is delivered to you. Today, we are fed and receive the gift of Holy Communion.

We learn to take God at His Word. He means what He says, and He says what He means.

²⁶ Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." ²⁷ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, ²⁸ for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. (Matthew 26)

This **is** My Body. This **is** My Blood. We take "is" to be what it means most simply, thus taking God at His Word. The Bread is His Body, and the Wine is His Blood. I cannot explain how this takes place, no more than can I explain how the world began. We know both happen at the speaking of God's Word.

Some try to explain "is" by saying it is a symbol. That notion comes from Plato, who says that earthly things are not real. Reality is found in the world of thought.

Others again do not look to His Word but to Thomas Aquinas, diving into the realm of substance and accidents (these words are philosophical jargon). Along with this comes the teaching of "unbloody sacrifice." These sacrifices of the Mass ignore that there is but one sacrifice in Christ (Hebrews 9:24-28).

Thus, we cling to the Word by putting aside philosophy and human meanderings. Holding closely to the Word of God is shown as the words of Institution are drawn from all for places in Scripture where the Lord's Supper is spoken about (Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; I Corinthians 11:23-25).

The Words of Our Lord

- Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My → body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is



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Spreading His Word

the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Taking God at His Word, we also receive the benefits of such eating and drinking, the forgiveness of sins.

To God be the glory and to us His peace.

Your Servant in Christ,

Rev. Brian K. Thieme

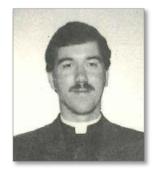
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In praise and thanksgiving to the Lord of the Church for sending faithful laborers into His harvest, please join us for the 30th Anniversary of Ordination and Installation into the Office of the Holy Ministry of Rev. Brian K. Thieme

Divine Service Sunday, September 10, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

RSVP'd dinner and program of celebration to follow worship.

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You are encouraged to share memories and/or pictures of the blessings God has given you through His servant Pastor Thieme. There will be a card box at the dinner for you to place such memories if you choose to do so. The cards and pictures will be sent home with Pastor Thieme and Sarah to read and reminisce at their leisure.

Confirmation
— Class—

Junior Confirmation Classes

Junior Confirmation Classes will meet on Sundays at 6:00 pm, starting September 17, 2023.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office at (573) 445-2112 or church@trinity-lcms.org or talk with one of the pastors.

Men's Thursday Bible Study

Bible Study

The Thursday morning Men's Bible Study uses Concordia:

The Lutheran Confessions – A Reader's Edition of The Book of Concord (second edition), starting with Luther's Large Catechism. If you have an individual copy of Concordia, bring it along but there should be enough copies for each attendee (church copies). We will use the same format as with The Lutheran Study Bible; i.e., we will read each section together and discuss the doctrine using the Concordia notes.

Please plan on joining us and remember, we start at 7:00 am each Thursday.



LWML MITES

The societies of Mary Martha Guild and Vesper Guild have a box for LWML Mites. This is on display in the narthex on the <u>first</u>

and third Sundays/Mondays every month September 3rd and 17th

Please bring your loose coins and drop them in the designated box!

Small individual boxes are available for collecting coins at home. They are found at the Christian Resource Center in the hallway.

These donations support many national mission projects chosen at the recent LWML convention. See the bulletin board across from Pastor McCalley's office.

Thank you for your interest and support of LWML.

Vesper Guild September Meeting

Trinity ladies are welcome to attend the meeting! Tuesday, September 19 at 5:30 p.m. in the church library.

We start with a business discussion followed by a Bible study. Snacks are served. Meetings are held the 3nd Tuesday of each month August through May.

For information or questions, contact Betty Buchheit at 573-823-2664



Are you struggling with the loss of a loved one or know someone who is? Please consider joining our Grief Share group.

We will watch a video from GS each week & then have discussion (optional) after. The GS classes will be Thursday Sept 7th & each Thursday until Dec 7th, from 7pm-9pm.

To sign up, visit the GS website www.griefshare.org/findagroup.

Any questions, please call/text Kevin Burns (Facilitator) at (573) 424-7514.



Ladies' Bible Study & Story Telling

Through story telling the Holy Spirit inspired Moses to write the first

books of the Bible. Jesus used parables to teach us how to live and understand our lives as His followers. In this Bible study we will get to know some of the women of the Bible, their stories and experiences. We will explore how we can share their story with others. Whether it be encouragement, endurance, grief, or love their stories are a gift; a gift that is meant to be shared.

Join the fellowship on Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm in the classroom in the fellowship hall. Questions? Contact Chris Bailey at 573-639-0727 or email at vanity411@yahoo.com

Nut Sales—Coming Soon!

The Mary Martha Guild will be taking orders for nuts in October We will offer an assortment of

plain and chocolate-covered nuts, pretzels, raisins, and gummies. The nuts and treats are great for baking, snacking, and also make wonderful gifts. Your order will be ready for pickup in November. An order form will be included in the *Trinity Weekly News* next month. The profits from our nut sales are used to sponsor various missions that Mary Martha chooses.



The handbell choir is looking for new ringers to join us. Ages 4th grade and up are welcome, no experience required. Rehearsals are held most Sundays at 5pm. If interested, please call or text Kimberly Walker at (708) 532-3358.



Hosts Needed!

We would like to start up Sunday fellowship time again, beginning on Sunday, September 17th. This is a wonderful time to share conversation and enjoy coffee, tea, and donuts with your fellow congregants. Both 8:00 am and 10:30 am service attendees are encouraged to come.

We need volunteers to host. It's easy, it's fun, and though couples often host, it's easy enough for a single person to tackle it alone. Please sign up on the office hallway bulletin board. We cill contact you and, if necessary, walk you through the process to get you started. Please consider pitching in and being an occasional host. Your available time commitment is flexible.

Grief Resource Available

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. The four short books are intended to be given at 3 weeks, 3 months, 6 months, and 11 months during the first year after a loss. A tracking card is included to record when each book is due to be given and the date they were given. Each 44-page book focuses on the feelings and issues a person is likely to experience at that point in his or her grief, offering comfort, help, and hope throughout that difficult first year.

Although the books are written from a Christian perspective, they address spiritual matters sensitively, with a focus on ideas and principles that would apply for any reader, whatever his or her beliefs.



The Life Team has wonderful news! All seats for the Life Network banquet at the Trinity table have been filled! Remember you can always buy your own ticket and attend. The banquet will be held on Friday, September 15th at The Crossing Church. 3615 Southland Drive, Columbia. Please RSVP by Friday, September 8th by calling 573-874-3561 or online at www.lifenetworkfriends.com. Tickets are \$25 per person. Doors open at 5:30, dinner begins at 5:45 and the program begins at 6:30.

We have set a date for the speaker from Missouri Right to Life! It is Sunday, October 8th at 12:15 after the late service. The speaker is Susan Klein who is the lobbyist for MRL. She will speak for 30 to 40 minutes and tell us everything about the initiative petition drive which is making its way through the Missouri courts. These petitions, if passed, will undo all the work of pro life people through the decades to keep Missouri women and children safe and will help enshrine abortion on demand in the Missouri constitution. Please plan to attend; and please note a meal will be served. Hope to see many of you there.

Blessings the Life Team

Trinity LLL Fellowship Club

Trinity LLL Fellowship Club will start meeting again on Sunday, September 3rd at 6pm in the church basement.

Monthly meetings are scheduled for the 1st Sunday of each month (September through May) at 6pm in the church basement. Activities include a very short business meeting, bible study, and fellowship time with snacks. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.



Greetings in the name of Jesus who forgets no one,

To continue the discussion of end of life issues, Pastor Michael Schmidt has written "The Forgotten Life":

["Putting mom in the nursing home was the best thing we ever did. She's eating better, they handle all of her medicine, they play bingo twice a week. You know,

we were going over there at least twice a day to help her at home." "Oh, really? Does she like it?" "Well, we've been busy and don't get over there like we should. But she seems happy."]

Does this conversation sound familiar? In a day and age when people are living longer, and their families are already stretched thin with activities, many have made the decision to put their aging parents, or other relatives, into a nursing home.

Now by no means is this article meant to make you feel guilty. There are plenty of situations where the best possible care is a nursing home.

But does that life soon become a **forgotten life**? Is the nursing home far from family, making visitation infrequent? Is the nursing home far from friends, making visitation unlikely? So often individuals go into the nursing home and are only visited monthly by the pastor, and even less so by friends and family. Why?

Nursing homes can be harsh reminders that our loved ones are not as young and quick and healthy as they once were; they can be a reminder that death lurks at the door. Nursing homes are also reminders that as our days grow short, our earthly possessions will be stripped away, leaving us with only a dresser, a nightstand, half a closet, and a borrowed bed. What does that say about ourselves? What does it say about our loved ones?

Are we wishing that our loved ones were dead? We would never consent to them being pumped full of drugs and left to die; but when we neglect them, when we forget about them, when we act as if they were already dead, have we not done what the secular world would do for the sick and elderly, just slower?

Rest assured, all is not lost. Jesus calls on us to visit the lonely, the downtrodden, the forsaken and the elderly: "'For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me" Matthew 25:35-40)

When so much has been stripped away, it is the presence of family and friends that beings cheer and joy to those in nursing homes. When there is nothing to do but stare out the window and watch the world go by, it is the presence of the pastor who brings the things of God to them. When you are surrounded by death, it is the presence of children that reminds you of all the vitality of life as grown children fill in the details of stories that have grown hazy with time and young children bring energy to a room that has seemingly been sucked dry.

Do not let that life of a loved one become a forgotten life; rather, remember that life here and now.

Show your children that the life of the elderly is valuable as well by taking them into the nursing home. Show them by regular visits that the life of their grandparent is valuable and treasured even now, when their mobility is limited, their memory foggy, and their eyes and ears have grown weak. Show your children, and even yourself, that while that elderly loved one may not remember their names or know the day of the week, they will know the Lord's Prayer and the Apostles Creed, and they can still sing most of their favorite hymns. Show that while others may have forgotten this life, you have not---you remember and value this life. (Rev. Michael Schmidt is pastor of Peace Lutheran Church, Natoma, KS, and First Lutheran, Plainville, KS. LifeDate Summer 2023)

In Christ,

Sylvia Glenn

Feel free to call (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, 888-217-8679, or visit www.word-of-hope.org.

August 8, 2023 Board of Directors (draft meeting minutes)

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

- Opening Devotion & Prayer: Pastor Thieme led the members in reviewing Hymn #696, O God, My Faithful God, and singing the first two Stanza's.
- II. Attendance: Larry McCoig (President), Warren Harms (Treasurer), Mary Frerking (Secretary), Jacque Eckhoff (Youth), Doug McDowell (Trustees), Jensen Duenckel (Stewardship & Finance), Dan Watts (BOECE), Gary Frisch (Endowment Fund), Daniel Hakes (BOCE), John Frerking (Elders), Annette Kiehne (Director TLCLC) and Pastor Thieme.
- III. Approval of the Meeting Agenda: A motion was made and seconded to amend the Meeting Agenda to include: the Board reports from the Elders and the Director of the BOECE, a POA from the BOECE as a Request for a TLCLC credit card with a \$10K credit limit and a request from Rev. Dr. R. Lee Hagan for an offering to be added to the MO District Church Worker Student Aid Endowment. The motion was approved without further discussion.
- IV. Treasurer's Reports: The Treasurer reviewed the respective reports from the month of July 2023. The Treasurer noted the copier and office computer accounts are over budget. Fellowship hour is also over budget. No questions were asked of the Treasurer. Motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's reports. Motion approved without further discussion.
- V. **Approval of the Consent Agenda**: Motion was made and seconded to approve the revised Consent Agenda.
 - A. Minutes of July 11, 2023, regular BOD meeting
 - B. Pastors' Reports:
 - 1. Membership Changes (Information only):
 - a. Members In:

Jordan Mitchel Stambler – by baptism 7/4/2023.

Timothy Louis Smith – by profession of faith 7/16/2023.

Karen Louise Easton – by profession of faith 7/23/2023.

Natalie Kay Schneider – by baptism 7/24/2023.

- b. Called to the Church Triumphant:Donald Henry Cameron 6/24/2023.
- C. Financial Secretary's Report:
- D. Board Reports:

- 1. Christian Education:
- 2. Early Childhood Education: No Report
- 3. Director of TLCLC
- 4. Elders
- 5. Evangelism: No Report
- 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: No Report

VI. Old Business

A. Monthly Board Reports: Social Ministry and Stewardship & Finance. No one was present from the Board of Social Ministry. Ms. Duenckel summarized the responsibilities of the Board of Stewardship & Finance.

Intermissio: Pastor Thieme led the members singing Stanzas 3 & 4 of Hymn 696.

VII. New Business

A. BOECE POA: Request for a TLCLC credit card with a \$10K credit limit: The chair of the BOECE reviewed the need and usage of the proposed credit card. The limit on the card would not affect the current \$5K limit for any one-time purchase by the Learning Center. The TLCLC Director answered questions raised by the members in attendance. The Treasurer would continue to have access to all accounts for the church, but the TLCLC Director will be an Administrator on the credit cards but only have access to the two credit cards for the Learning Center and no other church accounts or credit cards.

A motion was made to increase the credit card limit to \$10K for the TLCLC Director, to be set up in the best way possible by the Treasurer but still allow the TLCLC Director to have Administrator access to the TLCLC credit card account. Motion was seconded. The motion was approved without further discussion.

B. MO District Annual Campaign to promote church work vocations: Pastor Thieme reviewed the handout about a request for an offering on Sunday, August 27, 2023, as a collection to the Missouri District Church Worker Student Aid Endowment. Pastor also advised TLC may want to have someone from our Congregation to visit several of our District congregations to encourage recruitment for church workers. A motion was made and seconded to approve this free will offering. The motion was approved without further discussion.

VIII. Announcements

- A. The next BOD meeting will be September 12, 2023, at 6:30 pm.
- B. The next regularly scheduled AOV meeting will be September 24, 2023, at 12 pm.
- IX. **Adjournment**: A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the evening's meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Closing/Claudendo: Pastor Thieme led the members in singing Stanzas 5 & 6 of Hymn #696.

Respectfully submitted by Mary A Frerking August 8, 2023

Upcoming deadlines & meetings:

- Board of Directors reports & agenda items are due by the end of the day on Wednesday, September 6, 2023.
- The Board of Directors will meet Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
- The next Assembly of Voters meeting will be held on Sunday, September 24, 2023.

2023 Trinity Lutheran Church Officers and Board Members

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FALL SALE RUMMAGE

PREVIEW SALE FEE \$5.00

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 7:00 AM-6:00 PM

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

8:00 AM-6:00 PM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

8:00 AM-12 NOON

\$5.00 BAG SALE SATURDAY!

CLOTHING

CHILDREN'S CLOTHING

TOOLS

SHOES/PURSES

KITCHENWARE

ANTIQUES

TOYS

HOME DECOR

ROOKS

Questions?

Call or text:

Rita (660) 441-7924

Rachael (816) 674-6363



Check us out on Facebook! Join our group SERVANTS OF THE SAINTS **RUMMAGE SALE for updates.**

WEIS GYM ANNEX SPLHS CAMPUS 205 S. MAIN STREET CONCORDIA, MO

Please park behind the gym and use the north door.



Sunday, October 29, 2023 3:00—5:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church

2201 W. Rollins Rd.—West Parking Lot*
Cookie walk, bounce house, and so much more!

If you would like to volunteer, donate candy, or reserve a spot for your car or game, please sign up on the bulletin board across from the church office.

* If inclement weather, activities will be in the gymnasium.





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Scott Sendelweck	Rachel Firestone
Hannah Tipton	Patsy Frisch
Steve Tubbesing	Josh Grotzinger
3	Michael Walz
Caroline Grotzinger	17
Braden Hemmer	Jerry Riggert
Liam Schuster	18
4	Jordan Duenckel
Chris Barrett	Lou Eggerding
Kevin Burns	Sarah Stone
7	19
Glen Beltz	Misty Brown
Kristi Mott	20
Jacob Schneider	Anne Farrow
8	Katie Mefrakis
Marian Kueck-Pierson	Zach Mefrakis
Sue Nack	21
Kylie Sterling	Roger Brown
David Thomas	Lydia Steinkoetter
9	Zach Wright
Emmit Earnhart	23
11	Dana Meyer
Keith Davis	25
12	Josh McDowell
Will Cherrington	Michelle Miller
Cydney King	Karen Provost
Doris Lyons	Samantha Schneide
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14	Bill McCool
Mary Lu Brown	28
Norburt Pierson	Lisa Thompson
Loanna Thompson	Travis Vellema
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Alyse Monsees	Larry Linneman

Ron & Carole Eilers	September 1, 1973
Michael & MJ Laupp	September 1, 2018
Dennis & Patti Haubein	September 4, 1965
Jon & Dana Rakers	September 4, 1993
Kenneth & Mary Redders	September 6, 1974
Stephen & Dianne Tackitt	September 8, 1995
Mark & Michelle Gastler	September 9, 1989
Tim & Kandy Kling	September 14, 2002
Jacob & Samantha Schneider	September 14, 2013
Jay & Sharon Craig	September 18, 1992
Nathan & Jacque Eckhoff	September 18, 1999
Fred & Doris Pistel	September 22, 1962
George & LaVonne Rattelmuller	September 22, 1962
Eddie & Kylie Sterling	September 22, 2018
Bill & Jessica Watts	September 22, 2018
Dan & Betty Buchheit	September 23, 1978
Roger & Mary Lu Brown	September 24, 1988
John & Michelle Ewens	September 25, 2021
Matt & Michele Moyer	September 26, 2012



September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Rally Sunday 8a Divine Serv 930a Sun. School 1030a Divine Serv 12p JCC & Parent Mtg 5p Handbells 6p Choir	9a Bible Study 115p GLAT 6p Divine Serv	29 530p Pickleball	30 9a LC Chapel 130p Dying Well 6p Choir	7a Men's Bible Study 9a LC Chapel 530p Pickleball 630p Women's Bible Study	1 Pastors' Day Off	2
8a Divine Serv w/ Comm. 930a Sun. School 1030a Divine Serv w/Comm. 6p LLL Fellowship	Labor Day 9a Bible Study 6p Divine Serv w/ Comm.	530p Pickleball 530p BoECE 6p Stephen Ministry 630 BoCE	9a LC Chapel 130p Dying Well	7 7a Men's Bible Study 9a LC Chapel 11a Communion @ Lenoir 530p Pickleball 630p Women's Bible Study 7p Grief Share	8 Pastors' Day Off	4p Handbell Practice
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Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Monday 6:00 p.m.

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Sunday 9:15 a.m.

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