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November 12 & 13, 2023

The chancel flowers this week are
sponsored by Warren & Karen Harms in
memory of Michael's birthday

This Week at Trinity:

Sunday 11/12

8:00 a.m.—Divine Service
9:30 a.m.—Bible Study
10:30 a.m.—Divine Service
12:00 a.m.—Pastor Thieme's present.
3:00 p.m.—Youth Friendsgiving
5:00 p.m.—Handbell Practice
5:30 p.m.—Men's Chorus
6:00 p.m.—Choir
6:00 p.m.—JCC

Monday 11/13

9:00 a.m.—Bible Study
1:15 p.m.—GLAT
6:00 p.m.—Divine Service

Tuesday 11/14

5:15 p.m.—Sound Words/Adult Cat.
5:30 p.m.—Pickleball
6:30 p.m.—Board of Directors

Wednesday 11/15

9:00 a.m.—TLCLC Chapel
5:30 p.m.—Life Team

Thursday 11/16

7:00 a.m.—Men's Bible Study
9:00 a.m.—TLCLC Chapel
11:00 a.m.—Communion @ Lenoir
5:30 p.m.—Pickleball
6:00 p.m.—Board of Evangelism
6:00 p.m.—Board of Elders
7:00 p.m.—Grief Share

Friday 11/17

Pastors' day off

Sunday 11/19

8:00 a.m.—Divine Service w/ Comm.
9:30 a.m.—Bible Study & Sun. School
10:30 a.m.—Divine Service w/ Comm.
12:00 p.m.—Assembly of Voters
6:00 p.m.—JCC



Vesper Guild will host the annual Craft Fair & Bake Sale on **Sundays, November 5 & 12 and on Monday, November 6.**

Orders will also be taken for honey from the Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch. We support this Lutheran mission by giving 100% of the sales for the honey sold.

There is a change in location! The fair will be located in the Fellowship Hall with a small display in the hallway near the pastor's offices and will be open between and after services.

Thank You!



The Mary Martha Guild would like to thank you for your support of our fall fundraiser. The nut sales were a success, and we were able to meet our goal. The nuts were delivered to us from Farmstead Nuts and Treats in Olathe, KS. The proceeds from sales will be used for financial donations to missions selected by Guild members. Thank you all for your orders and many thanks to those who served on the fundraising committee to complete this project successfully. Thanks again!

—Mary Martha Guild



Stewardship & Scripture

Nov. 12 – Proper 27

Matthew 25:4 – “But the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.” Why did they

take flasks of oil with them? Because they listened to the Bridegroom's words and believed what He said. Our actions always start with and flow from our beliefs. What do your actions in the realm of stewardship say about what you believe?

Vesper Guild

All women of Trinity are welcome to join our Vesper Guild meeting on Tuesday, **November 21** at 5:30 p.m. We start with devotions followed by business discussions.

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



Assembly of Voters Meeting

Sunday, November 19, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.



Men's Thursday Bible Study

The Thursday morning Men's Bible Study is studying *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.



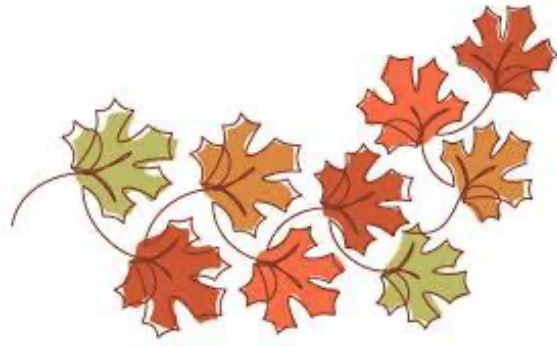
Brothers and Sisters of Trinity Lutheran Church,

A committee of Buck Katt (Chair), Eldrid (Pete) Easterhaus (member), and Andrew Saeger (member) were appointed to review Trinity Lutheran Church By-Laws. This review was prompted by a request of the Board of Trinity Lutheran Church Endowment Fund to update the boards By-Laws. In addition, all Church boards were given the opportunity to review and suggest updates to Trinity Lutheran Church By-Laws. Those suggesting changes are the Board of Endowment Fund, the Board of Christian Education, and the Board of Youth.

All recommended changes to the By-Laws have been reviewed by the Board of Directors and require a final vote of the Assembly of Voter's. The suggestions will be presented at the December 17, 2023 Assembly of Voters. For your convenience we have placed copies of the suggested changes in the narthex and copies are available in the office. Your opportunity to ask questions and discuss the suggested changes will take place on the following dates and times:

- November 21st 6:30 pm Middle School Classroom
- November 30th 9:00 am Fellowship Hall
- November 30th 6:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- December 4th 10:15 am Fellowship Hall

Y GROUP U T H



I will give to the Lord the thanks
due to his righteousness,
and I will sing praise to the name
of the Lord, the Most High.

-Psalm 7:17

FRIENDSGIVING & SERVICE EVENT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023

PLACE: Youth Room

TIME: 3:00-5:30PM

COMMITMENT: Please bring a snack/appetizer to share.

Come for a fun afternoon of food, fellowship and service. Drinks provided, but don't forget to bring your snack to share. Contact Jacque Eckhoff at 573-289-0273 if you have any questions.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, November 12:
Friendsgiving &
Service Event

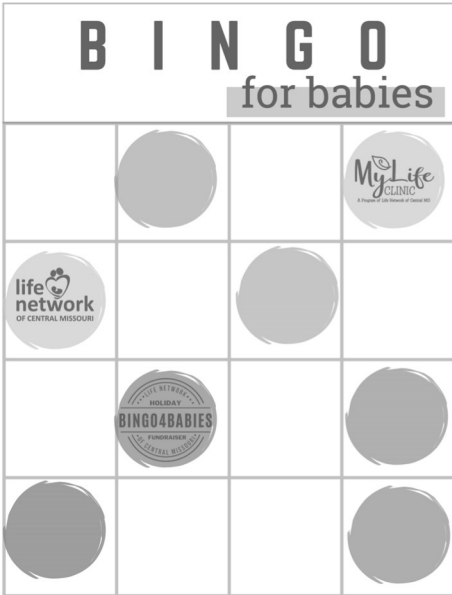
Sunday, December 17:
Cookie Decorating &
Christmas Party



Life Thoughts

November 12 – Pentecost XXIV (Proper 27A) – Like the parable's bridegroom, Jesus often meets us in unexpected moments (Matthew 25:10). He even sometimes hides in surprise pregnancies or terminal diagnoses in order to rescue and bless. So, we dare not ignore the poor and needy neighbors who cry out for deliverance (Psalm 70:1, 5) from abortion and assisted suicide. If we do indeed love the Lord's salvation, then let us say so (Psalm 70:4)!

B I N G O for babies



DECEMBER 7 AT 5:30PM

**CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
5045 CHAPEL HILL RD**

TICKETS \$15 ADULTS, \$10 KIDS - AGES 4 & UNDER ARE FREE

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30, BINGO STARTS AT 6

WIN PRIZES FROM LOCAL RESTAURANTS & BUSINESSES

DINNER FOR SALE BY 12 BASKETS

ORDER YOUR TICKETS AT 573-874-3561 OR ONLINE



TICKETS

ALL PROCEEDS DIRECTLY
SUPPORT THE FREE
SERVICES PROVIDED AT
MY LIFE CLINIC



Meet Me at the Manger

A display of over 600 unique nativity scenes from around the world



Friday, December 1 --5pm-8pm

Saturday, December 2--9:30am-5:00pm

ADA hours Friday, December 1--9:30am-3:00pm

Campus Lutheran Church

304 S. College Ave.

Columbia, MO 65201

campuslutheran.org/manger



Sunday School Christmas Program: Sign Ups & Rehearsals

The Board of Christian Ed is looking for Sunday School kids to participate in the Christmas Eve service. The sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board across from the Church Office.

Practice times are as follows:

- Sunday, December 3: during the Sunday School hour
- Sunday, December 10: during the Sunday School hour
- Sunday, December 17: during the Sunday School hour
- Thursday, December 21: dinner (pizza) at 5:15-6 pm, practice from 6-7 pm



Collections for Community Missions

Thank you for your generous donations to our community missions! Please continue to collect and donate the items listed below. You can place them in the labeled bins inside the Christian Resource Center (brown unit in the hallway). If you need assistance getting the items to Trinity or have other suggestions for collections, please contact the Church Office.

- *Bibles and Devotional Materials*
- *Canceled postage stamps including Forever stamps (No Love or Christmas)*
- *Coupons with no expiration date*
- *Eyeglasses you no longer use*
- *Food (nonperishable, no glass containers)*
- *Soda & Soup Can Pop Tops*



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MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry at Trinity

Trinity Lutheran Church has a caregiving ministry. It is an important way we at Trinity care for one another. If you or another church member you know are going through a difficult time, reach out to one of our pastors and consider a caring relationship with a Stephen Ministry caregiver. The ministry offers real care, comfort, and hope and is free and completely confidential.

Quotes from past care receivers:

"My caregiver was an angel sent from heaven. She helped me to understand things and to see what God has done. So much is off my shoulders."

"Thank God you are here."

"Do it! Take the time to go through the process. Let someone else help."

A tri-fold flyer and a yellow information card are available from the information stand in the narthex and/or visit stephenministries.org to learn more.

BEICHTSPIEGEL

Self-examination from the Ten Commandments

“280. Self-examination from the Ten Commandments” in *Lutheran Prayer Companion*, trans. Matthew C. Carver (Saint Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2018): 157-161.

First Commandment

O holy and righteous God, who see and hear all things: I come before You now to examine carefully the condition of my soul and to learn how I am, whether I am on the way of destruction. I am far too corrupt, my heart far too false and deceiving, for me to do it myself. Search me Yourself, O God! Try me and know my thought, and make me aware of them by Your Word and Spirit. Have I remembered You often, great Maker and Sustainer, Redeemer and Sanctifier? – Have I used Your will and Your Commandments as my guidepost in what I do and do not, and have I asked myself, “Is this in line with God’s commandment? – Have I entertained and detestable thoughts, such as “There is no God”? – Have I not honored many idols and through of myself highly, followed only my own will, and sought my own glory and satisfaction? – Have I not feared other men more than God, revered their presence more than God’s presence, and made a greater effort to gain their favor God’s grace, and done more in love toward them than I would do in love to God? – Have not my trust in great benefactors and in the favor of men? – Has my heart found its rest, etc., in temporal things such as money, goods, honor, and an easy life instead of seeking its only delight and joy in the eternal good from which all others come? – Have I perhaps sought the help of Satan and his sorcerers rather than the help of God and feared their power more than the strength of God? – Have I had a proper conception of God’s power, omnipresence, righteousness, and grace in order to move myself to childlike fear? – Has my fear of God also borne true fruit, such as obedience, hatred of evil, remorse for sin, humility, patience, vigilance, and the like? – Have I sought to know God as the highest good and to love Him above all things? – Have I to that end diligently sought God’s perfection, majesty, goodness, mercy, power, strength, wealth, and benefits? – Has my love arisen merely for the sake of those benefits and temporal happiness? – Have I also detected in myself the fruits of true and genuine love of God, such as hatred of sin, contempt for the world, long-suffering, desire for greater union with God, praise, thanksgiving and joy? – What form has my trust toward God taken? Is it a well-founded and childlike trust? – Have I founded it on God’s goodness, truth, omnipotence, and promise? – Has this trust worked true faith in me, such as hope, serenity, courage, and constancy? – Likewise, what form has my knowledge of

God taken? Is it a living or dead knowledge? And do I seek to increase in that knowledge? Do I earnestly guard myself against all errors? – Are all, or even most of, my desires centered on God and His grace?

Second Commandment

Have I treated God's name, or everything in which God is revealed in His glory? – Have I not frequently spoken the names of God and Jesus irreverently? – How often have I prayed without true devotion and conception of God's majesty? What form has my reading and meditation of God's Word taken? – Have I not sometimes quoted verses of Holy Scripture in an unfitting manner to bring attention to myself or to make a joke? – Have I, in the contemplation and use of created things, reverently regarded the Creator's wisdom, goodness, and almighty power? – Have I misused my mouth for cursing, swearing, and slander after the manner of brazen sinners? – Have I clung to superstition or magical things? – Have I been a liar or deceiver in spiritual things and knowingly twisted God's Word, or ever deceived others through hypocrisy? What form have my praise and thanks taken?

Third Commandment

Have I regarded the Sabbath with due reverence and tried to sanctify it in a way pleasing to God? – Have I on Sundays allowed my mind to rest from temporal concerns and my body from the regular work of my vocation, that God might do His work in my and I might rest in God? Have I, to that end, prepared myself in the morning with sincere prayer? – Have I come to God's house at the proper time? – Have I behaved as a child of God in thoughts, words, and action, and heard the Word devoutly as the Word of God and prayed and sung with sincerity? Have I acted like a child of the world at church and used my clothing to show off, chatted about worldly things, looked down on other people, judged the preacher's recitation [sermon] only by human favor, sought prestige before others through a special position, or passed much of the time sleeping? – Have I recalled the sermon at home, or thought over those points which especially pertain to my situation? – Have I passed the rest of my Sunday with holy activities, such as reading, praying, singing, examining myself, contemplating God's works and benefits, renewing my good resolution, and so on? – Have I tried to instruct, stir up, and edify others, used good speech, and assisted and comforted the poor and afflicted? – Or have I joined the world seeking all manner of carnal amusements and passed the time with sinful jokes, foolishness, even gambling, and looked to my own contentment on the Lord's day in indolence, excessive

eating and drinking, or frivolous parties? – Have I been serious about serving God and being properly edified and amended?

Fourth Commandment

O almighty, everlasting God, heavenly Father, who commanded with great earnest that parents should be honored, I thank You from my inmost heart that You have caused me to be born of Christian parents and that they have preserved me until now; but at the same time, I confess and lament to You that I have not always held my parents in such honor as I ought to have done, nor loved and feared them with words and works. O dear God and Father, pardon me this sin of my youth and my transgression, and remember me according to Your great mercy, for Your goodness' sake. Give me henceforth an obedient, loving heart, that I may honor my parents from the heart with words and works. O Lord Jesus Christ, who in the days of Your flesh, were subject were to Your parents and left me to an example for imitation, that I also should follow in Your footsteps, give me a thankful, submissive, willing, and obedient heart toward my parents, that I may honor them with obedience, love and fear, patience and humility. Look also on my dear parents with the eyes of Your mercy. Let them reach old age in peace, bless their livelihood, lighten their cross, and grant them temporal and eternal blessing. O Holy Spirit, who are the Spirit of love and discipline, govern and lead me such that I love my parents heartily and receive their chastisement with patience. Enlighten my heart by Your heavenly grace and light, that I may with a grateful heart acknowledge what great benefits have been shown me by God through my dear parents, that I may not be found ungrateful and disobedient, but may show all due submission and obedience toward God and my parents. Amen.

Fifth Commandment

Have I not frequently held a grudge against my neighbor, hated him in my heart, envied him, rejoiced at his misfortune, and planned revenge on him? – How often has my anger exceeded bounds of moderation? – Have I not wrongly addressed my actions in wrath and expressed angry, mocking, insulting words and evil wishes? Have I not perhaps concealed my enmity and mischief and sought to injure my neighbor treacherously through false kindness and courtesy? – Has my rage gone so far at times that I have actually hurt my neighbor with respect to his body and health? Have I fed my enemy, given him something to drink, and prayed for him? – Have I let my neighbor fall in danger of life or limb through my own cruelty or treachery or carelessness? – Have I in my words and deeds not sometimes become offensive to the innocent

and simple, and so in some respect wounded their soul? – Have I tried to correct an offense that I gave before, to satisfy the neighbor as much as possible for the injury which occurred, and to appease him? – Have I given my neighbor all possible help in his necessity, danger, poverty, or assisted him with advice and consolation? – Have I had mercy and charity in my heart, kindness in my actions, and gracefulness in my words? Have I nurtured toward my offender a meek and reconcilable heart and tried to make peace between others? – Have I attended to my neighbor's good in spiritual and physical things?

Sixth Commandment

Have I earnestly pursued chastity and purity of body and soul, to be suitable for service both to God and neighbor? – Have I used the proper means of chastity, such as devout prayer, moderation, fasting, and the like? – Have I frequently harbored wicked and impure lusts in my heart, delighted in them, and even pursued them for any period of time? – Have not my actions sometimes been shameless and frivolous? – Have I not frequently lent my ears to unchaste speech and my eyes to unchaste persons, pictures or other offensive things? – And have I myself offended other by unfitting words with double meanings? – Have I earnestly avoided all impurity and adultery, by whatever name they may be called? Idleness, drunkenness, intoxication, bad company, and lewd fashion?

Seventh Commandment

Have I at all times treated my neighbor justly with respect to his property, given to each what is his, and left to each what is his, and by advice, action, and prevention of all harm helped him to preserve it? – Have I restored to its rightful owner whatever I have found, or property otherwise obtained in an unjust manner, or have I tried to keep it away from him? – Have I often coveted my neighbor's property, tried to get it by deceitful words or to acquire it by scheming? Have I faithfully given to authorities what is theirs, honestly and diligently labored in my office and vocation, grateful and properly used the benefits shown to me or the righteous alms given me? – Have I taken advantage of my neighbor in business or commerce through false measures and weights or wicked, unreasonable prices and stringing taxes? – Have I been a wise steward, guarded myself against debts and sureties, or tried to pay what I owe in an honest manner? – Have I loved idleness, waste, and luxury, or tried to use impermissible means such as gambling, luxury, foolish jesting, and flattery? – Have I oppressed or sucked dry and one who was subject to me, or delayed and withheld the wages of workers and staff? – How have I treated the poor?

Have I shown true and genuine mercy by my actions?

Eighth Commandment

How have I treated my neighbor's honor and good name? Have I grieved him by any sort of treachery, slander, or sarcastic and pointed remarks, or hindered his well-being? Or have I deceived him by false compliments, and in judging his life generally sought my own honor and contentment? – Have I continually and earnestly guarded myself against wicked suspicions, falsehood, lies, flattery, and useless chatter?

Ninth and Tenth Commandments

Have I earnestly resisted my wicked desires for increase, such as envy, pride, covetousness, and the like, and conversely pursued contentment and humility? – Have I come to the aid of my neighbor at every opportunity with prayer, good will, advice, and help, and rejoice when he prospered? – Have I practiced moderation in all things, especially in eating and drinking, joy and sorrow? – Have I continued the fight against all evil desires as one who belongs to Christ and used the proper means, such as prayer, vigilance, shunning the occasion, repeated renewal of good resolution, and other things? – For what has my greatest desire aspired: heavenly or earthly things? – How far have I come in putting on the new man, and how have I increased in that renewal? O my God, search me Yourself! Try me and know my thoughts! See if I am on the way just way, and lead me in the way everlasting. You alone can understand the heart, which is deceitful and desperately wicked, and uncover all the guile of narcissism. Oh, how much good I have omitted, and how much evil I have committed! What good I find is only external. Rarely is there a true, good intention and good basis of true virtue. Therefore, O mighty and jealous God, make me to hear the thunder of Your holy and immutable Law, to be terrified by the curse and wrath which I have earned, and to turn in penitence to Your grace in Christ!

Radio & Podcast Resources

The Lutheran Hour

The Lutheran Hour with Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler proclaims the salvation story of Jesus every week to hundreds of thousands of listeners. The Lutheran Hour weekly half-hour program can be heard on www.lhm.org, on their mobile app, or Sundays on several area radio stations:

8:00 a.m. on **KMCV 89.9FM**

8:00 a.m. on **KLTE 107.9FM**

9:00 a.m. on **KMCR 103.9FM**

10:00 a.m. on **KMMO 1300AM**

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Hear stories from Deaconess Kim Bueltmann (missionary to refugees in Germany), Benjamin Kolodziej (history of LCMS music), and Deaconess Dr. Tiffany Manor and Rev. Ken Krueger (church worker wellness) on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. CT), begin studying 1 Corinthians on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and study Mark 10-11 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfu.org or the KFUE Radio app!



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