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Trinity Lutheran Church — Columbia, MO

PASTORS' LETTER.....



February, 2017

Greetings to you, dear friends in Christ Jesus!

The month of February, the shortest of the months, is packed with much observance from Valentine's Day to Presidents Day, from the Presentation of Our Lord to Saint Matthias Day. To who?

Matthias reminds us that the Lord Jesus takes care of what many may consider to be minute details. The Acts of the Apostles provides for us the only occasion in which Matthias is mentioned in the Scriptures. We find it in 1:12-26.

Jesus had selected twelve disciples among His close followers who were later to be identified as apostles, that is, ones who are sent. The number twelve is significant for that grouping because God's people of old were numbered as the twelve tribes of Israel. In the New Testament, then, the people of God would be based upon the foundation of the apostles with Jesus being the Cornerstone. But prior to Jesus accomplishing His ministry with its culmination of His death and resurrection, Judas Iscariot dropped from the group of twelve. Instead of having an "incomplete" foundation carrying the Church from the people of God in the Old Testament into the New Testament, the Holy Spirit inspired Peter and the other apostles to fill in the vacancy left by Judas' demise.

The prerequisite for being on the slate of candidates was that such an individual accompanied the apostles during all the time that Jesus was carrying out His earthly ministry and had witnessed that Jesus was truly risen from the dead. Matthias along with Joseph Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, were the two on the slate. The last instance in which the casting of lots was mentioned in the Bible is with the selection of Matthias as the twelfth apostle.

That's it. Nothing else is known biblically of Matthias except what Luke records in the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. No one knows for sure why February 24 was selected as the day in the Western Church Year calendar when Matthias is remembered. Matthias simply reminds us that Jesus gives attention to detail for His people, His Church.

We may consider our details – our fears and concerns, our uncertainties and doubts – to be great in our lives. But when it comes to Jesus we may be tempted to think that they are small and insignificant for His full docket of ruling the universe. But by virtue of your baptism He put His name upon you, brought you into His family, personally affixed the benefits given His family upon you with the forgiveness of your sins. He shed His blood for you and lives for you. There is no detail too small for Him to handle. None of our fears and concerns, uncertainties and doubts are too insignificant for Him to bear. Jesus assures us of that when He says: *Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls* (Matthew 11:28-29).

Attention to detail. Matthias reminds us of that, and that is what Jesus does for you. A blessed month of February to you including Saint Matthias Day.

Your friends in Christ Jesus,

Pastor Kenneth J. Gerike

Pastor Brian K. Thieme

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Ash Wednesday
is March 1st
Services will be
held at Noon
and 7pm with
a light supper
beginning
at 5:45pm

MIDWEST MARCH FOR LIFE IS COMING!

The 6th Annual Midwest March for Life will be held **Saturday, February 4, 2017** with activities beginning at 8am at the St. Peter's Selinger Center in Jefferson City, MO (numerous life affirming booths, vendors, and food). Pre-rally outside the Selinger Center beginning at 9:30am. March will begin from there at 10am. Rally inside the Capitol Rotunda beginning at 10:30am. Guest speakers, Ryan Bomberger of the Radiance Foundation, whose teen mom chose life for her child conceived in rape. Ryan is an incredible speaker and communication strategist. Dr. Vansen Wong, a former abortion provider, will deliver his story of conversion and how God has used him to save lives. Back to Selinger Center for lunch fundraiser by KOC Council St. Peters—Fulton. Honor Guard, call for information. Check website for more updates.... www.midwestmarchforlife.com or call (573) 340-8444.



**REFORMATION
2017 It's Still All About
Jesus**

SENIOR MINISTRY COMBINED EVENT 500TH REFORMATION MOVIE

The second movie in our Reformation series is the *The First Rosa*. The event will be held **Sunday, February 12, 2017 beginning at 2pm** in the Fellowship Hall (basement). The movie is a documentary about Rosa J. Young - a Lutheran confessor, educator, and church planter. Born in 1890, Rosa accomplished extraordinary things for her community and the kingdom of God. Rosa played an instrumental role in the founding and development of 30 Lutheran elementary schools and 35 Lutheran congregations throughout Alabama's Black Belt region. Rosa also wrote an autobiography, *Light in the Dark Belt*.

Rev. Roosevelt Gray, Jr is the Director of the LCMS Black Ministry, and led the production of the movie, *The First Rosa*, in 2014. Rev. Gray will not only be the guest speaker for both of our worship services on February 12, but will also be on hand to answer questions about the movie and its content. Refreshments will be served.

Mark your calendar for February 12 and join us to see this very illuminating movie.

TRINITY LLL FELLOWSHIP CLUB

LLL Fellowship Club will meet for a Bible Study of A Man Named Martin (Part 1) on **Sunday, February 5th at 6pm** in the church basement. Please join us for an evening of Bible Study and fellowship.

WOMEN'S SOCIAL CONNECTION

Women's Social Connection will meet on **Friday, February 17th at 1:30pm** at Barbara Semmens home.

SAVE THE DATE....

LIFE NETWORK ANNUAL BANQUET

The Life Network 26th Annual Banquet is scheduled for **March 9, 2017** at a new location - CBO Events Center in Columbia, MO. Banquet speaker 'to be announced'. Please mark your calendars now and plan to support your local pregnancy resource center where lives and futures are saved every day. Watch for formal invitations and more info coming soon.

BLOOD DRIVE AT TRINITY LC

The Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive here at Trinity on **Saturday, March 11, 2017** from 8:30am to 12:30pm. To schedule an appt: call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org (enter TrinityLutheranMO) to register online.



2016 ALTAR GUILD FLOWER CHART

is posted on the bulletin board across from Pastor Gerike's office. Please be sure to sign up for flowers on your special occasions.

Kent's Floral Gallery is kindly providing free flowers to Trinity each Sunday. For this kindness, please consider them when you need flowers for any occasion. We ask those who sign up for flowers to give a **\$25 donation to the Altar Guild Fund**, as this money is used to purchase things such as altar linens, candle followers, candles, communion supplies and other much needed items for the church.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who donated to Lutheran Family & Children Services (LFCS) Tree of Hope. Your generous gifts will, indeed, bring hope to many parents and children who will benefit from your loving acts of giving. Thank you, thank you, thank you!



Good Shepherd Lutheran School

Enrollment—Open enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year has started. If you are interested, schedule a tour today. On the third Thursday of each month you can drop in during the open house (10am to 2pm) and see the school and talk to the teachers. To enroll go to www.gsiscolumbia.org and click on the enroll tab. Or call the school office for help. An evening open house is scheduled for February 23rd from 5pm to 7pm.

Kindergarten Roundup—February 28th 5:30 - 7pm. Come and see what Kindergarten at Good Shepherd is like. Spend time with Mrs. Key, work on some crafts, have some refreshments, and ask questions.

Singing at church—Look for the GSLS students singing at the 8am service on Sunday, February 5th.

Family Movie Night—The next Family Movie Night is on Friday, February 10th. There will be an open house from 6-7pm with crafts and the movie, *Finding Dory*, will begin at 7pm. Our congregational families are welcome to attend.

Lenoir Woods—The students will be helping the Lenoir residents celebrate Valentine's Day this month. The students will be at Lenoir to help with crafts and deliver valentines.

Boone Electric Coop—The third through sixth grade students had a visit from BEC on January 19 and learned about electrical safety.

National Lutheran Schools Week—January 22-28, we celebrated NLSW. The theme this year was "Upon This Rock". We had an online mission trip to Madagascar as well as guest speakers. We did some fun activities with TLCLC.

Room at the Inn—We are still collecting hats, gloves, scarves and socks for the Room at the Inn Shelter. The items are being delivered throughout the winter months for those in need.

Chapel Offering—The second quarter offering will be used for Owen's Mission at Lutherans For Life. Pastor Whittle will talk to the school about the organization and why supporting it is so important. †*Tammy Mangold*, Administrator

"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thess 5:16-18

As always, if you know of a family that is looking for a solid Christian K-8 education, please have them contact the school office for a tour and details about enrollment.

GSLS Office Phone: 573-445-5878

GSLS Office Email at office@gsiscolumbia.org

Also check us out at: <http://gsiscolumbia.org/>



Trinity Lutheran Child Learning Center (TLCLC)

Registration has begun. We are delighted to offer some new schedule options!

Toddler Classes: For children born between 5/30/14 and 5/31/15

Preschool & PreK: For children born before 8/1/14

New! School Age: We are in the process of updating our license to accept school age children for summer and holiday programs.

Program Days: MWF, T/Th, or M-F

Hours Offered: full time - 6:30am to 5:30pm or
part time - 8am to 12:30pm

**2017 Summer Program
for Toddlers, Preschool and PreK
May 31 through August 4**

New! PreK Half Summer program after CPS summer school: June 30 through August 4

New! School Age Program: Sign up by the week, 11 possible weeks through the summer

**Fall 2017 / Spring 2018 Program
for Toddlers, Preschool and PreK
August 9, 2017 through June 1, 2018**

Follows the CPS school year calendar

New! Extra day option—Select extra days you would like to have included in your contract. Extra days include Thanksgiving, Christmas, Spring breaks and others. See the registration sheets for complete list

New! School Age Program: We will also be offering the extra day option to families who might need care for their school age child when school is closed

Open Enrollment—Enrollment is open now for Trinity families and will be open to the waiting list and the general public beginning February 6th, so get your forms in soon! Pick up AND drop off registration forms and proper registration fees in the payment box outside the Learning Center office.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers!

Your friend in Christ, †*Annette Kiehne*, Director

TLCLC Office Phone: 573-445-1014

TLCLC Office Email at: tlclc@trinity-lcms.org

Shop with Scrip for GSLS — GSLS will continue with the SCRIP gift card fundraiser again this school year. Please consider purchasing gift cards throughout the year to support the school, a percentage of proceeds comes back to GSLS and has been used to purchase curriculum, playground equipment and other needed items for our school. There is an order form included in this newsletter if you would like to place an order for cards.

January 2017 Board of Directors Minutes (Draft Minutes - Yet to be Approved)

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was held January 10, 2017, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The following people attended: Phil Glenn (Chairman), Pastor Thieme, Theresa Greer, Tammy Mangold, Chelsea Browner, Pastor Gerike, JoAnn Schoenike, Gary Kespohl, Fred Luetkemeier, Virginia Propp, Annette Kiehne, Doug Kiehne, Mary Frerking, Pete Easterhaus, Stephanie Oetting, Jim Niederjohn, Mary Raisch and Cynthia Green (Secretary). Pastor Gerike opened the meeting with a devotion.

Chairman Glenn asked all members to introduce themselves and state the board on which they serve.

Approval of Meeting Agenda: Chairman Glenn requested that three additional agenda items be added. A motion was made to accept the agenda; seconded and approved.

Approval of Consent Agenda: The consent agenda includes: Minutes of the December 13, 2016 BOD Meeting, Senior Pastor's Report (except Membership Changes), Associate Pastor's Report, Financial Secretary's Report, Board and Committee Reports. A motion was made to accept the consent agenda; seconded and approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda minutes and reports are filed in the congregation secretary's notebook. The reports are summarized here. The name of the board/committee representative(s) present at the BOD meeting is listed.

SENIOR PASTOR'S REPORT – Pastor Gerike

Midweek Bible Study on Mondays at 9:00 a.m. (Overflow Area): Bible Study (Lifelight) on David will conclude in January. The next study is Adult Information material. Sunday Morning Bible Study (Basement - West): Study of Galatians. Adult Information Class: Three sets of classes running on variable dates. Pre-marital counseling sessions: Two sets are being undertaken; weddings scheduled in April and July 2017. Junior Confirmation Class III: Seven in class. It commenced with sessions on the Lord's Prayer. January and March classes will meet 6:00-7:30 p.m. February and April classes will meet 12:00-1:30 p.m. The trip to the Creation Museum and Noah's Ark will be the weekend of February 17-20, 2017. Guest Preacher/Bible Study Leader: The Reverend Dr. Roosevelt Gray of the Lutheran Church –Missouri Synod Black Ministry Commission, will speak on February 12 /13, 2017. Officiant for February 19/20, 2017: The officiant will be the Reverend Jerry Riggert. The District Board of Directors: They will meet on January 12, 2017. (See also Membership Changes.)

ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S REPORT – Pastor Thieme

Bible Studies: "Light in the Dark Belt" will be offered to the congregation in January. Other Duties: He continues visiting with members in their homes and the hospitalized. He will be in Parkville, MO, for the wedding of Tanner Smith and Kelsey Sanstrom on January 5-7, 2017 and in Bloomington, Illinois, on January 13-14, 2017, to see the presentation of a new curriculum. Youth: Senior High Youth Bible Study on Sunday morning; The Senior High Youth will be providing and serving a meal at Coyote

Hills on January 15, 2017 and they will also be meeting at noon on January 29, 2017, concerning the summer servant event. The confirmation classes will be getting information for the Creation Museum and Ark encounter that will take place in February. Junior High fun day will be January 8, 2017. District – Fourth Vice-President: He is helping with a devotional. The Presidium meeting is January 11; Board of Director's Meeting January 12; and the Conference meeting January 16. He will represent the board at a Pastoral Installation in Sedalia on January 22 in the afternoon. Update: Reverend Andry is in Madagascar with his family. They are making arrangements to return to the United States to further his studies.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT – JoAnn Schoenike, Financial Secretary:

For the month of December, the Regular Envelope collections are 79.67% of the anticipated monthly amount, Loose Plate collections are 111.57%, and Sunday School collections are 68.11%. The Total Monthly collections are 80.93% of the monthly anticipated amount of \$56,932. The Total Year-to-Date collections through the end of December are 95.60% of the anticipated amount of \$525,540.

The historic period in the full report is a five-year average which includes 2011-2015 data.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (Mary Frerking): Christmas Eve Service: The TLC children of all ages participated in the Christmas Eve service again this year. The younger children, some in costume, took part in supplementing the story of Jesus' birth with narratives and hymns throughout the service. The middle school age children served as cantors for both the Gradual and the Introit. Several high school youth contributed as greeters and ushers. They would like to thank Chris Kespohl for his musical direction and organization and to all of the parents, without whom everyone could not have enjoyed such a blessed Christmas Eve celebration. **MOST Ministries:** Over the past months, the Sunday School has collected 29 new and/or used eye glasses and \$112.26 in monetary donations, which will be mailed to MOST Ministries in Ann Arbor, Michigan. **Superintendent:** The BOCE is still absent a superintendent for the Sunday School program. **Curriculum:** The Board is examining a potential curriculum change for the Easter season. **Vacation Bible School:** The Board is considering several date and program options, as well as volunteer recruitment. Please give prayerful consideration for volunteering your time during this summer program. **DCEI:** The Board continues to work with Pastor Thieme on the application for this newly created position, and will work with him on the recruitment process.

BOARD OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (Virginia Propp and Annette Kiehne, Director): Fall Enrollment is MWF 81/78; T/TH 75/78. There are eight classrooms/eight teachers, one Jesus Time/Music teacher, two classroom aides, one kitchen manager and one assistant cook. **Licensing:** They are expecting a licensing visit from the State of Missouri during January and are working to get staff training requirements up to date. They have discussed having a school age program over the summer with licensing,

which would require an amendment to the current license. This would include fire and health inspections and updated diagrams. It will also require new equipment and furniture listing. They are contemplating amending the license to include 14 year olds, which is 8th grade, which would match GSLS enrollment, if they decide to advertise to those children. Staffing: The staffing changes as of 1-1-2017 include reducing Phyllis from full time to 25 hour per week and reducing Dana to less than 30 hours; full time staff is increased from 39.75 to 40 hours per week and planning periods are reduced from 45 minutes to 30 minutes, but always not during nap times, so that teachers can work in their rooms. Benefits: Employee optional enrollment in the Accidental Insurance Program was processed as of 1-1-2017. Budget: New contracts are available 1-9-2017. They include a 3.5% price increase for preschool and preK age and a 16% increase or about \$100 per month for toddlers. This meets the industry standards. They will begin quoting tuition by the week for perspective parents, with preschool/preK at \$193.75 per week and toddlers at \$218.75 per week. Facilities: they are looking forward to getting AC for the kitchen. The floors in the TLCLC classrooms, hallway, stairwell to the gym, church office hallway and sacristy were waxed on 12/27-28/2016.

BOARD OF PAROCHIAL EDUCATION (Tammy Mangold, Administrator): Current enrollment is 39. The seconded quarter has ended and the offering and the service project was for Rainbow House. A total of \$545.00 was collected from penny wars and \$167.33 from chapel offerings, for a grand total of \$718.33 for the Rainbow House. Over Christmas break, new vinyl flooring was installed in the kindergarten, 1-2 grade classroom and the 6-8 grade classroom. The faculty and the staff would like to thank everyone for their hard work and the time they put in to make this happen. The first kindergarten roundup will be on 1/18/17 at GSLS, where the attendees will learn about kindergarten, play some games, do a craft and have something to eat. Open houses continue on the third Thursday of each month from 10:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. and another one is scheduled for 1/26/17 from 5 till 7 p.m. National Lutheran Schools Week is 1/22-28/17. The theme is *Upon the Rock*. Activities planned for the week include the following: Monday is crazy hair day and the theme is *Rock of Jesus*; Tuesday is dress as your favorite fictional/real character day. The theme is *Rock of Ages*; Wednesday is dress as your favorite biblical character and the theme is *The House Upon the Rock-Family Ministry*; Thursday is Crazy Hat Day and the theme is *Lutheran Schools as Safe Places*; and Friday is Nerd Day and the theme is *The Mission of Lutheran Schools*. A CLAS meeting will be held at Trinity on 1/12/17. A financial report is included in the agenda packet.

BOARD OF YOUTH (Stephanie Oetting): No report.

BOARD OF EVANGELISM (Chelsea Browner): The Christmas bags provided by the Mary-Martha guild were distributed to multiple families. There were about 50 attendees at the Advent Light Supper sponsored by the Board of Evangelism and the Board of Social Ministry. Chelsea Browner has one remaining year to serve on the Board, Laura Messervy has 2 years remaining and Doug McDowell has 3 years left. The Board is still considering using social media as an outreach opportunity.

BOARD OF ELDERS (Kevin Burns- not present): They planned a fellowship time for the Elder's at Angelos on 1/19/17. The officers and representatives for 2017 were selected and a list of names for the Nominating Committee was put together. It was decided to meet the last Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. for 2017. They discussed *Feed My Lambs*.

BOARD OF SOCIAL MINISTRY (Theresa Greer): The Board co-hosted the Advent Light Supper with the Board of Evangelism on 12/14/16. Susan Sendelwick delivered 35 pounds of food to the Food Bank. Their next scheduled event is combined with the 500th Reformation Committee's presentation of the First Rosa on 2/12/17 from 3-5 p.m. Weekly lunches at Denny's at 11:30 a.m. continue to be well attended and everyone is welcome to join in for fellowship with one another. They provided and served dinner to the Young Parents Group of Lutheran Children and Family Services, with contributions from LLL and the Vesper Guild.

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE (Conrad Brown – not present): Three members, Gary Frisch, Marvin Koop and Karl Christopher finished their terms on the Board and were thanked for their dedication and guidance. New members to the board are Warren Harms, Fred Luetkemeier and Richard Mangold. No meeting was held in December.

BOARD OF TLC ENDOWMENT FUND: Balances as of October 31, 2016 are: TLC Endowment Fund: \$15,594.28; Youth Ministry: \$11,845.55; Bourret/Elliott Endowment Fund: \$29,748.76. The December 31, 2016 balances are not available from the LCMS Foundation at this time.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: The Board will be prioritizing the listing of larger projects. They will also be working on a list of companies/ people to contact for emergency situations as they arise. Additional items the Board is working on include the upstairs kitchen air conditioning repair, lift inspection, the gas smell from the janitor closet, reviewing projects that need to be taken care of and looking at a work day to complete some work that needs to be done.

Executive Committee (Phil Glenn, Cynthia Green, Gary Kespohl, JoAnn Schoenike): A meeting was not held in the past 30 days; matters were handled via email: budget revisions and panels on the memorial bell tower.

Internet Service Provider Update: Fred Pistel reported that progress continues on this project. The fiber optic has been run to the church, however before it can be installed the engineers still have some splicing and performance testing to do. There is a tentative installation date of 1/16/17. Mediacom has been notified and service with them will terminate on 1/19/17, provided all goes as scheduled with CenturyLink.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES: Pastor Gerike presented the membership changes.

Transfer In: Mrs. Stephanie Stansell and baptized children Matthew and Nicholas Swartz, of Immanuel Lutheran Church, in Higginsville, MO.

Profession of Faith: Mr. John Clay on 12/19/16
Mrs. Rose Von Gogh on 12/22/16.

A motion was made to approve the membership changes; seconded and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Gary Kespohl, Treasurer

For the months ended November 30, 2016, the church income is \$618, 494.97, which is 96.36% of the total budget for the year. The Learning Center income is \$624, 130.70, which is 104.23% of the budget for the year. Total income is \$1,242,635.67, which is 100.16% of the budget for 2016.

2014: Regular Envelope: \$505,861; Loose Plate \$20,099; Tuition \$498,591

2015: Regular Envelope: \$520,082; Loose Plate \$19,212; Tuition \$505,723

Through December 2016: Regular Envelope: \$501,979; Loose Plate \$22,823; Tuition \$601,685

After twelve months, the percent of budget used is 100.00% of total budget. Total income through December is \$1,242,625.67 or 100.16 % of the annual budget. Expenses are \$1,209,531.00 or 97.49 % of the annual budget.

Gary noted a correction to the December report; where the amounts for Regular Envelope, Loose Plate and Tuition are reported, it should read Thru December 2016 not Thru November 2016.

A motion made to approve the Treasurer's Report, with changes, and place it on file; seconded and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Personnel Manual Revisions: Chairman Glenn reported that the task force had met on 1/9/17 to discuss the PTO Policy and that they will need to look at it further. They will meet again in February and will come with a recommendation as a first reading at the AOV meeting in February.

Learning Center Kitchen HVAC Project Update: Gary Kespohl reported that the update is virtually done. He discussed a possible HVAC audit of the entire building in the future, by Reed. An estimate would be required before this audit could be done.

Director of Christian Education Intern Application Update: Mary Frerking and Pastor Thieme reported that the plan is to get the 6 page application completed before the deadline of February 1, 2017. A copy of the Student Intern Financial Agreement was passed out to all members. The total amount allotted for the Intern position is \$12,500 for 2017. A motion was made to allow the Chairman and the Secretary to sign the *Congregation Application for a Student Intern* since it is due February 1, 2017, and there is no BOD meeting until after February 1, 2017. The motion was seconded and approved.

GSLs Classroom Flooring Replacement Project Update: Gary Kespohl reported that the project is completed. All of the old carpet was taken up and the laminate was laid.

Memorial Tower Panel Issue Update: Chairman Glenn reported that the panels have been taken off and the new hardware is ready to be installed on the panels on 1/12/17.

U.S. Supreme court Case Update: Chairman Glenn reported that the case will not be on the calendar for oral argument in February and will probably not be placed on the March calendar either. It

seems fairly certain that it will be placed on the April calendar of either April 17-19 or April 24-26. These April dates are the last oral argument dates for this Court's 2016-2017 term. The next term starts in October.

CLAS Facility Lease Update: Chairman Glenn reported that there is no update. This will be carried over to the February meeting.

Lift Annual Inspection Status: Jim Niederjohn reported that there is nothing to report yet.

NEW BUSINESS

Facility Use Requests:

The Inky Fingers Stamping Club, per Linnea Lilja, requests use of the Fellowship Hall the third Saturday of each month, except June and December, from 1:00- 4:00 p.m. A motion was made to approve this use; seconded and approved.

The GSLS/TLCLC , requests per Tammy Mangold, the use of the Fellowship Hall, Kitchen and the Gym for a pancake breakfast on March 11, 2017, until 3:00 p.m. The request also includes use of the facilities to set up for the pancake breakfast on March 10, 2017. Theresa Greer also requested that in conjunction with the use on March 11, 2017, that a Blood Mobile is permitted to set up on the church parking lot. A motion was made to approve these uses; seconded and approved.

Missouri District Seminar on Reconciliation: Chairman Glenn reminded the Board that the seminar will be held on February 11, 2017, from 8:00 a.m. till 4:30 p.m. at Trinity. He encouraged all board members to attend if possible.

The Board of the Month Schedule for 2017: The new schedule will be as indicated below.

February- Board of TNC Endowment Fund

March- Board of Christian Education

April- Board of Social Ministry

May- Board of Elders

June- GSLS and CLAS

July- Board of Early Childhood Education

August- Board of Trustees

September- Board of Youth

October- Board of Stewardship and Finance

November- Board of Evangelism

Lenten Light Supper Sponsorships: The sponsorship schedule is as indicated below.

March 1- Board of Social Ministry and Board of Evangelism

March 8- Board of Elders

March 15- Board of Christian Education and Board of Youth

March 22- CLAS and GSLS

March 29- Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee

April 5- Board of Stewardship and Finance

The Board of Trustees requested a description of what constitutes a capital project. Chairman Glenn led a discussion on this matter and it was then decided to table any further discussion for the present. It was suggested that the Board of Trustees come up with a priority list for any projects and then a subsequent decision would be made as to where funding will come from for any given project.

It was requested that the Learning Center be permitted to carry over any tuition collected in 2016 (\$15,050) that paid for a child's attendance in 2017. It was also requested that the Learning Center be permitted to carry over the gain realized at the end of the 2016 year (\$10,000), in order to fund programs or improvements to TLCLC programs in 2017. A motion was made to approve these carry over requests, the total carry over amount being \$25,050; seconded and approved.

Chairman Glenn led a discussion on building security. All staff was advised to be more cognizant of who is outside the building and moving around it. Additional lighting outside was discussed. It was suggested that a committee be formed to look into building security. Chairman Glenn will take the request under advisement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board of Directors Agenda Planning Meeting: February 10, 2017.

MO District Seminar on Reconciliation: February 11, 2017, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Board of Directors Meeting: February 14, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

Board of the Month Sharing at BOD Meeting: February 14, 2017, sharing by the Board of TLC Endowment Fund.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn; motion seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. Pastor Thieme closed the meeting with prayer.

Cynthia Green, Secretary

February Board of Directors agenda items are due to the church office by noon on Friday, February 10, 2017.

Reminder there will be an Assembly of Voters potluck and meeting on Sunday, February 19, 2017 beginning at noon.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR

The Lutheran Hour (TLH) radio program, with the Rev. Gregory Seltz as Speaker, proclaims the salvation story of Jesus every week to hundreds of thousands of listeners. TLH weekly 1/2 hour program can be read and/or heard on www.lhm.org, on a mobile app, through an email, or several different radio stations broadcast TLH.

Station	City	Freq	Band	Day/Time
KMCV	Jefferson City	89.9	FM	Sun 8a
KLTE	Kirksville	107.9	FM	Sun 8a
KMMO	Marshall	1300	AM	Sun 10a
KMCR	Montgomery City	103.9	FM	Sun 9a

KEYS TO CHURCH

If you are no longer in need of your church keys, please turn them into the church office for redistribution. If you are a new board member and need church keys, please make a request and we will get you the copies you require. Thanks!

THE BLANKET LADIES

On January 20th, the blanket ladies met with Pastor Thieme for a Bible lesson and blessing over the sensory blankets made to date. These will be delivered to local agencies who will distribute to those they determine may benefit from them. The project continues thanks to



Thrivent Financial through the Action Teams where seed money is provided to purchase materials. Won't you prayerfully consider sharing your gift of sewing and make a blanket at your leisure in the comfort of your home? In a couple of months, we will again gather for a blessing over the newest blankets. If you know of someone who's doctor has recommended a weighted blanket, please refer them to me. For material and instructions on how to make a sensory blanket, contact Judy Frost at (573) 823-0008 or email: alandjudy2004@yahoo.com



FOOD DONATIONS

On "Superbowl Sunday", millions of people will get together to watch the annual football game (and commercials). Trinity's

Social Ministry board has partnered with The Food Bank to help those in need.

There are two ways you can help out: give to the free will offering collection and/or bring in non-perishable food donations.

Donations accepted for "Souper Bowl of Caring" through February 5th. BUT there is a need year round, please remember Food Bank donations are **always** accepted.

Blessings to you, Champions of life!

Please mark your calendars with the following events: MIDWEST MARCH FOR LIFE: the 6th annual Midwest March For Life will be held Saturday, February 4th with activities beginning at 8 a.m. at the St Peter's Selinger Center which will house numerous life affirming booths, vendors and food. Pre-Rally outside Selinger Center will begin at 9:30 after which the March will start at 10:00 a.m. The rally inside the Capitol Rotunda will begin at 10:30 a.m. Guest speakers include Ryan Bomberger of the Radiance Foundation and Dr. Vansen Wong, a former abortion provider. Mr. Bomberger, whose teen mom chose life for her child conceived in rape, is an incredible speaker and communication strategist. Dr. Wong will share his story of conversion and how God has used him to save lives. **Don't miss this opportunity to champion every life God has created!** Looking further out, please mark your calendars now for the Life Network's 26th Annual Banquet planned for March 9, 2017. The new location is the CBO Events Center in Columbia, MO. Attending the banquet will help save lives and protect futures. Watch for details.



Lutherans For Life mourns the death of our dear sister, Dr. Jean Garton. Dr. Garton became a leader in advocating respect and protection for every human being following the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision. She served instrumentally in the formation of Lutherans For Life in 1978 and accepted the position of its first president.

*She recently led an [energetic presentation](#) at our Lutherans For Life National Conference this past October based on the theme "Here We Stand" and there received the Dominus Vitae award in honor of her lifelong, Gospel-motivated labors to affirm God's gift of life. Her acclaimed and influential book *Who Broke the Baby?* is entering its third edition of publication.*

The entire nationwide Lutherans For Life community, even in our grief, gives enthusiastic thanks to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for Jean's faith, compassion, wit, courage, and work.

Dr. Jean Garton entered her Heavenly Father's eternal glory on the morning of December 23, 2016. She will be missed! Following is a recent article, ***What Goes 'Round, Comes 'Round***, by Mrs. Garton as published in the Summer 2016 LifeDate of Lutherans For Life:

"There is hardly an action---no matter how revolting, immoral, or violent---that doesn't have defenders who will say, "But we can't really judge others unless we've walked in their shoes." These defenders will go even further to charge that those who refuse to agree that all things are relative are guilty of intolerant "judgmentalism."

"Other people go further still! They argue that some behavior that seems unloving to one person may actually be a loving act when someone else commits it. Amazingly, one of the latest lines in defense of abortion is to go on the offensive: adopt that bizarre notion that the act of taking your unborn child's life is really an act of love.

"Some abortion providers now urge women to write love letters to their children before aborting them, simultaneously an act of co-opting criticism and ennobling the ignoble. One such form letter was published in a city newspaper and began with the words, "Dear Baby....."

"Dear Baby: I believe you will be better off in heaven. I am not sure I could provide you with a stable and healthy environment. I do not feel that emotionally or financially I could care for your every need.

"In forecasting my future, a dismal and grim picture is all that I can imagine. I hope you can understand my reasoning and can forgive me. I will see you in heaven. Love, Mom."

Women are sometimes coerced into having an abortion to maintain the love of the father (who more often than not will abandon her after the child is dead). Others convince themselves that the abortion is done for the good of the baby, another act of love.

One thing is certain, however: It is an instructive act---behavior that sends a message. For example, what lesson might other children in the family take away from that violent "solution"? As the years go by, what conclusions do they gradually come to, based on a decision made many years before?

Imagine that some 60 years have passed since their mother's "loving" act of aborting a child. Now a sibling of that aborted child is writing a "love" letter of her own to her mother. It could go something like this:

"Dear Mom: I believe you will be better off in heaven. I am not sure I could provide you with a stable and healthy environment. I do not feel that emotionally or financially I could care for your every need.

"In forecasting my future, a dismal and grim picture is all that I can imagine. I hope you can understand my reasoning and can forgive me. I will see you in heaven. Love, your daughter."

An impossible scenario? Not when you consider the growing trend to focus on end-of-life issues. Not when the elderly, the infirm, and the "non-productive" are increasingly viewed as living lives that are too costly. Not when our population is living longer and longer. Not when euthanasia is becoming a popular discussion topic. And surely not when you read story after story of spouses and children making the "loving" decision to "assist" grandma to commit suicide.

An abortion decision can be described as "desperate, thoughtless, selfish, or pressured." But never, ever call it "love." (LifeDate)
In Christ, who gives value to all human life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death.

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.



WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A LUTHERAN...

We all know the Reformation sprang into full flower after Dr. Luther's 1517 invitation to a scholarly disputation regarding his 95 theses. Luther's predecessors, John Wycliffe and Jan Hus, helped make straight the path to reformation. The violent reaction to criticism of indulgences quickly evolved into a mass movement. Once Holy Scripture was available to laymen in their own languages, not to speak of the many broadsides critical of Rome, Europe was set afire in movements that threatened Roman hegemony. Like Pharaoh the Popes refused to let out people go, resulting in religious wars of unspeakable violence. In England Lutheran ideas found wide acceptance, leading to the torture and execution of early Lutherans by Roman Catholics like Sir Thomas More, later beatified by the Roman church. In the churches soon to be known as Lutheran, the struggle to free ourselves from man-made ceremonies and doctrines led to rediscovery of the historic Christian (catholic) faith, going back to Jesus and His disciples. Our Lutheran churches, having the guide of God's

Word and the three solas and guarding the jewel of our Biblical theology, have always had to be watchful to keep doctrine and practice scriptural. Given our human nature, this inevitable leads to conflict, internal and external.

Paralleling the Lutheran Reformation is our personal Reformation: our daily struggle to crucify the old Adam in us. Having been adopted into God's family by the justifying faith He has given us, we struggle to let the Holy Spirit in us guide our hearts, minds, and souls. But our regeneration or sanctification begun in baptism cannot be perfected in this life. We can only hope that out of our struggles will come progress toward our goal. With Saint Paul we prayerfully bemoan our state:

For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! (Epistle to the Romans, 7:22-25)

~Hunter Kevil February, on the celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation



Dear Church Family,

Please call the church office when:

- a member of your family is admitted to the hospital so visits can be made
- someone you know is very ill or has passed away
- your class 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 changes
- you are planning to move
- 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

Telephone: 573-445-2112 Or by email: church@trinity-lcms.org



Birthdays

1 Elaine Samuel	13 Susan Dyer Veronica Feilner	22 Ken Frerking
3 Sean Huggans Drew Jones Janice Kuehner Matt Samuel Lacie Starbuck	14 Wanda Calfee Mark Schaumburg	25 Kenneth Gerike Willis Linneman Hudson Parker
4 John Baynes Stephen Tackitt Emma Thompson	15 Mindy Cherrington Nanette Schneider	26 Tonya Boenisch Jessica Kespohl
5 Ron Eilers Dave Hart	17 Judy Lammers Andrew Schuster Shirley Smith	27 Jon Antel James Lawler
6 Jack Kespohl Luke Thoroughman	18 Maisie Thompson	28 Sam Crisman Jacob Huggans
8 Nadia Laediss	19 Louis Mwamgiga Vanette Noll Bill Raines	29 Joyce Palmer
9 Norah Stone	20 Kate Berendzen	
12 Les Harms Jenni Murray	21 Nicholas Fei Nick Kespohl Coy Stockhorst	



Anniversaries

Allen & Marli Yoder

February 1, 1973

The information for Anniversaries & Birthdays is obtained from our Shepherd Staff database. If your information is incorrect or omitted, please contact the church office so this information can be updated in the computer. We need your help to keep our records up to date.



JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH -JCC Confirmation
Schedule: JCC Class: February 5, 12, and 26 at NOON. Sunday, February 12 there will be a FUN DAY in the gym following JCC classes at 1:30pm.

Acolytes Schedule:

The signup emails for JCC I acolyte in February have been sent. Please sign up accordingly.

Creation Museum Trip:

Jr Confirmation Annual Trip will be February 17-19 to the Creation Museum and Ark in Kentucky. We plan to leave the church at 10am on Friday and will return on Sunday evening.

JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH YOUTH EVENT


Mark your calendars for **Friday, February 24**. The group will leave church at 5pm and head to St. Louis to the Hidden Valley Ski & Tubing area. The group will spend the evening tubing. Sign up sheets will be posted on the Youth Board soon. We will need adult drivers for this event.



SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

SR High Youth SUB SANDWICH BUILD

Join us **Saturday, February 4th** beginning at 11am in the Learning Center Kitchen. There is a sign up posted so that we know who is available to help build the sandwiches that were ordered for Super Bowl Sunday.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 825a GSLS Chapel 9a TLCLC Chapel 6p Board of Stewardship & Finance 630p Craft Night	2 630a Men's Bible Study 9a TLCLC Chapel 1130a Senior Ministry Lunch	3	4 8a Midwest March for Life (Jeff City Capital) 11a SR High Youth Sub Sandwich Build
5 8a Worship / Comm 915a Bible Study 1030a Worship / Comm 12p JCC 130p Handbell Practice 2p LWML Prayer Service (Campus) 6p Choir Practice 6p LLL	6 9a Bible Study 6p Worship / Comm	7 9a TLCLC Chapel	8 825a GSLS Chapel 9a TLCLC Chapel 920a Mary Martha Guild	9 630a Men's Bible Study 1130a Senior Ministry Lunch 7p CLAS School Board (Campus)	10 530p GSLS Movie Night	11 8a "Go and Be Reconciled" LCMS District Event 12p Circle of Friends (Campus)
12 8a Worship 915a Bible Study 1030a Worship 12p JCC 130p JR High Fun Day 130p JCC III Parent mtg 2p Reformation Movie - <i>The First Rosa</i> 6p Choir Practice	13 9a Bible Study 6p Worship	14 7p Board of Directors	15 825a GSLS Chapel 9a TLCLC Chapel	16 630a Men's Bible Study 9a TLCLC Chapel 1130a Senior Ministry Lunch	17 10a JR High Youth Trip to Creation Museum / Ark 130p Women's Social Connection NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	18
19 8a Worship / Comm 915a Bible Study 1030a Worship / Comm 12p Assembly of Voters potluck & mtg 8p JR High Youth Trip Returns	20 9a Bible Study 6p Worship / Comm 7p Board of Evangelism TLCLC & GSLS NO SCHOOL	21 530p Board of Early Childhood Education 630p COOL Girls 630p Vesper Guild	22 825a GSLS Chapel 9a TLCLC Chapel	23 630a Men's Bible Study 9a TLCLC Chapel 1130a Senior Ministry Lunch 530p GSLS Open House	24 5p JR & SR High Youth Tubing trip (St. Louis)	25
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GSLS BLUE & GREEN GALA

Excitement is building as we get closer to this year's Blue & Green Gala! The decorations and menu are set, auction items are being donated, and RSVPs are beginning to roll in. Along with prayers and generosity of so many, the support of our Sponsors is essential to the success of our event.

Thank you to our current Gala Sponsors....

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LWML PRAYER SERVICE

Please join the ladies of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League for the 2017 Prayer Service. The prayer service will take place at **Campus Lutheran Church** on **Sunday, February 5 at 2pm**. The Dorcas Guild will host as we gather together as women and men of the church who are in our generation to be witnesses of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Many of us lament "the generation gap" that seems to be growing with the acceleration of changes in our culture. There are times when we long for the "good old days". Our prayer service is to remind us that God continues to work in our days. That He is the God of all generations!

Written by Dr. Steve Turner and based on Psalm 145

Questions about Prayer Service, contact Jackie Albers at (573) 814-1218.