



# THE TRINITY LUTHERAN

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*God's Mission For Trinity: Serving † Sharing † Caring † Teaching*

## “Ready or not, here I come...”

You've probably played the game Hide and Seek a time or two in your life. It's a game where one person, or a group of people, go and hide while another person stays in a room and counts slowly to 10 or 60 or 100. Once they reach the agreed upon number they gladly warn the hider they're coming to get them by yelling out 'Ready or not, here I come...' This is when panic sets in for the hider; especially if one hasn't found a spot to hide yet. I've been there. I might be a 'string bean,' but the number of good spots to hide seems to be very few and I want to yell back, "Give me more time", but I know that won't do. The moment has come whether I am ready or not.

Life can seem this way for us all. It yells out to us, "Ready or not here I come", and it starts to pursue us. Life can pursue us with good things like an old friend who calls or comes by to say Hi; or a letter or card in the mail that brightens your day. You and I are ready for that, but what about the tough things that come in life? They come too, like the never ending bills that pile up; the car that continues to break down again and again; or worse, we begin to break down as our health starts to fail and falter, and we or a loved one gets told the news from the doctor that there is nothing more they can do. These are things that unfortunately seek us out too, and at these moments we want to yell back "Give me more time! Count to a zillion billion please and then come", but we know that won't do.

Yet the good news is, through Jesus Christ, you and I are ready. At times it may not seem so, but we are ready because our Savior has come. We are ready for anything life sends our way since all of those seekers, evil pursuers of life who are out to kill, steal, and destroy us, have been crushed by Jesus. He has taken on this fallen world and He has conquered it. Everything that pursues you and me, including death, Jesus has looked square in the eyes and defeated it! Christ is risen, and He is pursuing you and me to give us life. He pursues us to declare His right to our heart and mind, our body and soul won through His cross and empty tomb.

Ready or not Jesus is coming, and when He comes He will bring us into an eternal peace that is beyond our human understanding. So we pray, Come Lord Jesus, come quickly. Amen.

*May God always grant you His peace!*

*Pastor Kootz*

## BIRTHDAYS

### Newborn through High School

5-01 Reese Curtis  
5-10 Landon Albrecht  
5-11 Tacey McCourtney  
5-12 Makambri Hastings  
5-15 Grayson Little  
5-19 Izaya Lyman  
5-20 Gentry Gross  
5-23 Penelope McGovern



# Parish Report



**\*\*Be sure to notate changes in your church directories.\*\***

### Change of Address:

Jill Zimmerman  
832 Commanche Ave.  
Salina, KS 67401

Lezetta Hlad  
368 E. Highway 181  
Sylvan Grove, KS 67481

Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Royse  
7700 E. 13th, #86  
Wichita, KS 67206

**Youth Confirmands:** David Judson  
Sarah Jane Day  
Joel Parker Gross  
Jalee Maddison Hurren  
Chandler Douglas Reed

**Transferred In:** Anita Kimmel  
Debbie Grasser  
Delores Ruhter

**Funeral:** Robert McLeighton

## 80 PLUS

5-01 Wilfred Mastin  
5-14 Shirley Frederking  
5-17 Don Jaeger  
5-19 Emerson Bolte  
5-22 Arlene Gerhardt  
5-24 George Murphy  
5-27 Gary Neuschafer



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

5-05 Kyle & Pamela Askren  
5-07 Greg & Melisa Wofford  
5-07 Ross & Erin Armstrong  
5-13 Kevin & Della Burger  
5-17 Roger & Donna Bennet  
5-22 Kevin & Barb Royse  
5-25 Jamie & Beth Gross  
5-29 Randy & Jan Clark  
5-29 Leroy & Nellie Quade  
5-29 Rev. & Lynn Boxman  
5-30 Bernie & Mary Bernthal  
5-31 Ralph & Sharon Johnson



HAPPY  
*Mother's Day*

## MAY NEEDS FOR Emergency Aid Food Bank

Dish soap, Shampoo,  
Cereal bars, Ramen noodles, Canned tomatoes,  
Canned vegetables, Muffin mixes, Tea, Noodles &  
Tuna helper

## MAY NEEDS FOR Salina Rescue Mission:

Canned vegetables, Shaving supplies,  
Toilet paper,  
Laundry detergent (free & clear)

**\*\*Please put donations on the cart located in the Commons Area \*\***

## Please Notify the Church Office When...

...You or a member of your family is going to be hospitalized. **Please let the hospital know you are a member of Trinity.**

...You or a member of your family is hospitalized.

...You have a change of address.

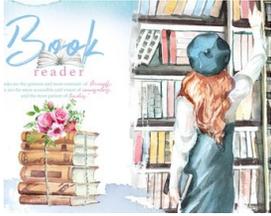
...Your phone number has changed.

...Your email address has changed.

...Members of your family are students attending school away from home or are living at a different address.

**Bulletin and Newsletter items**....should be submitted by E-mail or in writing and signed by that person including a phone number. **Deadline for the Sunday bulletin is noon on Wednesdays.**

**June/July Newsletter Deadline:  
Tuesday, May 17th**



# Trinity Library

Open Sundays, before, during and after Sunday School

- Aletha Rahe, Church Librarian -



Arch book for children is....“**Jesus Calms the Storm**”. After reading the story, explain to your child that just as Jesus calmed the storm, He can calm our worries and fears and help us handle the problems that trouble us. He carried our greatest fear — the fear of eternal death — to the cross and won our victory for us. Pray together with your child, thanking Jesus for His loving care.

Available is....“**Armed & Dangerous—Praying with Boldness**”, by Jane L. Fryar. Scripture invites us to approach the throne of grace boldly through Jesus Christ. So why don't we do it more consistently and with more confidence? Perhaps it is because we do not see ourselves as God sees us, as warriors in His army of light. *Armed & Dangerous* — that's how Satan's armies of darkness see you, no matter how young, weak, or ineffective you feel. Because you can pray and because God invites you to come to Him, you can and do make a difference in the war between the armies of darkness and the army of light. When you pray, “Thy Kingdom Come,” Satan trembles. In this book you will learn how prayer works, the importance of prayer, the nature of praying for others, praying is the will of God, praying for your needs and how to do it with greater power, God's power. Embrace your important role in the magnificent and holy work of prayer. Learn to pray for the kingdom of God. With God as your prayer partner, you will discover powerful answers and extraordinary grace.



We would like to thank everyone for their thoughtfulness in remembering us with cards, messages and calls after the sudden death of my sister, Melva Peirano.

**Cleo & Larry Plaggerman**

I really appreciate the “Care Packages” you have sent me. They brighten my day and give me the comfort of home. I am truly blessed to have all of you as my home congregation! I pray for you every night. **Courtney McCullough**

Dear Trinity Lutheran, We wanted to write to you and say we truly appreciate all the thoughts, prayers and donations sent our way since the wildfires took our home and cattle on December 15th. God has truly blessed us with love and support from so many people! Many of whom we don't even know. We move forward each day knowing God has a plan for us and will be with us every step of the way. Again, thank you so much! Sorry it has taken us so long to get this sent off.. God Bless!

**Tony, Melissa & Carley Chrisler**

The Youth would like to thank the congregation for coming and supporting us through this year's Easter Breakfast fund raiser. We were able to raise \$350.00 from the breakfast to assist us as we go to Alaska and other youth conferences. Thank you all very much. **Trinity's Youth**

Thank you to all who helped put together the college goodie boxes. It is nice to get mail at school, but even better when there are snacks in the mail! I appreciate everyone thinking about me while I am at school.

**Kallie Albrecht**

Thank you to the anonymous donor of the Easter appreciation gifts. **Gaye Christensen, Noah Erichsen, Ann Samuelson, Sonja Welch, Wanda Unruh**

**MAY MEMORY VERSE:** “Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name.” **Psalm 103:1**

## Disciple U

Closing celebration for Disciple U will be on May 11, 6:00pm inside Trinity Hall. Hamburgers, hot dogs, French-fries, and ice cream sundaes will be provided by the Board of Elders.

More details will be coming in “News & Notes” in the bulletins.

# Sunday Bible Study

For Adults

## SHEPHERD'S FLOCK

Leader: Pastor Boxman

"What Good Is the Old Testament for 21st Century Christians?" I am glad you asked. The New Testament is continually taking us back to the Old Testament to understand many theological topics. Jesus sometimes says to those who don't understand something, "Haven't you read the Old Testament?" Be sure to join us as we continue learning more about the Old Testament. Bring a friend with you to church and Sunday School!

## YOUTH SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Leader: Pastor Kootz

The Youth will be gathering this summer to go through a CPH study called "*Courage That Defines Death.*" It takes a lot of courage and confidence for us Christians to stand up in a world that is increasingly against us. The youth will be looking at the lives of biblical heroes such a Ruth, Rahab, Jacob, David, Daniel and Stephen to see how they were strengthened through their faith in order to stand up in this world for Christ. For more information, watch "*News and Notes*" or contact Pastor Kootz.

## E S L

After an exciting year of English as a Second Language, our semester will end on May 11, both the morning and evening classes. It has been a wonderful year and we look forward to the Fall semester.

Instructors: Mary Chegwidden, Sonja Welch & Linda Ireton.

## COMFORT 4 TODAY & TOMORROW

Meetings will be held every Thursday at 2pm in the Green room, door #6, at the east end of the Trinity Hall. The East door of Trinity Hall will be unlocked for easier access to the room.

We have begun our new "GriefShare Program" which seems to be working very well. It combines a video, group discussion, and a workbook for journaling and personal study. Do not be discouraged if you were not here for the first sessions. Each session is "self-contained" so you do not have to attend in sequence.

We look forward to having anyone with any type of grief or loss attending our sessions.

# Weekday Bible Study

## ~~ MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST ~~

Leader: Pastor Rather

6:30 - 7:30 a.m. ~ Wednesdays at Trinity

### "Intersection of Church & State"

In the U.S. the relationship between church and state is an energetic one. Voices and viewpoints line up across the spectrum. Some would argue from history there should be a "wall of separation" between the two. Others maintain co-existence is not only necessary and inevitable, but can lead to positive results. In real life, church and state do operate in similar spheres - both conflictly and cooperatively.

Come and see, over the next few weeks, how they interconnect in a four part video based Bible Study that is hosted by The Rev. Gregory P. Seltz where he assists viewers in understanding the multi-layered discourse existing between church and state in the U.S. and how this relationship can be a fruitful force for good to those in need.

This is a relaxed setting in which to gather around God's Word, enjoy a cup of coffee, and have a delicious breakfast graciously provided by Wanda Unruh. Donations are accepted.

## ~~ WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY ~~

Leaders: Betty Groves & Sharon Johnson

9:30 - 10:30 a.m. ~ Wednesdays at Trinity

In May the Women's Bible Study group will look at the women of the first Christian congregations established by the work of the apostles and the power of the Holy Spirit. The three women, Tabitha, Lydia, and Priscilla, that we will study helped spread the Gospel and also provided financial and practical support for the sake of Jesus and the growth of His church. This is recorded in the book of Acts.

On May 18 our class will have a spring celebration. Kris Kindler has agreed to share her experiences and pictures of the Holy Land where she recently visited as part of a tour group. This will be our last class for this season. **We will meet again in September.** Have a great spring and summer!!

## ~~ MORNING STAR BIBLE STUDY ~~

Leaders: Pastor Boxman & Pastor Kootz

10:30 - 11:30 a.m. ~ Thursdays at Trinity

Everyone is welcome to join this Thursday morning, 10:30am, Bible class. We study the Scripture readings for the up-coming Sunday. We'll have a pot of hot coffee ready and plenty of lively discussion. Please join us!



## WHEN THINGS GO BAD: A STUDY ON THE BOOK OF JOB

Come and enjoy a summer workshop here at Trinity featuring a study from one of our many LCMS seminary professors. Last year we enjoyed Dr. David Peter and his insights on the book of Revelation.

This year, we will have the privilege to hear Dr. Henry Rowald share his insights on the book of Job, particularly the crisis for faith and ministry that comes as a result of unbearable suffering. He will lead us through the dialogue between Job and his friends, the conversation between God and Job, and the resolution of faith that emerges.

Classes will be held Wednesday, June 15, 3pm to 6pm; Thursday, June 16, 9am to 4pm, ( a noon meal will be provided); and Friday, June 17, 9am to Noon. More information will be provided in "News and Notes" or you may contact Pastor Kootz .



On Sunday, May 8, The Board of Youth will be hosting a reception for our graduates. The congregation is welcome to come and enjoy cake with our graduates after the 8:30am worship service and to tell them well done! The Board of Youth prays that God would bless each of our

graduates in their future endeavors as they continue to serve the Lord!

This years High School graduates are:

**MORGAN ALBRECHT**

Daughter of Jolene Albrecht

**TREYTON SUTTON**

Son of Brad & Daysha Sutton

## FLOWERS FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Mothers are a gift from God to the world! So, on May 8, Mother's Day, the Youth will be handing out a flower to each of our mothers and god-mothers to honor them.. We pray that God will bless them as He shares with them His love.





**CONGRATULATIONS TO  
OUR CONFIRMANDS**

**JOEL PARKER GROSS**  
Son of Jamie & Beth Gross

**SARAH JANE DAY**  
Daughter of Mike & Penny Day

**CHANDLER DOUGLAS REED**  
Son of Doug & Amber Reed

**JALEE MADDISON HURREN**  
Daughter of Jamie & Michelle Hurren

### "Lifetime Plan for Giving"

Sunday, May 1  
Following the 11:00 Worship Service  
Fellowship Hall

Trinity continues to partner with the LCMS foundation to assist fellow Lutherans in fulfilling their heartfelt charitable wishes to grow God's kingdom while they plan for themselves and their families.

Following the 11:00 Worship Service on May 1, Bob Hamman will be giving a presentation to anyone who is interested in hearing more about this opportunity. After you attend this presentation and you sense that you need to create a plan or refocus your current plan for the use of God's gifts, a trained LCMS Foundation gift planning counselor will assist you **without cost to you.**

**PROJECT SALINA!!** This fund raiser for Salina's needy kicked off on April 21st. This year the local churches will be collecting CANNED TUNA. If you prefer to give cash, \$25.00 will purchase 44 cans of tuna. There are five local agencies that are assisted through this project: "Ashby House", "Salina Rescue Mission", "DVACK", "Salina Emergency Aid/Food Bank", and "The Salvation Army". These agencies give much needed assistance to local persons, especially during the SUMMER when there are no school lunches and breakfasts available for hungry children.

Please consider helping with this very worthy project. If you choose to help financially, place your cash or check in one of our special envelopes and ear-mark it as "Project Salina". Thank you!



# MUSIC NOTES !

## “SEE , THE LORD ASCENDS IN TRIUMPH” LSB #494

Test: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)

Christopher Wordsworth D.D., was born at Lambeth and was the youngest son of Christopher Wordsworth, Master of Trinity College, Cambridge, and Priscilla his wife. He was educated at Winchester, where he distinguished himself both as a scholar and as an athlete. In 1826 he enrolled at Trinity College, Cambridge, where his career was an extraordinarily brilliant one. He swept an unprecedented number of College and University prizes, and in 1830 was elected Fellow of Trinity. He was engaged as classical lecturer in college for some time, and in 1836 was chosen Public Orator for the University. In the same year he was elected Head Master of Harrow School, and in 1838 he married Susan Hatley Freere. During his head-mastership the numbers at Harrow fell off, but he began a great moral reform in the school, and many of his pupils regarded him with enthusiastic admiration. In 1844 he was appointed as a Canon (a cleric living with others in a clergy house) at Westminster; and in 1848-49 he was lecturer at Cambridge. In 1850 he accepted the appointment of vicarage of Stanford-in-the-Vale, in Berkshire, and for the next nineteen years he passed his time as an exemplary parish priest in this spot, with the exception of his four months statutable residence each year at Westminster. In 1869 he was elevated to bishop of Lincoln, which he held for more than fifteen years, resigning it a few months before his death.

As to his poetical character, it may be noted that he was the nephew of the poet-laureate, William Wordsworth, whom he constantly visited at Rydal up to the time of the poet's death in 1850, and with whom he kept up a regular and lengthy correspondence. Christopher Wordsworth was a very voluminous writer, his principal works being: more than 120 hymns, many volumes of sermons, pamphlets, addresses, letters, and speeches on almost every subject in which the interests of the church were concerned, and also on subjects connected with classical literature.

Dr. Wordsworth, like the Greek hymn-writers, drew his inspiration from Holy Scripture. He looked upon hymns as a valuable means of stamping permanently upon the memory the great doctrines of the Christian Church. He held it to be the first duty of a hymn-writer to teach sound doctrine, and thus to save souls. He thought that the materials for English Church hymns should be sought (1) in the Holy Scriptures, (2) in the writings of Christian Antiquity, and (3) in the Poetry of the Ancient Church. Hence, he imposed upon himself the strictest limitations in his own compositions. The natural result is that his hymns are of very unequal merit. LSB hymns also written by Wordsworth are #394 “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”; #477 “Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven” and #906 “O Day of Rest and Gladness”.

**Tune:** REX GLORIAE Composer: Henry T. Smart (1813-1879)

A capable composer of church music who wrote some very fine hymn tunes, Smart gave up a career in the legal profession for one in music. Born and raised in London, England, Smart was largely self-taught. He became proficient in organ playing at St. Luke's, Old Street (1844-1864), and St. Pancras (1864-1869). Smart was famous for his improvisations and for his accompaniment of congregational singing. Though completely blind at the age of fifty-two, his remarkable memory enabled him to continue playing the organ. Fascinated by organs as a youth, Smart designed organs for important places such as St. Andrew Hall in Glasgow and the Town Hall in Leeds. He composed an opera, oratorios, some instrumental music, and many hymn tunes, as well as a large number of works for organ and choir. Another hymn in the LSB with this tune is #924 “Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing”. Additional hymn tunes composed by Smart in the LSB include: REGENT SQUARE - #367 “Angels From the Realms of Glory” and #924 “Lord Dismiss Us With Your Blessing”; and LANGSHIRE - #478 “The Day of Resurrection”.

# TRINITY MUSICIANS PICNIC

Everyone who participated in providing music for Trinity's worship services during the past year is invited to attend.

Wednesday, June 1 at 6:30pm

At the Kenneth & Evalyn Berndt farm - 3921 W. Wolff Road, Salina.

Meat, drink, and table ware will be provided by Board of Parish Life.

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Following the meal, we will praise God with song and fellowship.

You are welcome to bring a spouse, family members, or other friend as a guest.

Weather permitting, we will be outside.

Carpooling from the church to the Berndt's is an option.

RSVP to Wanda Unruh by May 18

785-577-5700 or unruhwanda@yahoo.

# BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP

Karen Borchering reported that both TIM and Adopt-A-Student met their first quarter needs and the funds have been distributed to the respective accounts.

The Board of Stewardship is still working on clearing up Memorial money. We had one request that involved a proposal for Stained Glass Windows. The Board of Property is reviewing the request for suitability.

During the Board of Stewardship's meeting, the minutes for March were approved. These included the following rules for Memorial monies.

\*In January of each year, the Board of Stewardship will review all prior years memorial funds.

\*The family of individuals funds exceeding \$750 will be sent a letter with choices for designation.

\*All individual memorials under \$750 will be deemed undesignated and will be handled by the Board.

\*Any funds not used or designated from the years preceding the prior year will be left to the discretion of the Board of Stewardship.

\*The Board of Stewardship will distribute all funds from years preceding the prior year on or before the 30th of June of the current year.

\*The reason for this is that recordkeeping beyond that time frame is a major burden to the office staff and the Treasurer.

The Board authorized the Chairman to sign the renewal paperwork for the Schulte's which was approved last year. Paperwork lag is normal.

## Property exterior loan update;

The loan which stood at \$155,334.71 as of December 31, 2021 has been reduced to \$106,274.40 as of February 28, 2022. January and February contributions were \$1,175.00 and \$47,935.31 was transferred from designated and undesignated Memorial Funds.

John Magnuson, Director

# BOARD OF EDUCATION

Vacation Bible School registration is still available. The registration deadline is Monday, May 9. If you won't know whether your child or children will be able to attend until VBS time, you are still most welcome to come! We are also asking for two teachers and a 2 helpers as well as a skit leader and a couple of helpers for that. Please call or text Ann George at (785)822-4070 to volunteer or if you have any questions. **The dates for VBS are June 6 to 9. Times are 9:00am to 11:30am.**

**Board of Education May meeting:** May 2 @ 6:00pm.

Ann George, Director



**LWML's annual election will occur at the May circle meetings.**

**Esther Circle (Electronic)** Circle contact, Linda Kootz

**Priscilla Circle** will meet Monday, May 9 at 7:00 p.m. Circle contact, Darlene Magnuson

**Martha Circle** will meet Thursday, May 12 at 2:00 p.m. Circle contacts, Paula Pralle or Linda Kootz

**Hannah Circle** will meet Thursday, May 12 at 4:30 p.m. This is a work meeting at the church.  
Circle contact, Jan Hamman

**Rebecca Circle** will meet Thursday, May 12 at 5:30 p.m. Circle contact, Jan Clark

OTHER INFORMATION:

**LWML Blanket Workshop** (for all quilters) is at the church on Tuesday, May 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Bring a sack lunch. Questions: Sonja Welch, Caring Service Contact

**Caring Service** is collecting baby items for the Pregnancy Service Center this month. Items needed: diaper wipes (travel size), new baby clothing 0-2T, diapers (all sizes), and full-size baby wash, shampoo and lotion. Caring Service Contact - Sonja Welch

**Executive Board** will meet at the church on Monday, May 23 at 7:30 p.m.

Tamara Tiemann

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# LLL

LHM Resources for Men — Go to [LHM.org/Men](http://LHM.org/Men) to see our updated line of resources made specifically to help men grow in their faith.

Trinity's LLL meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:00pm at Trinity Hall. All men are welcome and encouraged to join us. Gary Neuschafer

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# STEPHEN MINISTRY

**“Equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ” Ephesians 4:12**

Recently, Stephen Ministries headquarters shared the following message they had received from a Stephen Ministry care receiver.

*“I thank God every day for leading me to my Stephen Minister. When we began our caring relationship, I was slowly coming out of the numbness I felt after the shattering of my marriage. Her patience, her listening ear, and her willingness to serve have completely changed the trajectory of my life.*

*Without a doubt, accepting care from my church's Stephen Ministry has been the best decision of my life. Everyone should be able to have a Stephen Minister when they need one—it's an amazing model of how the body of Christ can work. God is truly being glorified through their service everywhere!”*

This is just one example of the much-needed ministry that Stephen Ministers are providing every day all over the world and which our congregation is truly blessed to be able to provide. Stephen Ministers walk with their care receivers during some of the most difficult times in life, providing Christ-centered care that is, at times, life-transforming.

If you, or someone you know, are facing a difficult time in life, do not hesitate to explore teaming with a Stephen Minister to provide comfort and support as long as is needed. For more information, talk with one of your Stephen Leaders (Pastor Kootz, Cindy Hubbard, David Samuelson).

If you feel that God may be calling you to be one of these caring, committed servants who offer Christ's love to those who are hurting, please talk to a Stephen Leader as the Stephen Ministry team is always looking for candidates to fill the next training class, which will start when enough prospective Stephen Ministry trainees are identified.

David Samuelson