

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Boyle's Scheduled Hours: Off on Mondays
 At Grace 9:00 - noon Tues & Wed.
 At Trinity 9:00 - noon Thurs & Fri
 Afternoons alternated between Grace & Trinity
 Church Office Hours:
 Tuesday - Thursday 9:30am-1:30pm



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30AM Sunday School and Bible Class
 10:30AM Hospitality in Fellowship Hall
 11:00AM Divine Service

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FROM THE PASTOR: *Reading Life Backward: Why Hebrew is the Language of the Christian*

Not German, not Latin, not even Greek, but Hebrew alone is the language of the Church that preaches Christ crucified. In this language the last is first and the first is last. Everything is read from right to left, from end to beginning, from what will be to what is. In the Church, what you see is never what you get. It is the opposite. Appearances are deceptive.

Israel is my servant; Jacob is my chosen; Abraham is my friend; the Church is my bride. So says God. But this flies in the face of what I see. For I see Israel black-eyed and bloody-lipped, wrapped in Babylonian chains. I see Jacob fleeing a would-be murderous brother, exiled far from the land of promise. I see old man Abraham loading the wood onto Isaac's back, lifting the blade of sacrifice over the promised seed. I see the Church plagued with those who canonize heretics and crucify prophets, chisel bylaws into stone while giving lip service to the sacred page.

These things I see, but in the Church, what you see is never what you get. God says Israel is my servant; Jacob is my chosen; Abraham is my friend; the Church is my bride. Everything must be read in a Hebrew fashion. If Christ is crucified, so must be His Church, His Word, His sacraments, His pastors, all of you - everything and everyone that belong to Him. Everything that is God's must bear the cross, and crucifixion is never pretty. It is ugly, messy, bloody, repugnant. We preach Christ crucified, which is to say, we read life like a Hebrew.

Though you feel abandoned and alone, weak and afraid, God preaches, "Do not fear, for I am with you; do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, surely I will uphold you with my righteous right hand," (Isaiah 41:10). Though men with forked tongues accuse you of lying, though men become angry at you, slander you, curse you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely, the Lord says, "Behold, all those who are angered at you

will be shamed and dishonored; those who contend with you will be as nothing, and will perish . . . For I am the Lord your God, who upholds your right hand, who says to you, 'Do not fear, I will help you,'" (41:11-13).

Read your life like a Hebrew, from right to left, from the end to the beginning, and you will see that the last is first. The dead are alive, the cursed are blessed, the humble are exalted. Israel returns from Babylon; Jacob is repatriated to Canaan; the ram is killed in the stead of Isaac; the body of the crucified is enlivened by the Spirit.

Though for a short time you Jobs scrape your sores, healing is on the horizon. Though for a season you Josephs languish in a dungeon, you soon shall stand at Pharaoh's right hand. Though you suffer, whether from your own fault or from the fault of others, there is a day of vindication, a day of resurrection, a day in which the last are made first, the crucified are raised, and the bride whom the world considered widowed is kissed by the lips of the king of kings who has betrothed her to Himself.

So do not fear, you worm Jacob (Isaiah 41:14), for the Messiah who said, "I am a worm and not a man" (Psalm 22) is both God and man, and in Him you have partaken of the divine nature. Do not fear, for though the world calls you worms, the Father in heaven calls you chosen servants, friends, and yes, even sons. Good Friday is always viewed through the lens of Easter. The sufferings of this present time are always seen through the glories that await us. Thus that which seems to be so ugly, messy, bloody, and repugnant now - read it like a Hebrew and soon you will behold a most beautiful icon of atonement and absolution, peace and life, all for you.

Taken from *Flying Scroll: Musings and Poetry* by Chad Bird. Blog post, March 16, 2014.

Yours in Christ our Life, Pastor Boyle
<http://birdchadlouis.wordpress.com/2014/03/16/reading-life-backward-why-hebrew-is-the-language-of-the-christian/>



From our Confessions

[Taken from The Smalcald Articles, found in the Book of Concord.]

THE THIRD PART OF THE ARTICLES.

Concerning the following articles we may [will be able to] treat with learned and reasonable men, or among ourselves. The Pope and his [the Papal] government do not care much about these. For with them conscience is nothing, but money, [glory] honors, power are [to them] everything.

Part III, Article I. Of Sin

1] Here we must confess, as Paul says in Rom. 5:12, that sin originated [and entered the world] from one man Adam, by whose disobedience all men were made sinners, [and] subject to death and the devil. This is called original or capital sin.

2] The fruits of this sin are afterwards the evil deeds which are forbidden in the Ten Commandments, such as [distrust] unbelief, false faith, idolatry, to be without the fear of God, presumption [recklessness], despair, blindness [or complete *loss of sight*], and, in short not to know or regard God; furthermore to lie, to swear by [to abuse] God's name [to swear falsely], not to pray, not to call upon God, not to regard [to despise or neglect] God's Word, to be disobedient to parents, to murder, to be unchaste, to steal, to deceive, etc.

3] This hereditary sin is so deep [and horrible] a corruption of nature that no reason can understand it, but it must be [learned and] believed from the revelation of Scriptures, Ps. 51:5; Rom. 6:12ff ; Ex. 33:3; Gen. 3:7ff Hence, it is nothing but error and blindness in regard to this article what the scholastic doctors have taught, namely:

4] *That since the fall of Adam the natural powers of man have remained entire and incorrupt, and that man by nature has a right reason and a good will; which things the philosophers teach.*

5] *Again, that man has a free will to do good and omit evil, and, conversely, to omit good and do evil.*

6] *Again, that man by his natural powers can observe and keep [do] all the commands of God.*

7] *Again, that, by his natural powers, man can love God above all things and his neighbor as himself.*

8] *Again, if a man does as much as is in him, God certainly grants him His grace.*

9] *Again, if he wishes to go to the Sacrament, there is no need of a good intention to do good, but it is sufficient if he has not a wicked purpose to commit sin; so entirely good is his nature and so efficacious the Sacrament.*

10] *[Again,] that it is not founded upon Scripture that for a good work the Holy Ghost with His grace is necessary.*

11] Such and many similar things have arisen from want of understanding and ignorance as regards both this sin and Christ, our Savior, and they are truly heathen dogmas, which we cannot endure. For if this teaching were right [approved], then Christ has died in vain, since there is in man no defect nor sin for which he should have died; or He would have died only for the body, not for the soul, inasmuch as the soul is [entirely] sound, and the body only is subject to death.



EVENTS AT A GLANCE

| | |
|------------|---|
| August 1-3 | ~ Lutheran Family Retreat (more info pg 14) |
| August 2 | ~ Convoy of Hope (more info pg 8) |
| August 5 | ~ Lord's Diner 5:30pm |
| August 7 | ~ LWML Meeting 9:30am |
| August 11 | ~ Labor Finders |
| August 12 | ~ Church Council 7pm |
| August 14 | ~ LWML Pioneer Dinner ~ Hall of Men 7:30pm (more info pg 13) |
| August 16 | ~ Clothing Drive 9a-noon ~at Grace |
| August 19 | ~ OMT 9:00am ~at Grace |
| August 21 | ~ Elders 7:00pm |
| August 26 | ~ Ladies Bunco 7:00pm (more info pg 13) |
| August 28 | ~ Hall of Men 7:30pm (more info pg 13) |
| August 31 | ~ Joint-Parish Service ~at Grace Bible Class 9:30am, Divine Service 11am ~ Meal and Joint-Parish Meeting noon/following service |

~MORE THIS MONTH~

July 28 - August 8, 2014

"Filling the Gap Lunches for Kids"
More information on page 8.

Saturdays through August

Private Absolution
10-11am at Grace



~FURTHER OUT~

September 16, 2014

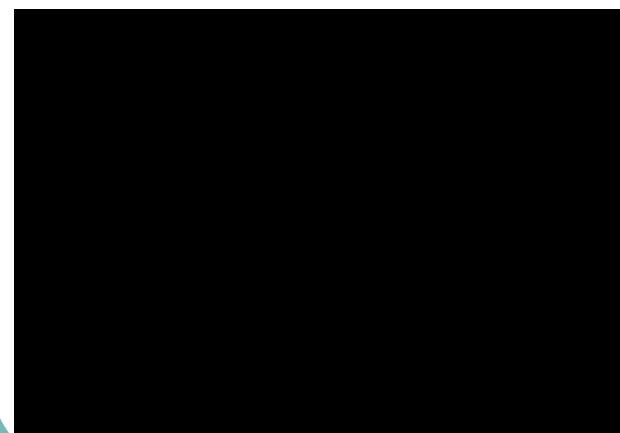
Oratio, Meditatio, Tentatio
More information on page 12.

September 28, 2014

HopeArt sponsored by HopeNet
More information on page 10.

October 2-3, 2014

Lutheranism & the Classics III
More information on page 11.



LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

Ladies Guild (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) will meet on Thursday, August 7, at 9:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. All ladies are invited to come for Bible study, meeting, refreshments and fellowship.



Telephone Pioneer Dinner will be served on Thursday, August 14, The Telephone Pioneer organization's membership is made up of retired Southwestern Bell employees. Marian Winter, a member of Trinity, is a member of the organization. They meet monthly and do service projects. This is the only money-making project that the Ladies Guild has.

"5th Sunday for Mites" is August 31st. On that day you will have the opportunity to deposit "mites" (money) in the large mite box in the narthex. These "mites" support Lutheran Women's Missionary League grants, one of which is "Native American Outreach Training Center--Fairbanks, Alaska--\$95,000". In return for your donation, you will receive a fun-size bag of "M & M's" to remind you of "Mites & Missions".



2014 LUTHERAN FAMILY RETREAT

*Looking for a mini-vacation?
One last weekend away before school starts?*

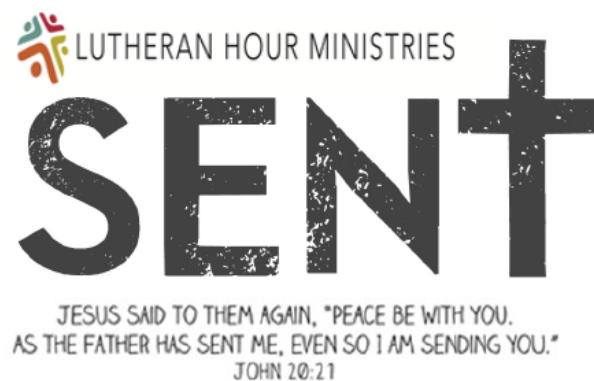
Come to the Lutheran Family Retreat, August 1-3 at Camp Webster, Salina, KS for a weekend of relaxation, worship and fun with family and friends. Camp Webster is located off I-70 just north of the Ohio St. exit—before you get to Salina.

The camp provides air-conditioned housing and dining, plus lots of fun activities for the family. Some favorites are swimming, fishing, canoeing, archery, zip line, climbing wall, hiking, sand dig, playground, games, and much, much more.

Retreat fees are \$80 per person, age 4 and older. For children 3 and under the cost is \$15. A \$15 deposit for all attendees 4 and older is required by 7/18/14.

For more retreat details visit the website: www.lutheranfamilyretreat.org. You can register online for the weekend of fun! Any additional questions contact Registration Chair: Carroll or Barb Hackbart at cbhack@yahoo.com or 785-494-2425.

The Kansas District LWML - Lutheran Women in Mission and the LLL - Lutheran Laymen's League are sponsors of the Lutheran Family Retreat with pastoral and lay volunteers from congregations across the state volunteering to help you have a fun and enjoyable weekend.



As we celebrate the season of Pentecost And the Feast of St. Bartholomew... 518 - By All Your Saints in Warfare

- 1 By all Your saints in warfare,
For all Your saints at rest,
Your holy name, O Jesus,
Forevermore be blest!
For You have won the battle
That they might wear the crown;
And now they shine in glory
Reflected from Your throne.
- 23 *St. Bartholomew, Apostle (August 24)*
All praise for him whose candor
Through all his doubt You saw
When Philip at the fig tree
Disclosed You in the law.
Discern, beneath our surface,
O Lord, what we can be,
That by Your truth made guileless,
Your glory we may see.
- 3 Then let us praise the Father
And worship God the Son
And sing to God the Spirit,
Eternal Three in One,
Till all the ransomed number
Fall down before the throne,
Ascribing pow'r and glory
And praise to God alone.

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Feast of St. Bartholomew is celebrated on August 24th
More on St. Bartholomew

St. Bartholomew (or Nathanael, as he is called in St. John's Gospel) was one of the first of Jesus' twelve disciples. His home was in the town of Cana, in Galilee (John 21:2), where Jesus performed His first miracle. He was invited to become one of the Twelve by Philip, who told him that they had found the Messiah in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. (John 1:45). Bartholomew's initial hesitation to believe, because of Jesus' Nazareth background, was quickly replaced by a clear, unequivocal declaration of faith, "You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" (John 1:49). He was present with the other disciples (John 21:1-13) when they were privileged to see and converse and eat with their risen Lord and Savior. According to some Early Church Fathers, Bartholomew brought the Gospel to Armenia, where he was martyred by being flayed alive.

This excerpt was taken from Treasury of Daily Prayer, Copyright 2008 CPH, pg 654

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Daniel S. Johnson – Catechist to Siberia & Baltic Churches

Garbė Dievui aukštybėse

ὁ πιστεύσας καὶ βαπτισθεὶς σωθήσεται

Χριστὸς ἠνέστη

June 2014

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Siberian Bishop returns to Estonia

On a cool Sunday evening in June, we walked from the Lutheran Institute in Tallinn, Estonia, where we were lodging, to an awards ceremony at the Lutheran Cathedral. A light rain had been falling throughout the day. There was concern that rain may return, as we walked the kilometer to

the upper city, where the cathedral was located. Clad in light jackets and sweaters, with umbrellas in hand, our band of eight Siberians, two Estonians, and two Americans walked the narrow cobblestone streets of Tallinn. Bishop Vsevolod Lytkin walked with us, as he humbly anticipated receiving the award from the Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church (EELC). This medal was to be bestowed by the Archbishop of the Church, Andres Pöder, in a liturgical ceremony given in Bishop Lytkin's honor.

Bishop Lytkin's theology teacher and catechist, Jaanus Noormägi, witnessed the presentation. He sat by his former student and catechumen's side during the ceremony. Bishop Lytkin was called forward from the front pew as his wife, son, and several Siberian clergy and laity, along with my wife, Amy, and I, looked on. The award of "First Rank Cross of Merit of the Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church" was hung around his neck. The congregation applauded in appreciation of Bishop Lytkin's service to the church; for the man who had been used by Our Lord, Jesus Christ, to restore the Lutheran confession to Siberia. This award was seen as recognition of what the Holy Spirit of Pentecost has done in Siberia among many, instead of any man's single achievements. The bishop represents the entire Church.

Before Vsevolod Lytkin became bishop of the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church, he was a man in search of answers to theological and philosophical questions. In the late 1980s, as a young man living in the academic city outside of Novosibirsk, he had read some Soviet propaganda that criticized Christianity. From this

propaganda, the Holy Spirit worked "where and when it pleased." It "pleased" the Holy Spirit to create faith and a desire in young Vsevolod to receive Holy Baptism.

In 1987, this young "believer" traveled to Estonia to seek Holy Baptism. It was on his first trip to Tallinn that he would meet the wife of the

pastor. It was through her efforts that her husband (the man who would later become archbishop of the EELC; from 1994 until his unexpected death in 2005) agreed to give Vsevolod his first Small Catechism. What he received was a binder containing photographs of pages from a Russian language

catechism. After studying the documents for two days at the train station, Vsevolod presented himself before the Holy Font at the Church of the Holy Spirit and was baptized. He would later bring his wife, Daria, and daughter, Sonya, to the same font, to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

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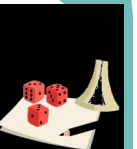
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ATTENTION LADIES!!!

Terry Brockman will be hosting our next game night, Tuesday August 26th, 7pm. All Ladies are welcome to join.

For more information or to RSVP, please call the church office at 685-1571 or Terry at (316) 249-3061



LUTHERAN HOUR BROADCAST AUGUST 2014

August 3 "Food for Hungry Souls"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz
We're spiritually hungry and yet we often try to fill ourselves up with everything but God. Faith in Jesus is food for souls that hunger. (Matthew 14:13-21)

August 10 "Will You Believe?"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz
The Savior who walked on water still comes to us in our time of need. (Matthew 14:22-30)

August 17 "A Savior Who Goes Where No One Has Gone Before"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz
Jesus is the Savior who goes where no one else could go in order to rescue, heal, and save us. (Matthew 15:21-28)

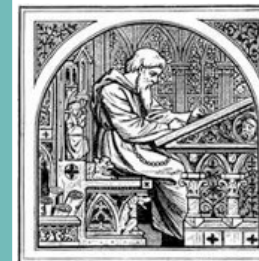
August 24 "The Answer to Life"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz
Many regard Jesus as an urban legend, a cultural myth, or just another teacher. Jesus won't let you have this opinion of Him. (Matthew 16:13-20)

August 31 "God's Plan"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus
Life seldom goes as planned. However, by God's grace things can turn out better than we deserve. (Matthew 16:21-23)

You can listen anytime online at www.lutheranhour.org. For local times and stations, go to www.lutheranhour.org and click on Broadcast guide.



HALL OF MEN

FOR MEN ONLY - A local fellowship hall
where the men break bread, tap the keg, and toast their heroes.

2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at Eighth Day Institute at The Ladder (2836 E Douglas Ave)
Doors open at 7:00pm. Food is served at 7:30pm, and evening events officially begin at 8:30pm with a hymn, the Nicene Creed, and a lecture on a hero whose life inspires us to live more authentic lives and to fight for the renewal of our culture.

PASTOR'S SABBATICAL

Pastor is gone on his sabbatical [scheduled from Memorial Day (May 26th) till just before Labor Day (September 1st)]. If you need any spiritual assistance in his absence, you can contact any of the Trinity Elders or one of the pastors on call.

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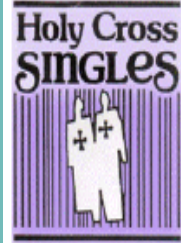
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HOLY CROSS SINGLES

The ages and circumstances of those who have and continue to participate in Singles vary widely. Always single, divorced and widowed adults find fellowship in the group.



AUGUST ACTIVITIES

- SAT 2nd **Hutch Road Trip** – Tour the Salt Mine Museum (Strataca) in the morning – The Salt Blast Pass that includes the Dark Ride and the Express Train costs \$19. Eat lunch at Freddy’s Frozen Custard and then visit the Kansas Cosmosphere. Admission there is \$12. Meet at St. Andrew’s Church at 9 a.m. to carpool to Hutchinson. Call Mary if you have questions: 785-321-2132
- MON 4th **Bible Study** at Ken Tingle’s home – 2209 Spring Hill Dr., Goddard - 7:30 p.m., 550-6312 or cell 371-0484
- SUN 10th **BRUNCH** at Logan’s Roadhouse – 353 S. Rock Rd. – 12:30 p.m. – John Evans hosting – 620-205-8199
- MON 18th **Bible Study** at Mary Dohl’s home –345 N. Yale Ave – 7:30 p.m., 682-0505



ORATIO, MEDITATIO, TENTATIO

(Theological Reading Group)

Schedule

- 9:00 – 9:45 am Matins
- 9:45 – 11:45 am Reading Discussion
- 11:45 am – Noon Prayer
- Noon – 1:00 pm Lunch

Locations

- Trinity Lutheran Church
- 611 S. Erie, Wichita
- Grace Lutheran Church
- 3310 E Pawnee, Wichita



2014 Reading Schedule:

August 19 (Grace, Wichita) *Note Location Change*

Ratzinger, Joseph Cardinal. *The Spirit of the Liturgy*. San Francisco: Ignatius, 2000.

September 16 (Grace, Wichita)

Logia Articles

- 1) Mayes, Benjamin T. G. *Does Matthew 18:15-16 Apply to Public Sins? The Steps of Admonition Today and in Lutheran Orthodox*. Eastertide 2006. Volume XV, Number 2.
- 2) Nagel, Norman E. *Externum Verbum: Testing Augustana V on the Doctrine of the Holy Ministry*. Holy Trinity, 1997. Volume VI, Number 3.
- 3) Hoppl, Pfarrer and Sasse, Herman. *Quatenus and Quia? An Interchange on the Nature of Confessional Subscription*. Eastertide 1999. Volume VIII, Number 2.
- 4) Schulz, Charles R. *The Worthy Communicant in SD VII*. Eastertide 1999. Volume VIII, Number 2.



Prayer Requests, Praises, and Thanks

Many Siberian pastors serve multiple congregation parishes. Pray for safe travel as these dedicated clergy travel to provide care for their parishioners. Also, pray for the laity as they travel to attend liturgy.

*We poor sinners implore You... To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense; to bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived;...
– The Litany*

In the beginning, very few of Vsevolod’s friends shared his interest in Lutheranism. Although many were interested in spiritual things, some of them turned to cults instead of Christianity. Gradually, he gathered a group in Akademgorodok (the academic city outside of Novosibirsk where he lived) to study the Bible. Soon the group of students realized from their study that in order for them to be church they must be baptized and have a pastor. Vsevolod returned to his pastor in Estonia with a request that this “group” in Novosibirsk become a church. He received theological training and was ordained as a pastor in Estonia in 1993, passed his theological exams in 1996 and received his pectoral cross. To receive a pectoral cross at ordination is an Estonian tradition, similar to when a man receives a stole at his ordination in American Lutheran Churches. Vsevolod was then appointed as Probst of the Estonian Church in Siberia. This was a title he would hold until his consecration as Bishop of the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church (SELC) on May 6, 2007.



This event on June 8, 2014, at the Lutheran Cathedral in Tallinn, Estonia, helps put an exclamation point on the life of a man, a father, a teacher, a pastor and a



bishop, who has been used by the Lord of the Church, Jesus Christ, to bring hope and confidence to a people dying in sin and despair. In his sermon, delivered at the Feast of Pentecost, earlier that day, Bishop Lytkin expressed his work as a bishop and pastor with these words:

“...Yes, it always has been and will be, that in the world there are heroes of the faith and there are ordinary people. We are of the latter. We feel fear of our Savior’s

call to give Him all our life and follow Him, taking the cross. Perhaps this is because our faith is weaker than the faith of the ancient saints,

who gave all their possessions to the poor [see Luke 12:33] and went to proclaim the Gospel.

“But I think that God understands this and therefore His demand to us is softer. You can start with coming to church at least every Sunday. Can you make such a sacrifice? And to pray every day, to read the Bible, to help neighbors, to bring your children to Sunday school... It looks that without a helper we cannot do it. So ask the Holy Spirit to help you.

“... The color of the Pentecost Day is red. Red means the fire of the Holy Spirit. But red also means the blood of martyrs who suffered for the witnessing of Christ - in order that we who have reached the end of times can hear and believe and be saved. And so, we now proclaim the Gospel to all who are near and far away.

Happy Pentecost festival, beloved brothers and sisters! Amen.” * DSJ



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**The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
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St. Louis, MO 63179-0089.**

Make checks payable to “The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. “ Write “Support of Rev. Daniel S. Johnson” on the memo line. Gifts can also be given securely online through the LCMS website, on my online giving page at www.lcms.org/Johnson.



| | Balance 1-1-14 | Receipts Jan-June | Disbursements Jan-June | Balance 6-30-14 |
|------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Restricted Funds: | | | | |
| Sunday School Missions | - 0 - | 486.39 | 486.39 | 486.39 |
| Love Fund | 1,116.79 | .48 | | 1,116.79 |
| Youth Fund | 283.24 | 596.00 | | 283.72 |
| Thrivent Funds | 1,365.00 | 41.76 | | 1,961.00 |
| Pastor's Discretionary Funds | 41.76 | 553.64 | | 41.76 |
| Dillons Dollars | 1,201.97 | 669.30 | | 1,755.61 |
| TIM - Daniel Johnson | - 0 - | 669.30 | | - 0 - |
| KS Dist LCEF Grant | 103.80 | | 1,694.14 | 103.80 |
| Misc | - 0 - | 2,041.50 | | 347.36 |
| Totals | \$ 4,112.56 | \$ + 4,347.31 | \$ - 2,363.44 | \$ 6,096.43 |

| | Balance 1-1-14 | Receipts Jan-June | Disbursements Jan-June | Balance 6-30-14 |
|--------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| EXHIBIT A - BUDGET FUND | | | | |
| BALANCE 1-1-14 | \$ - 22,826.44 | | | |
| RECEIPTS | | \$ + 53,493.57 | | |
| EXPENSES | | | \$ - 63,684.45 | |
| BALANCE 6-30-14 | | | | \$ - 33,017.32 |

| | Balance 1-1-14 | Receipts Jan-June | Disbursements Jan-June | Balance 6-30-14 |
|---------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| EXHIBIT B - COUNCIL FUND | | | | |
| BALANCE 1-1-14 | \$ 49,109.90 | | | |
| RECEIPTS | | \$ + 3,808.60 | | |
| EXPENSES | | | \$ - 2,000.00 | |
| BALANCE 6-30-14 | | | | \$ 50,918.50 |

| | Balance 1-1-14 | Receipts Jan-June | Disbursements Jan-June | Balance 6-30-14 |
|------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| EXHIBIT C - RESTRICTED FUND | | | | |
| BALANCE 1-1-14 | \$ 49,109.90 | | | |
| RECEIPTS | | \$ + 3,808.60 | | |
| EXPENSES | | | \$ - 2,000.00 | |
| BALANCE 6-30-14 | | | | \$ 50,918.50 |

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FINANCIAL REPORT
June 30, 2014

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
611 South Erie - Wichita, KS 67211

EXHIBIT D - EXPENSES FOR SIX MONTHS ENDED
AND
EXPENSES COMPARED TO BUDGET
June 30, 2014

| | Actual | Budget | Variance |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------|
| EXHIBIT A - BUDGET FUND | | | |
| BALANCE 1-1-14 | \$ - 22,826.44 | \$ - 22,826.44 | \$ 0.00 |
| RECEIPTS | \$ + 53,493.57 | \$ + 53,493.57 | \$ 0.00 |
| EXPENSES | \$ - 63,684.45 | \$ - 63,684.45 | \$ 0.00 |
| BALANCE 6-30-14 | \$ - 33,017.32 | \$ - 33,017.32 | \$ 0.00 |

| BUDGET ITEMS | Expenses For 6 Months | Budget For 6 Months | Under/Over Budget for 6 Months | Budget For 12 Months |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| Pastor's Salary | | 10,932.00 | | 21,864.00 |
| Pastor's Health Insurance | | 600.00 | | 1,200.00 |
| Premium | | 1,800.00 | | 3,600.00 |
| Deductible | | 5,480.40 | | 10,960.80 |
| Constance | | 1,000.00 | | 2,000.00 |
| Pastor's Pension, FICA, Accident Ins | | 500.00 | | 1,000.00 |
| Pastor's Home Equity Allowance | | 44,889.00 | | 89,778.00 |
| Pastor's Car Mileage | | (22,444.50) | | (44,889.00) |
| Pastor's Financial Support | | 22,444.50 | | 44,889.00 |
| Grace fifty percent | | (22,444.50) | | (44,889.00) |
| Trinity reimbursement to Grace sub total | | 22,444.50 | | 44,889.00 |
| Parsonage Utilities | 1,493.98 | 1,500.00 | 6.02 | 3,000.00 |
| Grace reimbursement to Trinity | (750.00) | (750.00) | 0.00 | (1,500.00) |
| Parsonage Repairs | 743.98 | 750.00 | 6.02 | 1,500.00 |
| Grace reimbursement to Trinity | (327.88) | (327.88) | 0.00 | (655.76) |
| sub-total | | | | |
| Guest Pastors | 1,068.00 | - 0 - | - 1,068.00 | - 0 - |
| Secretary | 4,795.08 | 4,795.08 | 0.00 | 9,590.16 |
| Bookkeeper | 1,800.00 | 1,800.00 | 0.00 | 3,600.00 |
| Organist | 2,762.56 | 2,512.56 | - 250.00 | 5,025.12 |
| Sec/Bookkeeper/Organist/Custodian FICA | 849.56 | 850.00 | .44 | 1,700.00 |
| Office Supplies & Copy Work | 2,286.99 | 1,750.00 | - 536.99 | 3,500.00 |
| Worship Supplies | 1,103.34 | 1,000.00 | - 103.34 | 2,000.00 |
| Synod & District | 500.00 | 500.00 | 0.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Lutheran Student Center | 500.00 | 500.00 | 0.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Missions | 500.00 | 1,000.00 | - 500.00 | 2,000.00 |
| Issues, Etc. | 500.00 | 250.00 | - 250.00 | 500.00 |
| Synod/District Assessment | - 0 - | - 0 - | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Parish Education Supplies/Equip | 276.52 | 400.00 | - 123.48 | 800.00 |
| Evangelism | 47.50 | 250.00 | - 202.50 | 500.00 |
| Stewardship Supplies | 178.53 | 100.00 | 78.53 | 200.00 |
| Maintenance & Repair | 2,000.04 | 2,000.04 | 0.00 | 4,000.00 |
| Janitor Service | 5,996.65 | 3,000.00 | - 2,996.65 | 6,000.00 |
| Insurance | 6,338.58 | 7,375.00 | - 1,036.42 | 14,750.00 |
| Utilities - Church | 6,564.56 | 6,000.00 | 564.56 | 12,000.00 |
| Utilities - Internet | 445.84 | 975.00 | - 529.16 | 1,950.00 |
| Telephone & Piano Maintenance | 582.00 | 400.00 | 182.00 | 800.00 |
| Chapel | 1,400.42 | - 0 - | - 1,400.42 | 0.00 |
| Totals | \$ 63,684.45 | \$ 58,652.18 | \$ - 5,032.27 | \$ 117,204.00 |

A copy of the financial report and expenses will be posted on or by the bulletin board in the narthex for additional viewing.



LUTHERANISM & THE CLASSICS III

October 2-3, 2014, Fort Wayne, IN

God became incarnate in Christ Jesus at a specific time in history (Gal 4:4), so how might Lutherans read the Bible, the Confessions and developments in light of history? What role does history play in Lutheran education? These and other questions will be discussed during this conference as we celebrate Lutheranism's engagement with historians of the past, and their value for the propagation of the faith to present and future generations.

The conference features three plenary papers, a banquet address and 30 sectional presenters on such sessions as ancient and Reformation-era historians, how Luther viewed history, hymnody, medieval preaching, Canon Law and pedagogy. Latin will be used in three worship settings, and there will be a session by Mr. Brandon Booth (Worldview Academy) designed especially for Lutheran teachers, classical educators and homeschoolers.

For more information, there will be a flier with registration form in the narthex



UNION RESCUE MISSION

~The Closet is Bare!~

The large number of people coming to the Mission this winter and spring has meant that our closet is getting pretty bare. You can help restock it by donating some of these most needed items:



NEW: Men's undershirts (XL & up), Men's boxers, Men's dress socks

Gently Used Clothing for Men (all sizes): Jeans, Casual pants (all types), Men's belts, shoes—good tennis shoes and work shoes, heavy duty boots (10, 11, 12), garden gloves

Hygiene Items: Toilet paper, anti-fungal spray, spray deodorant, black hair care products, Kleenex, shampoo, chapstick, fingernail and toenail clippers

Donated items may be dropped off Monday—Friday, 8am-4pm and Saturday 8-11:30am at the URM Shelter, 2800 N Hillside, in Wichita.

~Share God's Love~

Are you looking for a way to make a difference this summer? The Mission is looking for all kinds of volunteers to share God's love with people in need.

Work in our Clothes Closet. Work in our garden. Serve an evening meal. Help with food boxes. Help with deliveries. There's no experience necessary, and you can really make a difference!

To learn more about all the ways you can share God's love with people in need, call Kalynn at (316)687-4673 or email kalynn@urmwichita.org.

~Tots & Toddlers~



Two of the most costly items for moms, especially single moms, are diapers and formula. The Mission helps these moms and tiny babies by providing hundreds of free diapers and cans of formula every week. If you know a mother who is struggling, please refer her to the Mission. If you would like to donate these items, please contact Julie at (316)687-4673.





Life Thoughts in the Church Year

Copied from LifeDate: A quarterly journal of life issue news and commentary from Lutherans For Life

Based on the appointed readings from *Lutheran Service Book*



August 3—Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

While not the focus of the text, it may be worth noting that in today's Epistle reading, Romans 9:1-13, the Holy Spirit speaks of Rebekah's unborn sons as if they are persons. They "had done nothing either good or bad" and "the older will serve the younger." Scripture never makes the distinction between born and unborn.

Prayer: Lord of Life, may we do all we can to influence our culture to see the personhood of the unborn. Amen.

August 10—Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Jesus describes Peter as one of "little faith" (Matthew 14:31b). He had not the faith to walk on water. The wind made him afraid. But he did have faith to cry, "Lord, save me" (30b). It would be good to have the faith to walk on the water of our storms in confident hope. But it is enough to cry in our hopelessness, "Lord, save me."

Prayer: Lord, forgive our lack of faith and hear our cry for help. Amen.

August 17—Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

None of us are worthy to receive even the scraps that fall from our Master's table (Matthew 51:27). "For God has consigned all to disobedience..." (Romans 11:32a). But He does so "that he may have mercy on all" (32b). In Christ, we all sit at His table and feast on His grace. No matter who we are or how many or horrible our sins may be, God's objective forgiveness in Jesus makes us all His. This comforting message speaks especially to those dealing with sins that seem too big to be forgiven, such as sins against life.

Prayer: Father, thank You for making us children of disobedience Your children though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



HOPEART 2014

Sunday, Sept 28th, 5-8pm, Beech Activity Center

Save the date and help celebrate the 10th anniversary of HopeArt featuring special guest International Performance painter David Garibaldi. He uses music and color to entertain people all around the world, recently journeying to China with the NBA, toured with Blue Man Group and even performed at the finals of America's Got Talent. In 2012, David completed his ambitious goal of raising \$1million for non-profit charities before he turned 30! David will be performing for the first time ever in Wichita to benefit HopeNet.



For more information, contact HopeNet: 316-684-4673, www.hopenetwichita.org, or info@hopenetwichita.org

August 24—Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Being conformed to the world (Romans 12:2) happens easily, passively. Like the mold forms the plaster, we can be formed by a culture that boasts of death as a friend to solve problems, misuses sexuality, and redefines marriage. Being transformed happens when our minds are renewed through the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. That is why it is so important to connect this truth to the culture that would conform us.

Prayer: Please, Lord, transform us to Your image that we might not be conformed to the world. Amen.

August 31—Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Whether it be the evils of abortion or the assaults on biblical marriage, it becomes easier to attack people rather than confront the evil. We end up fighting evil with evil. But the way of Christ is different. "Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them" (Romans 12:14). "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good" (12:21).

Prayer: Jesus, help us boldly confront evil and compassionately deal with those caught up in it. Amen.



STEWARDSHIP NEWSLETTER ARTICLE - AUGUST 2014

The parable of the unjust steward vexes us. Why would our Lord commend the unjust steward and the sons of this world as He does? It's because the sons of this world know how to treat something that they think is valuable. They love money and the earthly comforts that come with it. They jump to get the job with higher pay, better benefits, or greater prestige.

Yet all of this, as we know, will fade and wear out. And so, Jesus does not commend the sons of this world for *what* they love. He commends them for *how* zealously they love and the lengths they will go to attain it.

Mimic their zeal, but do not become a son of this world. Do not be drawn away by the love of money. The sons of this world are set for destruction, but at least they pursue it with vigor. They know what they want, and they go after it.

We, on the other hand, as Christians, desire the joy of eternal dwellings, but sometimes you would hardly know it. And so, we are accused of lacking zeal for the kingdom of God. For we have not pursued what we supposedly value with the same zeal that the sons of this world pursue what they value. We don't seek fellowship with the Father like the sons of this world seek the comfort that money provides. We don't put on purity with the enthusiasm that the sons of this world put on the latest fashions. We don't invest in the work of the Church, our very salvation, with the same zeal that the sons of this world invest in the markets.

Don't get sucked into pursuing the love of money and what it provides, but what money you do have, use for good works. Use money and possessions, but don't allow them to use and possess you. God in His grace and mercy gives you many things. You are stewards over what He gives into your hands. You control them. Don't let them control you. Use what you have been given to serve your neighbor, those who are part of your family, your community, and your church.

Get what you need to eat and drink, a home to shelter your family and clothes that you need. But don't squander. Don't waste your excess on things that don't serve you and your neighbor. Make friends with it instead. Give it to those in need. In so doing, you show mercy. And in showing mercy, you give a picture of God's mercy to you in Jesus Christ. You imitate the loving-kindness and mercy that God has given you to others. By faith, trusting in the promise that God will never leave you or forsake you and will provide everything that you need, you demonstrate what is of the highest value to you: the eternal dwellings of heaven. Thus, on the last day, Christ will receive you into them.

For Christ is the one son of light who is the most zealous, the most single-minded. He squanders the possessions of His Father with wanton abandon, not in wastefulness, but for your benefit. For these can't be wasted. They never run out. And so He lavishes the grace and mercy of God upon you without price, without charging you a cent, without keeping any books, without demanding any accounting of you. Christ takes all that belongs to the Father and gives it to you in abundance. And the treasures He gives never run out, never fade away, but are stored where moth and rust cannot destroy. They are eternal. They never end.

Rather than mimicking the zeal of the sons of this world, trust in Christ, and imitate His zeal and His works, for He gives out not only earthly treasures, but also heavenly ones.

Taken from <http://www.lcms.org/stewardship>



**Kansans
for Life**

KFL AUGUST ACTIVITIES

Pro-Life Scavenger Hunt! Sunday, August 10, 1:30-5p

Ages 13-25 Meet at the Memorial to the Unborn at Calvary Cemetery (610 S Vassar St)
This is a fun way to learn about pro-life, abortion and much more. Clues will lead all around Wichita. Gather a team made up of friends and family, preferably 3-5 youth in a group. There will be prizes for the winning teams!
RSVP with Kansans for Life 316-687-5433 or kfl@kfl.org

Pro-Life Mini-Golf Tournament! Sunday, August 10, 5-8p

All Star Sports West (8333 W 21st St N)
Play 18 holes of miniature golf and other activities! Pizza will be served.
Entry is your donation of any amount for Kansans for Life.
Call KFL at 687-5433 for more details or to RSVP.



"Filling the Gap Lunches for Kids"
...meeting a hunger need
Please help feed our children & youth...



HELP IS NEEDED

\$2.50 = 1meal \$25 = 10 meals
\$100 = 40 meals \$250 = 100 meals

This summer we plan to provide about 9,000 meals. **THANK YOU!**

Donations of funds: Please help hungry children now with donations designated for "Filling the Gap Lunches" to Partners for Wichita, 925 N. Waco, Wichita, KS 67203 or to Kansas Food, 1919 E. Douglas, Wichita, KS 67211.

Volunteer: Any week day or days from July 28th – August 8th (weekdays only) between 11:30 – 1:30. Sign up before July 21st to be scheduled at one of the 15 locations. To sign up call 316.263.1389 or email danielle@partnersforwichita.org.

Donations: We will be accepting donations of healthy snack items and fresh fruit to help supplement the meals for children.



GRACE ANNUAL CLOTHING DRIVE GIVEAWAY

Grace Lutheran Church is hosting their annual clothing drive this month, August 16, 9a-12p.

If you have items to donate for the giveaway, please drop them off by the church anytime between now and August 8th, Tuesday—Friday, 9a-5p (no donations accepted after this date).

Grace is also looking for volunteers to help sort the clothes, starting Tuesday, August 12th. You can also volunteer to help during the drive on August 16th.

For more information, contact the Grace office, 685-6781.



WICHITA CONVOY OF HOPE



Last year, Wichita Convoy of Hope served more than 6300 people in one day. With 1200 volunteers on site in addition to businesses and community service employees present, the day was a great success. Wichita area businesses, churches and community organizations partnered together to make this happen and are being invited to sponsor this city-wide Convoy of Hope outreach once again on August 2, 2014 in South Wichita. **This year anticipates to have an increased number of at least 8000 guests.**

This collaborative effort to provide thousands of struggling people in our community with groceries, health services, job fairs, family portraits, haircuts, prayer, and games and activities for children and youth, lunch and live entertainment. This is all free of charge to each guest. Through this collaborative effort we can do together what no one else could do alone.

Convoy of Hope is looking for volunteers to help and be a part of this united act of compassion. Volunteers are needed in the following areas: food service (food handlers card required), kids zone, parking/security, prayer tent, or other areas where needed. There are sign up sheets in the narthex for each designated area. For more information, contact Tim Lovell at (316)214-3384, firstagmulvane@prodigy.net or coh@blewichita.com.



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & DILLONS have teamed together to offer the NEIGHBORHOOD REWARD PROGRAM



Did you know that Trinity Lutheran Church has already received more than \$930 from Dillons just by using the Dillons Cards many of you load money onto to purchase food, gas and prescriptions? Amazing!

Well, here is yet another way you can use your Dillons Card to earn money for Trinity Lutheran Church...Dillon's offers a wide variety of gift cards available for purchase at their stores. The list below is what several of the Dillon's Superstores have in stock.

Just load your Dillons card with the amount that you need, use it to purchase the gift cards and the church will get back 5% of what you spend.

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| Aéropostale | Disney | Macy's | Shell |
| Amazon Kindle | DSW | Marriott | Southwest Airlines |
| Amazon.com | eBay | Marshalls | SpaFinder |
| AMC Theaters | Express | MasterCard | Sports Authority |
| American Eagle | Facebook | McDonald's | Starbucks |
| American Express | Fandango | Michaels | Subway |
| Ann Taylor | Finish Line | Mimi's Cafe | T.G.I. Friday's |
| Applebee's | Foot Locker | Mothers Work | T.J. Maxx |
| AT&T | Forever 21 | NET10 | Talbots |
| Babies"R"Us | GameStop | Nike | Target |
| Banana Republic | Gap | Nintendo | Texas Roadhouse |
| Barnes & Noble | Google Play | Nordstrom | The Children's Place |
| Bass Pro Shops | Graeter's Ice Cream | O'Charley's | The Home Depot |
| Bath & Body Works | Groupon | OfficeMax | Ticketmaster |
| Bebe | H & M | Old Chicago | Toys"R"Us |
| Bed Bath & Beyond | Hulu Plus | Old Navy | Tracfone |
| Best Buy | IHOP | Olive Garden | Verizon |
| Bonefish Grill | iTunes | Outback Steakhouse | Virgin Mobile |
| Boost Mobile | iwireless | P.F. Chang's | Visa |
| BP | JCPenney | Panera Bread® | |
| Buffalo Wild Wings | Jiffy Lube | Pei Wei Asian Diner | |
| Build-a-Bear | Jo-Ann Fabrics | Petco | |
| Burger King | KMART | PetSmart | |
| Cabela's | Kohl's | Pizza Hut | |
| Carrabba's Italian Grill | Lands' End | Pottery Barn | |
| Chili's Grill & Bar | Lane Bryant | Red Lobster | |
| claire's | Little Caesars | Red Robin | |
| Cold Stone Creamery | Logan's Roadhouse | Ruby Tuesday | |
| Cracker Barrel | Lone Star Steakhouse | Rue 21 | |
| Cricket | Lord & Taylor | Sears | |
| Darden Group | Lowe's | Sephora | |

Here's how it works:

- I want to purchase gift cards for a friend or family member. I would like a \$25 Cabela's card, \$25 Kohls card, \$25 Applebees card and a \$25 Old Navy card. I go to Dillons to purchase the gift cards and I just earned the church \$5!
- My dishwasher just broke and I have to purchase a new one. I purchase \$500 worth of Sears gift cards from Dillons and then go to Sears to buy my new dishwasher. The church just earned \$25!
- We are going on vacation this summer and we purchased \$600 worth of gift cards for Southwest Airlines and then used the gift cards to purchase our tickets. The church just earned \$30!
- What ways can you think of? Be creative and lets see how much more we can get for Trinity!