

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: *Standing in the Gates of the Lord*

I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'" ~ Psalm 122:1

Grace is blessed with a large Narthex where folks can gather and talk Royals baseball or the various ailments our children get at school. Trinity's - though marked by the beautiful stained glass of the Baptism of Christ - is quite a bit smaller, which sometimes limits our conversations. The separation between the Narthex and the Sanctuary in both congregations is marked by doors. Once that threshold is crossed, a different world is entered: in the Sanctuary we *stand in the gates of the Lord*.

But how is one to stand in these gates? What separates the Narthex from the Sanctuary? How are we to act inside; and what about outside? What is left at the doors, and what comes with us as we go into the house of the Lord?

Perhaps it's because of the larger Narthex, but at Grace there's quite a bit less small talk within the doors of the Sanctuary. At Trinity, for a time, we had signs at the door asking for reverent silence upon entering. Why?

Well, it's certainly not because we want to stifle joyous conversation, or the friendship of the saints who gather! There's nothing *stuffy* about it - it's just that the place inside the doors is different than outside. Not magically so, by the way, but different in what is given and received. The Sanctuary is only called the *sanctuary* - the holy place - because that is where Christ Jesus comes to us with His flesh and blood for the forgiveness of sin. Outside the doors He is certainly present - just as He is *omni-present*, that is, present everywhere as God. However, the presence of God can be located in a uniquely wonderful way within the gates of the Sanctuary. This presence is marked by an altar, and is held in a chalice. Here, God is uniquely present *for you*.

Because of this *for-you-presence* we recognize with thankfulness that this space is now different. It becomes the meeting place of heaven and earth. And with that, our demeanor changes. This place should be comfortable, but differently so than a coffee-shop, or your living room. It should be comfortable because here God is *for you*: to comfort your burdened conscience, to heal your fatal disease, to give you hope and a future and the certainty of what's to

come! But not comfortable in the way that you might kick your feet up and sip a soda. Our comfort in this place comes from faith - faith that confesses who God is *for me* here and now.

This place, though comfortable, is not common. It is not everywhere. It's not outside the Sanctuary doors. Outside the sanctuary doors is the common place: the place for ribbing each other in joy; for sports and politics; for twirling kids and sipping coffee. Outside the gates isn't bad - not by a long shot - but it's different than inside. And with that, so is our behavior, and our dress, our conversation, and our focus.

Within the gates of the Lord our minds are set at attention of the Lord and His work for us and for all. Sure, some of this attention is spent trying to help our kids sit (relatively!) still, and to fold their hands while praying, and not rip the hymnal out of their siblings' hands! Sometimes our attention gets called away by a dropped bulletin, or by a rabbit looking in the window at Grace. But, for the most part, our ears and eyes (sometimes even our noses!) are fixed on Christ and His Word, His promise, His love for us.

So that we can devote our hearts and minds to Christ and His salvific work for us, let us try to remove unnecessary distractions. Certainly, this doesn't mean to remove children from the gates of the Lord! They learn to focus their thoughts and minds on Christ by the discipline and example of their parents and the saints who sit with them. But it means we should limit our side conversations, quiet our voices, and keep our cell-phones silenced and safely stowed for after the service.

It also means that when we enter the gates of the Lord, we ought to allow for the faithful meditation of His Word, and the prayers of His saints. Especially at the beginning of the service, it would be wonderful for there to be an opportunity to turn our hearts and minds from the common things of this world - the cares and plans and activities - to our Lord. You might turn to the front of your hymnal for prayers, and read the Scriptures for the day. Sometimes this takes more than a minute or two.

Let us be respectful of one another, and together fix our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfector of our faith. And as we go, let the common joys be shared!

Yours in Christ, Pastor Boyle



From our Confessions

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

Part III, Article III.

Of the False Repentance of the Papists.

Continued from last month...

20] Here, too, there was no faith nor Christ, and the virtue of the absolution was not declared to him, but upon his enumeration of sins and his self-abasement depended his consolation. What torture, rascality, and idolatry such confession has produced is more than can be related.

21] As to satisfaction, this is by far the most involved [perplexing] part of all. For no man could know how much to render for a single sin, not to say how much for all. Here they have resorted to the device of imposing a small satisfaction, which could indeed be rendered, as five Paternosters, a day's fast, etc.; for the rest [that was lacking] of the [in their] repentance they were directed to purgatory.

22] Here, too, there was nothing but anguish and [extreme] misery. [For] some thought that they would never get out of purgatory, because, according to the old canons, seven years' repentance is required for a single mortal sin. 23] Nevertheless, confidence was placed upon our work of satisfaction, and if the satisfaction could have been perfect, confidence would have been placed in it entirely, and neither faith nor Christ would have been of use. But this confidence was impossible. For, although any one had done penance in that way for a hundred years, he would still not have known whether he had finished his penance. That meant forever to do penance and never to come to repentance.

24] Here now the Holy See at Rome, coming to the aid of the poor Church, invented indulgences, whereby it forgave and remitted [expiation or] satisfaction, first, for a single instance, for seven years, for a hundred years and distributed them among the cardinals and bishops, so that one could grant indulgence for a hundred years and another for a hundred days. But he reserved to himself alone the power to remit the entire satisfaction.

25] Now, since this began to yield money, and the traffic in bulls became profitable he devised the golden jubilee year [a truly gold-bearing year], and fixed it at Rome. He called this the remission of all punishment and guilt. Then the people came running, because every one would fain have been freed from this grievous, unbearable burden. This meant to find [dig up] and raise the treasures of the earth. Immediately the Pope pressed still further, and multiplied the golden years one upon another. But the more he devoured money, the wider grew his maw. Later, therefore, he issued them [those golden years of his] by his legates [everywhere] to the countries, until all churches and houses were full of the Golden Year. 26] At last he also made an inroad into purgatory among the dead, first, by founding masses and vigils, afterwards, by indulgences and the Golden Year, and finally souls became so cheap that he released one for a farthing.

27] But all this, too, was of no avail. For although the Pope taught men to depend upon, and trust in, these indulgences [for salvation], yet he rendered the [whole] matter again uncertain. For in his bulls he declares: Whoever would share in the indulgences or a Golden Year must be contrite, and have confessed, and pay money. Now, we have heard above that this contrition and confession are with them uncertain and hypocrisy. Likewise, also no one knew what soul was in purgatory, and if some were therein, no one knew which had properly repented and confessed. Thus he took the precious money [the Pope snatched up the holy pence], and comforted them meanwhile with [led them to confidence in] his power and indulgence, and [then again led them away from that and] directed them again to their uncertain work.

28] If, now [although], there were some who did not believe [acknowledge] themselves guilty of such actual sins in [committed by] thoughts, words, and works,—as I, and such as I, in monasteries and chapters [fraternities or colleges of priests], wished to be monks and priests, and by fasting, watching, praying, saying Mass, coarse garments, and hard beds, etc., fought against [strove to resist] evil thoughts, and in full earnest and with force wanted to be holy, and yet the hereditary, inborn evil sometimes did in sleep what it is wont to do (as also St. Augustine and Jerome among others confess),—still each one held the other in esteem, so that some, according to our teaching, were regarded as holy, without sin and full of good works, so much so that with this mind we would communicate and sell our good works to others, as being superfluous to us for heaven. This is indeed true, and seals, letters, and instances [that this happened] are at hand.

29] [When there were such, I say.] These did not need repentance. For of what would they repent, since they had not indulged wicked thoughts? What would they confess [concerning words not uttered], since they had avoided words? For what should they render satisfaction, since they were so guiltless of any deed that they could even sell their superfluous righteousness to other poor sinners? Such saints were also the Pharisees and scribes in the time of Christ.

To be continued next month...



EVENTS AT A GLANCE

November 1	~ Wichita Zone LWML Fall Workshop; 8:30a-2:30p, Trinity, Winfield
November 2	~ Fall Back - Change clocks back
November 4	~ Winkel ~ Lord's Diner 5:30pm
November 6	~ Hispanic Ministry and Outreach Meeting 5:30pm ~at Grace
November 6-7	~ Christian Youth Theater "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" (more info pg 14)
November 7	~ Family Game Night 6p (more info pg 15)
November 8	~ Marriage/Family Workshop Part 3; 9a-noon (more info pg 13)
November 10	~ Labor Finders
November 11	~ Church Council 7pm
November 13	~ Hall of Men 7:30pm (more info pg 13)
November 16	~ Semi-Annual Voters Meeting following 11a Divine Service
November 18	~ OMT 9a ~at Grace (more info pg 12) ~ Ladies Bunco 7:00pm (more info pg 13)
November 20	~ LWML Meeting 9:30am ~ Elders Meeting 7:00pm
November 22	~ Roger and Cyndy Clark 40th Anniversary Open House 2-5p
November 26	~ Thanksgiving Eve Service: Grace 11a, Trinity 7p

~MORE THIS MONTH~

Sundays (unless otherwise noted on calendar)

2014-2015 Youth Catechesis at Grace
More information on page 11.

Sundays

Adult Choir Practice 6:15pm at Grace

Wednesdays

Children's Choir Practice 6:30pm at Trinity

Thursdays (through Nov 20th)

Adult Catechesis Class 10am at Trinity

Fridays

Mom's Morning Out 9-11a
Private Absolution 3:30-4:30pm



~FURTHER OUT~

December 3, 10, 17, 2014

Wednesday Midweek Advent Services
Dinner 6p, Service 7p

December 24th, 2014

Christmas Eve Service 7:30p

December 25th, 2014

Joint-Parish Christmass Service
10a at Trinity

NOVEMBER 2014						
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LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE



The Lutheran World Relief pickup took place Oct. 7 at St. Andrews Lutheran Church. A semi truck was there to receive the donations from churches in southern Kansas and Oklahoma. Altogether over 16,000 pounds were loaded onto the truck. The items included soap, quilts/blankets, kits (including personal care, school, layettes & sewing). The following days there were pickups in Hays, Topeka and Salina. From Kansas the trucks will deliver the donations to a Lutheran World Relief warehouse in St. Paul, MN. From there they will be distributed around the world and in the United States wherever they are needed.

After organizing the LWR pickup for more than 25 years, Muriel and Ken Greene of Tescott, KS turned the job over to Karen and John Morrison, members of Risen Savior Lutheran Church in Wichita. They traveled to the four cities to supervise the loading. We thank God for the Morrison's willingness to serve in this capacity.

Ladies Guild (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) will meet Nov. 20 at 9:30 a.m. in the fellowship for Bible study, meeting, refreshments and fellowship. Irma Quade will have the Bible study and Lois Winter will serve refreshments. All ladies are welcome!



All women are invited to attend the Wichita Zone LWML Fall Workshop at Trinity, Winfield on Sat., Nov. 1 from 8:30-2:30.: Registration fee--\$8.00, includes lunch
 Bible study leader--Rev. Rick Hathaway, Trinity, Winfield
 Mission speaker--Ann Jedele, Trinity, Winfield
 In-gathering--Safe Homes, Inc., Winfield--Items needed: paper goods, cleaning supplies, laundry soap, trash bags, baby wash & shampoo, baby care products, diapers all sizes.
 Servant event--decorating lunch bags for the homeless.



November 30 is "5th Sunday for Mites". On that day you will have an opportunity to donate "mites" (money) to support Lutheran Women's Missionary League mission project grants, one of which is "Christian Educational Support for Children, India--\$85,000" When you make a donation in the large mite box in the narthex, you will receive a fun-size bag of "M&M's" to remind you of "Mites & Missions".



CHRISTIAN YOUTH THEATER

Enjoy the Arts? Do so while supporting a local non-profit program.

CYT is dedicated to developing character in children through training in the arts and by producing wholesome family entertainment, all of which reflect Judeo-Christian values.

Upcoming Shows:

East side at Isely Magnet School: 5256 N. Woodlawn Blvd, Bel Aire, Ks 67220

Winter show - February 5, 6, and 7; *HONK!*

Spring show - May 7, 8, and 9; *Annie Get Your Gun*

West side at Pathway Church: 2001N. Maize Rd. Wichita KS, 67212

You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown!

Fall Show - November 6 & 7

[Based on The Comic Strip "Peanuts" by Charles M. Schulz, Book, Music and Lyrics by Clark Gesner, Additional Dialogue by Michael Mayer, Additional Music and Lyrics by Andrew Lippa, Original Direction for this version of "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" by Michael Mayer, Originally Produced in New York by Arthur Whitelaw and Gene Persson]

Spring Show - May 14 & 15; Pioneer Drama's Robin Hood.

"Thank you so much for your patience and continued support as we watch God unfold His plans!"

"Developing Character...One stage at a time"

For more information, visit www.cytwichita.org



**As we celebrate Feast of All Saints
Behold a Host, Arrayed in White - 676**

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| <p>1 Behold a host, arrayed in white,
Like thousand snow-clad mountains bright!
With palms they stand;
Who is this band
Before the throne of light?
These are the saints of glorious fame,
Who from the great affliction came
And in the flood
Of Jesus' blood
Are cleansed from guilt and shame.
They now serve God both day and night;
They sing their songs in endless light.
Their anthems ring
As they all sing
With angels shining bright.</p> | <p>2 Despised and scorned, they so-journed here;
But now, how glorious they appear!
Those martyrs stand,
A priestly band,
God's throne forever near.
On earth they wept through bitter years;
Now God has wiped away their tears,
Transformed their strife
To heav'nly life,
And freed them from their fears.
They now enjoy the Sabbath rest,
The heav'nly banquet of the blest;
The Lamb, their Lord,
At festive board
Himself is host and guest.</p> | <p>3 O blessed saints in bright array
Now safely home in endless day,
Extol the Lord,
Who with His Word
Sustained you on the way.
The steep and narrow path you trod;
You toiled and sowed the Word abroad;
Rejoice and bring
Your fruits and sing
Before the throne of God.
The myriad angels raise their song;
O saints, sing with that happy throng!
Lift up one voice;
Let heav'n rejoice
In our Redeemer's song!</p> |
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This jubilant triumph-song of the saints of God was written by Hans A. Brorson in the later years of his life. It is No. 559 in Landstad's *Salmebog* and No 492 in *The Lutheran Hymnary*, 1913. The translation is a composite one, prepared for *The Lutheran Hymnary* by O.T. Sanden (Arnesson), O.H. Smeby, Carl Doving, and Mr. Kvamme.

The following tribute to this hymn by the hymnologist Soderberg is worthy of note:

Of the glory of the life to come the harp of Brorson has wonderful strains. This hymn about the Lord's elect in heaven radiates a snow-white splendor of the transfiguration...

What is it that touches us so wondrously in this and other swan-songs by Brorson? It is the folk-tune, the spirit of the language and the rhythm, of the imagery and thought, something incomparable and unexplainable, an element of power everlasting: That is, this plain, pious, emotional lyric passion which gives birth to sadness and longing, power and triumphant joy. Therefore so many of Brorson's swan-songs in particular have received their tunes - mellow and sonorous at the same time - from the inmost life of the common people living in the valleys and forests, along the hillsides and among the mountains, of Norway; and perhaps no more beautiful melody than that of "Den store, hvide flok" has welled forth from religious craving of the heart of the Norwegian people for an expression in song - spontaneously and sweetly, as a multitudinous reverberation, a hallelujah to the poet's inspired words in his beautiful anthem.

The tune "Great White Host" is a Norwegian folk-tune of the early seventeenth century, arranged by Edvard H. Grieg. It has helped to make this the most widely known Scandinavian hymn in English-speaking countries. The singing of this hymn by Christiansen's choir of St. Olaf's College has popularized it with the American public.

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I Trust When Dark My Road: A Lutheran View of Depression

Todd A. Peperkorn

(St. Louis: Lutheran World Relief and Human Care, 2009, 102 pages)

This little booklet has already served its purpose countless times over—it has literally saved lives. It gives voice to the voiceless and sympathy to the one who thinks he's all alone. It's a book about depression, but not abstractly—it's about one Pastor's battle with depression. Pastor Peperkorn, who lives to tell his struggle, reveals the inner depths and the bottomless pit of depression. Thank God for Pastor Peperkorn and the Lord's deliverance of him and others who suffer with him.

The book's Forward is by Synod President Matthew Harrison, in which he relates the battle of depression to earlier pastors in our Synod—notably the lament of the 2nd President, Friedrich Wyneken. Harrison reveals one of the major misconceptions about depression when he says: "Many go untreated, ashamed, and believing that a 'strong faith' would preclude such difficulties, and so the path to wellness is through a restoration of such faith. Not so" (p.2).

After the Forward is the Introduction by Dr. Beverly Yahnke, a licensed clinical psychologist, who serves as the executive director for Christian counseling for *Doxology* and as a department chair and professor at Concordia University Wisconsin (CUW). Yahnke laments: "*Sadly, clinical depression is often misunderstood as a character flaw, a deficit of will or an absence of sufficient faith.*

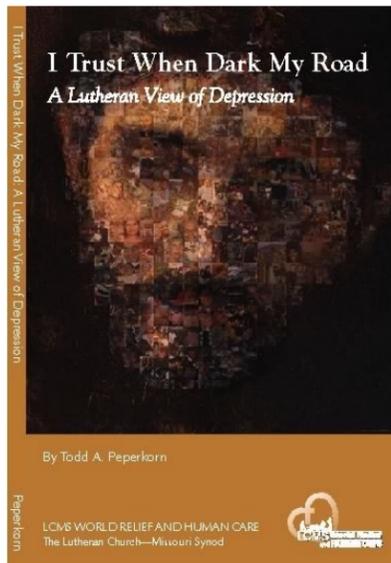
Some glance aside, wagging their heads sadly believing that depressed people simply don't choose to 'snap out of it' or that they just don't choose to 'suck it up' and get on with what it is they've been given to do" (p.5).

Depression is the plague that no one has felt free to speak of—most especially in the ministry—until fairly recently. Pastor Peperkorn's book is evidence of where we've come; and so is *Doxology* (The Lutheran Center for Spiritual Care and Counsel). Thank God the voices are speaking up and out about this debilitating disease. Thank God pastors are getting help and the support they need. I think Pastor Peperkorn puts it most pointedly when he says that "*depression must surely be a first cousin to hell on earth*" (6). This is what many Christians go through all too often, pastors included.

There are 10 chapters in the book, each between 5 and 15 pages. And through these pages Pastor Peperkorn tells his story. This isn't a clinical or theoretical discussion of depression. It's an account of how he planned to kill himself and how he was saved. He reflects on the pain of depression within the family, the Church, and what went on in his own mind. He honestly speaks of his anger and anxiety, how he would close himself off and not want to see anyone, even his own wife. He talks of the *disability* he suffered from this depression and how there was no hope for him—he thought. Chapter nine is the grim tale of *Thinking the Un-thinkable*: can a Christian commit suicide? Thank God Pastor Peperkorn was given the rest and hope he needed. Thank God there was a treatment: medical and spiritual. He was prescribed a heavy dosage of the Gospel along with the necessary pills to fix what wasn't a spiritual disease. In the epilogue he admits there is no end, or magic bullet to finish off the depression. It's a cross he and many others bear. And letting his reflection end on the cross is right where it needs to be.

Each chapter ends in prayer and questions to ponder. The goal of this book is to be self-reflective—to consider your story in light of his. In the end, there's a list of recommendations for what to do if a loved one suffers from depression: prayer, communication with them and their spouse, giving space, but not avoidance, and never to give up. Finally, there's a list of recommended reading that is surely helpful to all.

I highly recommend this book, even if you don't think depression is something that particularly plagues you. The book is free and can be downloaded as a PDF online. Pastor Peperkorn also keeps a blog on the topic of depression. You can visit: <http://www.darkmyroad.org/>. He also has on that site links to interviews he has done, most notably the one on suicide in the wake of Robin Williams a month or two ago.



ATTENTION LADIES!!!

Our next game night will be on Tuesday November 18th, 7:00pm
Audrey Rolf and Sharon Bacon will be hosting this month at Grace Lutheran.
All Ladies are welcome to join. Please RSVP!
For more information, call Trinity church office at 685-1571
Audrey at 617-1957 or Sharon at 609-9814.



LUTHERAN HOUR BROADCAST NOVEMBER 2014

November 2 "Blessed in Hard Times"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz
During hard times, God is still with you and at work for you. (Matthew 5:1-12)

November 9 "God is Not Against You"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz
Christ's work on the cross shows that God is really on our side and wants what is eternally best for us. (1Thessalonians 4:13-18)

November 16 "S.O.S... Call Upon Jesus"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz
God's SOS brings real lasting hope and rescue, an SOS that shows us our Savior. (1 Thessalonians 5:9-11)

November 23 "Clean - And Thankful"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz
Thanksgiving is not just a made-up holiday; it's an attitude that is the key to life. (Luke 17:11-19)

November 30 "Watching and Waiting"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus
Christians serve God and their neighbors as they watch and wait for Christ's return. (Mark 13:33)

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.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY WORKSHOP

Grace Lutheran Church will be offering a monthly 3-part class based on the book "Family Vocation: God's Calling Marriage, Parenting, and Childhood" written by Gene Edward Veith and Mary Moerbe. This class will meet from 9 - 12 noon on the second Saturday in the months of September, October, and November. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Boyle or the Grace office at 685-6781.

Rev. Matthew Harrison, President of the LCMS, has written in part that "*in the church today, there is no more significant issue than the family.*"

Remaining Workshop Date:
November 8th - 9a-12p/noon

There is no cost to attend the workshop. Books are available at Grace for \$15.





HOLY CROSS SINGLES

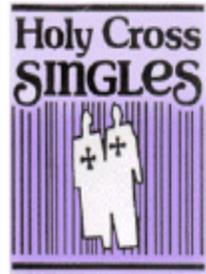
The ages and circumstances of those who have and continue to participate in Singles vary widely. Always single, divorced and widowed adults find fellowship in the group.

NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES

- Nov 2 Brunch at Jason's Deli 12:30pm 2000 N Rock Rd #108
- Nov 3 Bible Study at Mary Dohl's 7:30pm 345 N Yale Ave
- Nov 17 Bible Study at Ken Tingle's 7:30pm 2209 Spring Hill Dr
- Nov 22 Thanksgiving Dinner at Mary Dohl's 5:00pm 345 N Yale Ave

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

- Dec 1 Bible Study at John Evan's 7:30pm 1815 N Meridian Ave
- Dec 7 Brunch at Stroud's 12:30pm 2661 N Hillside
- Dec 15 Bible Study at Mary Dohl's 7:30pm 345 N Yale Ave



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Support Lutheran World Relief with a purchase from Equal Exchange.

Now, when you purchase Equal Exchange chocolate, 20¢ per pound will go to LWR's Small Farmer Fund, which supports small-scale farmers around the world. Try Equal Exchange's delicious chocolate products alongside the coffee, tea, cocoa, and other products you already know and love.

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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:

November 18 (Grace, Wichita)

Bennett, Robert H. *I Am Not Afraid: Demon Possession and Spiritual Warfare – True Accounts from the Lutheran Church of Madagascar*. St. Louis: CPH, 2013

December 16 (Trinity, Wichita)

Peters, Albrecht. *Commentary on Luther's Catechisms: Baptism and the Lord's Supper*. St. Louis: CPH, 2012.



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FINANCIAL REPORT
September 30, 2014

CASH & FUND BALANCES

CASH	FUND BALANCE
Bank of America	Budget Fund - Exhibit A
Checking	Council Fund - Exhibit B
Savings	Restricted Fund – Exhibit C
Certificates of Deposit	
LCEF- Certificate of Deposit	
\$ 10,331.71	\$ - 32,642.02
1,016.04	50,935.50
2,754.15	6,677.18
10,868.76	
\$ 24,970.66	\$ 24,970.66

EXHIBIT A – BUDGET FUND

BALANCE 1-1-14	RECEIPTS Jan-Sept	EXPENSES Jan-Sept	BALANCE 9-30-14
\$ - 22,826.44	\$ + 80,771.71	\$ - 90,587.29	\$ - 32,642.02

EXHIBIT B – COUNCIL FUND

BALANCE 1-1-14	RECEIPTS Jan-Sept	EXPENSES Jan-Sept	BALANCE 9-30-14
\$ 49,109.90	\$ + 3,825.60	\$ - 2,000.00	\$ 50,935.50

EXHIBIT C – RESTRICTED FUND

Restricted Funds:	Balance 1-1-14	Receipts Jan-Sept	Disbursements Jan-Sept	Balance 9-30-14
Sunday School Missions	- 0 -	784.25		784.25
Love Fund	1,116.79			1,116.79
Youth Fund	283.24	.48		283.72
Thirteenth Funds	1,365.00	638.00		2,003.00
Pastor's Discretionary Funds	41.76			41.76
Dillon's Dollars	1,201.97	869.89		2,071.86
TIM – Daniel Johnson	- 0 -	669.30		- 0 -
KS Dist LCEF Grant	103.80			103.80
Misc	- 0 -	2,041.50		1,769.50
Totals	\$ 4,112.56	\$ + 5,003.42	\$ - 2,438.80	\$ 6,677.18

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EXHIBIT D – EXPENSES FOR NINE MONTHS ENDED
September 30, 2014

AND EXPENSES COMPARED TO BUDGET

BUDGET ITEMS	Expenses For 9 Months	Budget For 9 Months	Under/-Over Budget for 9 Months	Budget For 12 Months
Pastor's Salary	34,614.90	34,614.90		46,153.00
Pastor's Health Insurance	16,398.00	16,398.00		21,864.00
Premium	900.00	900.00		1,200.00
Deductible	2,700.00	2,700.00		3,600.00
Conscience	8,220.60	8,220.60		10,961.00
Pastor's Pension, FICA, Accident Ins	2,250.00	2,250.00		3,000.00
Pastor's Home Equity Allowance	1,500.00	1,500.00		2,000.00
Pastor's Car Mileage	750.00	750.00		1,000.00
Pastor's Conf. & Cont Ed	67,333.50	67,333.50	- 0 -	89,778.00
Pastor's Financial Support	(33,666.75)	(33,666.75)	- 0 -	(44,889.00)
Grace fifty percent	33,666.75	33,666.75	- 0 -	44,889.00
Trinity reimbursement to Grace sub total				
Parsonage Utilities	3,078.10	2,250.00	- 828.10	3,000.00
Grace fifty percent	(1,125.00)	(1,125.00)	- 0 -	(1,500.00)
sub-total	1,953.10	1,125.00	- 828.10	1,500.00
Parsonage Repairs	882.88	3,054.00	2,171.12	4,072.00
Grace Reimbursement	(882.88)	(3,054.00)	(2,171.12)	(4,072.00)
sub-total	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Guest Pastors	1,568.00	- 0 -	- 1,568.00	- 0 -
Secretary	7,192.62	7,192.62	- 0 -	9,590.00
Bookkeeper	2,700.00	2,700.00	- 0 -	3,600.00
Organist	4,068.84	3,768.84	- 300.00	5,025.00
Sec/Bookkeeper/Organist/Custodian/FICA	1,274.04	1,275.00	.96	1,700.00
Office Supplies & Copy Work	2,762.45	2,625.00	- 137.45	3,500.00
Worship Supplies	1,270.47	1,500.00	229.53	2,000.00
Synod & District	750.00	750.00	- 0 -	1,000.00
Lutheran Student Center	750.00	750.00	- 0 -	1,000.00
Missions	750.00	1,500.00	750.00	2,000.00
Issues, Etc.	500.00	375.00	- 125.00	500.00
Synod/District Assessment	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Parish Education Supplies/Equip	337.89	600.00	262.11	800.00
Evangelism	72.50	375.00	302.50	500.00
Stewardship Supplies	178.53	150.00	- 28.53	200.00
Junior Service	3,000.06	3,000.06	0	4,000.00
Maintenance & Repair	8,526.43	4,500.00	- 4,026.43	6,000.00
Insurance	6,338.58	11,062.50	4,723.92	14,750.00
Utilities - Church	8,932.05	9,000.00	67.95	12,000.00
Telephone & Internet	700.87	1,462.50	761.63	1,950.00
Organ & Piano Maintenance	582.00	600.00	18.00	800.00
Chapel	2,712.11	- 0 -	- 2,712.11	- 0 -
Totals	\$ 90,587.29	\$ 87,978.27	\$ - 2,609.02	\$ 117,304.00

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



News from the Conrad Family serving the Lord in Mexico

Our website: www.lcms.org/conrad

Mission News from September



We are now living in Sterling Heights, Michigan. Ana is at her new high school and is part of the cheerleading team. Dan is in the process of establishing contacts with new people and congregations throughout the country. We give thanks to God for all of the people who are partnering with us in our mission.

After nine years living in California we have to get used to the cold Michigan weather and rain once again! Freshly pressed apple cider is part of the fall routine in the Midwest. Accordingly, this last weekend we took a trip to the local cider mill. The freshly pressed cider and doughnuts were delicious! They combined to make the cool weather almost bearable!

Some interesting facts about Mexico City:

- +More than 20 million people live in Mexico City.
- +Mexico City's Metro is the largest in Latin America and the cheapest in the world at only 3 pesos per journey (\$0.23 USD)
- +When there is heavy traffic in Mexico City it can take 3 hours to drive what normally would take 15-30 minutes.
- + Avenida Insurgentes is one of the longest avenues in the world.
- + Mexico City has the most museums in the world, with more than 160. Almost all of which are free on Sundays!

Dan doing a mission presentation at Holy Cross in Warren, Michigan. Holy Cross's Pastor Rev. Alan Eisenger, and Dan were classmates in seminary.



The three of us along with Pastor Dewitt and some of the members of Immanuel, Hamler, Ohio. Dan and Pastor Dewitt are high school classmates. It is a small world!



MOM'S MORNING OUT

Need to get away for a few hours? Looking for a play date? Want some time to meet other parents? Trinity and Grace Lutheran Churches invite you and your kids to play, learn, and spend a bit of time together.

Join us Fridays from 9-11am
At Trinity Lutheran Church Chapel
603 S Erie St

For more information, contact Nikki at 316-650-1402



We are also looking for volunteers to help with the kids, bring snacks, activities, etc.

TRINITY AND GRACE FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Trinity and Grace are starting a family game night for people to hang out and have fun.

Please join us on Friday, November 7th
At 6pm for pizza, 7pm for games
To be held at Trinity Chapel
(603 S Erie)



Feel free to bring board games, snacks, and drinks.
All ages are welcome!

For more information, contact Pastor Boyle or Trinity church office at 685-1571.

GRACE FOOD PANTRY

Grace Food Pantry makes Christmas baskets to give away during the holiday season.



They are specifically looking for the following items to be donated:

- Whole Turkeys
- Stuffing Mixes
- Canned Vegetables
- Jelly or Cranberry Sauce
- Cereal
- Bagged Candy for stockings



Please have items donated by December 7th to either the basket in Trinity narthex or to the Grace Food Pantry. For more information, contact Grace office at 685-6781.



Oratio, Meditatio, Tentatio

(Theological Reading Group)

Typical 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:

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

2015 Reading Schedule:

January 20 (Grace, Wichita)

Girgis, Sherif. What Is Marriage? Man and Woman: A Defense. Encounter Books, 2012.

February 17 (Trinity, Wichita)

Sasse, Hermann, Translated by Erickson, Bror. Witness: Erlangen sermons and Essays for the Church 1933-1944. Saginaw: Magdeburg Press, 2013.

- 1) The Congregation of the Redeemed (1 Peter 1:13-21) pgs. 86-101
- 2) The Question before the Church (Acts 2:42-47) pgs. 150-166
- 3) Church's Day of Repentance (Hebrews 13:7-9) pgs. 231-249
- 4) The Mystery of the Last Things (Matthew 25:1-13) pgs. 250-260
- 5) The Message of the Reformation in These Changing Times pgs. 279-305

March 17 (Grace, Wichita)

Carson, D.A. Exegetical Fallacies. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1996.

April 21 (Trinity, Wichita)

Hovey, Craig. To Share in the Body: A Theology of Martyrdom for Today's Church. Brazos Press, 2008.

May 19 (Grace, Wichita)

St. Basil the Great. On the Holy Spirit. Crestwood: St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, (Translation) 1980.

June 16 (Trinity, Wichita)

Geiger, Erika, Translated by Knappe, Wolf. The Life, Work, and Influence of Wilhelm Loehe 1808-1872. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2010.

July 21 (Grace, Wichita)

Baker, Robert C. (General Editor). Natural Law: A Lutheran Reappraisal. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2011.

- 1) "What Is the Natural Law? Medieval Foundations and Luther's Appropriation" by Gifford A. Grobrien (pgs. 17 -38)
- 2) "Natural Law and the Orders of Creation" by Armin Wenz (pgs. 79-98)
- 3) "Natural Law, Human Sexuality, and Forde's "Acid Test"" by Robert C. Baker (pgs. 135-156)
- 4) "The Natural Law of the Family" by Ryan C. MacPherson (pgs. 201-220)

August 18 (Trinity, Wichita)

Kilcrease, Jack. The Self-Donation of God. Eugene: Wipf & Stock, 2013.

September 15 (Grace, Wichita)

Davis, Leo Donald. The First Seven Ecumenical Councils (325-787): Their History and Theology. Collegeville: The Liturgical Press, 1990.

October 20 (Trinity, Wichita)

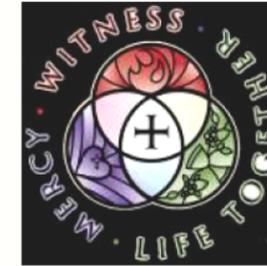
Luther, Martin. Luther's Works: Lectures on Genesis Chapters 1-5 Volume 1. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1958.

November 17 (Grace, Wichita)

Kreeft, Peter. Three Philosophies of Life. San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 1989.

December 15 (Trinity, Wichita)

O'Callaghan, Paul D. The Feast of Friendship. Eighth Day Press, 2007.



We give thanks for:

- + To Immanuel of Hamler, Ohio and Holy Cross of Warren, Michigan who are partnering with us in our mission.
- + Our transition to our new ministry.
- + All of our LCMS missionaries throughout the world.

We pray for:

- + The upcoming CNH pastors' conference that will take place from the 7th to the 8th of October.
- + Dan's mother who has been diagnosed with lung cancer.
- + The people of the San Joaquin Valley in California who are experiencing a severe drought.
- + Ana, who will celebrate her seventeenth birthday on October 10th.

There are many opportunities to serve as short-term or GEO missionaries. Check out the current list and download an application at www.lcms.org/service. Click on "Service Opportunities."

The work of the Lord continues on throughout the world as we preach the Gospel to every living creature. At times the situation seems overwhelming but St. Paul tells us, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Thus, the apostle trusted in the Lord alone for his strength. He went through many tribulations while he served the Lord during his time here on earth. God never promises that all will be easy but he does promise that he will strengthen us for the mission that he sets before us. Through the Word and the Sacrament the Lord continually assures of his presence and strengthens us for the many challenges that we all face in our daily lives.

The Detroit area has the largest population of Chaldeans in the United States. This particular ethnic group comprises the largest Christian minority that inhabits Iraq. The area that we live in is heavily populated by the Chaldean community. A few weeks ago the Chaldean population held a peaceful outdoor demonstration where they openly protested the senseless killing of Christians in Iraq.

Let us remember the Christians of Iraq and of all parts of the world that are undergoing persecution for their faith. Let us also pray for the missionaries that take the Gospel to these dangerous areas. May the power of the Gospel move the hearts of the persecutors to repentance and faith.



Final Thoughts

We thank you again for your prayers and support. We have many challenges before us but the Lord is good and his mercy endures forever. May the Lord bless all of you abundantly!

To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen. (Jude 24, 25)

Daniel, Kathy, and Ana Conrad

To support our work financially, you may send a tax-deductible gift to:

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
P.O. Box 790089
St. Louis, MO 63179-0089.

Make checks payable to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Mark checks "Support of Daniel Conrad." Gifts can also be given securely online through the LCMS website, on our online giving page at www.lcms.org/conrad



Stewardship Newsletter Article - November 2014

Have you ever noticed how children emulate their parents? Children watch their parents and they do what they see them doing. This is how they learn to speak. They watch the shape and form of their parents' mouths and they try to make the same shape so that they can make the same sounds.

But children copy their parents even on a more mundane level. They watch how their parents cross their legs, how they fold their hands, how they stand and sit and walk, how they do and say most everything; and children try to copy it. This can be quite humorous when caught in the act. They do this even when parents don't want them to. Everyone has been in the uncomfortable, and sometimes rather embarrassing, situation where a child does or says what one of their parent's have done or said...something that is not too flattering! Sitcoms thrive on this sort of thing. And it only works because of the truth that children emulate their parents. And they do it because they want to be like them.

We are the children of God by grace, through faith. In Holy Baptism, God the Father declares of us what He declared of Jesus at His Baptism in the Jordan, "You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." God the Father claims us as His own. He takes away all our sins, and in exchange He gives us His righteousness, His purity, His holiness, and His Spirit, by which we cry out, "Abba, Father." We are born again, born from above, born of water and the Spirit, to a new life in Christ as His children. We are sons of God in Christ, through Baptism. And since we are sons, we are heirs; heirs who share in the glory of the Son of God. The inheritance is ours because of the Father's grace and mercy, because of His generosity in sending His Son in time to save us for all eternity.

And this is why we give generously of our income to the work of the church. Through the working of the Holy Spirit, we are enabled to lead holy lives. We are strengthened to emulate the generosity of our heavenly Father by being generous ourselves. We give to the work of the church because we have witnessed the generous giving of our Father in heaven. More than that, we are recipients of it. It is because we have received God our Father's gifts that we desire to give ourselves. And His gifts are not just spiritual. They are temporal and earthly as well. As the Small Catechism teaches in the Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer:

"Give us this day our daily bread. *What does this mean?* God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving. *What is meant by daily bread?* Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like."

In other words, he gives us everything that we need for the care of both body and soul. His generosity knows no bounds.

Therefore we sit down at the beginning of the year, the beginning of the month, or the beginning of the week, and set aside a generous portion of God's daily bread for His work in the church. Not because He has commanded us so to do. But rather because we, as His children by grace, want to emulate His generosity in our own lives. He is our Father; we are His children. And children want to be like their parents.



GIVE A MEAL

Bank of America "Give a Meal" Campaign runs now until December 31, 2014. For every dollar donated, Bank of America will match 2:1. Be sure and select Kansas Food Bank to receive your donation and the match. There is a \$1,000 donation cap per donor, and donations can only be from individuals, not companies or foundations and must be done online at one of the following links:

www.feedingamerica.org/bankofamerica or www.bankofamerica.com/give



Trinity Lutheran Church Wichita, Kansas

In thanksgiving to God and in the sure confidence that he will care for all my needs I currently give \$_____ per week to the work of my congregation in service to my Lord.

Recognizing the great needs of the church and in thanksgiving to God I will give the following in 2015 for the ministry of

Trinity Lutheran: \$_____ per week.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

(Please fold and place this form in the offering plate or mail to
Trinity, 611 S. Erie, Wichita, KS 67211)

Cut here and save this bottom portion as a reminder of your promise.

On (date) _____ I made a prayerful promise to give \$_____ per week for the work of Trinity Lutheran Church in 2015.

PLEDGE CARD



**TRINITY
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**
611 S. Erie • Wichita, KS 67211

Every Sunday Morning

Divine Service at 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School during November, at 9:30 a.m.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 26th at 7:00 p.m.

Evening Services During Advent

Wednesdays in December: The 3rd, 10th and 17th
Evening meals served at 6:00 p.m.,
Wednesday Services at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve: December 24th, at 7:30 p.m.
Christmas Day: December 25th, at 10:00 a.m.



Upcoming Events

Advent Dinners

If you would like to help provide food for the Advent dinners, please contact
Angie Patterson:
(316) 833-1509





OUR STEWARDSHIP OF LIFE AND OUR SUPPORT OF TRINITY IN 2015

We certainly have been entrusted with a lot...a lot of things, a lot of beautiful weather, a lot of food and drink, relative stability in society, a lot of lower gas prices, ...just a lot of blessings to “support this body and life.”

“My life is great, “ you hear someone say. “There are some struggles, but generally my days go smoothly, thank God.”

When you get to the bottom of it, our greatest blessings are those faith-producing and faith-strengthening gifts from God to us: Baptism which seals us into the church, the Gospel news heard in sermons and liturgy and devotional readings, Christ's Body and Blood at the altar or in your home, and the Holy Spirit who “enlightens you with his gifts, sanctifies you and keeps you in the true faith.”

Jesus words recorded in John 10:10 are most certainly true: “I have come that they may have life and that they may have it to the full.” Any one of us can say, “My life is truly 'life to the full.'”

What do you do with all this “full life” from God? We all do pretty much the same. We use and take care of the things (the car, the house, the health, the money). We receive and give thanks for the forgiveness from the Sacraments. We enjoy the life together with God's people, whether in the congregation or among family and friends. And even when illness or setbacks hinder us, we know the

holy gifts from God are never weakened or removed. Forgiveness, life and salvation are ours.

We're actually the grateful receivers and managers of all that God has given. We're stewards. It means the owner and giver of all, namely God, entrusts his all for us to use, care for, share, and protect.

You who read this are members of Trinity Lutheran Church. You use, care for, share, and protect this congregation. God's gifts through Trinity sustain you. God's gifts through you sustain Trinity.

Our money is a gift from God. What we give in contributions sustains Trinity by supporting Pastor Boyle and his family, by buying the materials used for education and outreach, by helping the needy, by paying the utility, repair, and maintenance bills, and by compensating a secretary, custodian, and book-keeper.

Under God's blessing, our combined offerings keep Trinity Lutheran Church operational..

You can plan to support Trinity financially in 2015 by filling out a orange pledge form and placing it in the offering plate Nov. 2 or 9. The form is in this newsletter, in the Sunday bulletins, and one will be sent to you.

Scripture tells us that our money offerings should be given **willingly**, be our **first priority**, be **regular**, be **proportionate** to our means, and be **generous**. You may already be giving a **tenth** of what you have or receive. If not, you can either move toward giving a tenth or give more than a tenth.

God bless your prayerful decision to support Trinity financially in 2015 by giving a pledge on Nov. 2 or Nov. 9.

(Rev.) Clifford Winter



THANK YOU!

I wanted to say thank you to Pastor Boyle and the congregation of Trinity for letting me serve them over the past 16 months as Church Secretary! It has been my pleasure to help all of you in various ways. I will definitely miss the contact it allowed me to have with the people here. I'm glad I will be able to see you around on Sundays and for other church functions and activities!

Sincerely, Patricia and Kane VanSant
Outgoing Church Secretary and Office Manager



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

Samaritans Purse is asking for help for Operation Christmas Child. There are many ways to help:

- 1) Pray for boys and girls who receive the gifts, their families, and local churches and other Christian groups who distribute the gift boxes in each country.
- 2) Help serve as a year round volunteer through your community or volunteer short-term at a local drop-off site or one of the Processing Centers around the country.
- 3) Consider donating. Pack a shoebox or designate a cash donation for Operation Christmas Child to cover shipping and other project costs to help reach as many children as possible.



For more information, please visit samaritanspurse.org/occ
There will also be brochures in the narthex on how to pack a shoebox.

11 DAYS GREECE & THE GREEK ISLES - IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL OCTOBER 20 – 30, 2015 HOSTED BY REV. CLIFFORD & LOIS WINTER

Travel in the footsteps of St. Paul...See the Acropolis in Athens...Visit Corinth where Paul worked with Aquila and Priscilla...Take a Greek Isles cruise to Ephesus, see Patmos...Visit Thessaloniki and Philippi
Tour Includes: Roundtrip air from Chicago, \$652 govt. taxes/airline fuel surcharges, \$98 port charges, first class hotels, 3-day Greek Isles cruise, most meals, comprehensive sightseeing & much more!

FOR ONLY \$3449 PER PERSON FROM CHICAGO
(Air/land tour price is \$2699 plus \$652 govt. taxes/airline fuel surcharges and \$98 port charges)

For a full color brochure, call Rev. Winter at: (316) 942-5811 Or Email: loiswinter@yahoo.com

JOIN US FOR THIS TRIP OF A LIFETIME! SPACE IS LIMITED AT THIS SPECIAL PRICE!



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*



November 2 – All Saints Day (observed)

God declares us all to be saints through the cleansing blood of Jesus. Thus, no matter what difficulty, pain, or suffering brings tears to our eyes, we turn not to the sinful solutions offered by the world, but to the promises of God who “will wipe away every tear from their eyes” (Revelation 7:17b).

Prayer: Jesus, help us focus, not so much upon what is happening to us as Your saints but upon what You have in store for Your saints. Amen.

November 9 – Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

For many the “day of the Lord,” the day the Lord returns, will be “darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it” (Amos 5:20). But for those who have been called out of the darkness of sin and death through Jesus Christ, it will be eternal light and “we will always be with the Lord” (1 Thessalonians 4:17b). When times are difficult and trying for our fellow Christian, we follow Paul’s advice, “Therefore encourage one another with these words” (4:18).

Prayer: Lord, help us encourage one another. Amen.

November 16 – Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

“Faithful” is the key word in Matthew 25:14-30. “Faithful” is the key word as we live trusting in God who united us with Christ’s death and resurrection in our baptism. He calls us to remain faithful to His truth, and we dare not “bury” any of it—such as truths about life and

marriage—simply because they are controversial. While avoiding such issues may bring praises from people, we desire to hear our God say, “Well done good and faithful servant” (Matthew 25:21a).

Prayer: Father, give us courage to be faithful to all aspects of Your truth. Amen.

November 23 – Last Sunday of the Church Year

How blessed we are to have a picture of the last day before that day comes! (Matthew 25:31-46) It reminds us sheep of our daily task—to serve Jesus by serving the vulnerable. It reminds the vulnerable of their grand purpose, they are Jesus to those who serve them.

Prayer: Jesus, help us be Your compassionate hands as we serve others in need. Help us be You as others serve us in our need. Amen.

November 30 – First Sunday in Advent

Two weeks ago Jesus reminded us of the importance of faithfulness. Today we hear of something even more important—“God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord” (1 Corinthians 1:9). Thus He promises He “will sustain you to the end” (1:8a). Why is God so faithful to sinners? One huge reason: the value He gives to human life—“you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand” (Isaiah 64:8b).

Prayer: Father Potter, thank You for Your faithfulness and sustaining us to the end. Amen.

15TH ANNUAL GOOD SHEPHERD INSTITUTE CONFERENCE

Teach Us to Number Our Days—Living the Church Year

November 2-4, 2014, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN

The goal for the 15th Annual Conference will be to take a fresh look at the Church Year. Our discussions will cover everything from the philosophical and theological implications of time to the practical considerations of how to bring it all together on a typical Sunday morning in the typical congregation. We will also consider how the Church Year impacts our lives during the time between Sundays. There will be something for everyone—pastors, musicians and even those curious and attentive lay men and women—as together we explore the riches of the Church Year.

For questions, call (260) 452-2224 or email GSI@ctsfw.edu
For more information or to register online, visit www.ctsfw.edu/GSI



UPCOMING FOOD HANDLER CLASSES

For those who need a Food Handlers Card to help with the Lord’s Diner or other food serving opportunities, here are dates for upcoming classes. All are welcome. Please arrive a bit early to complete volunteer paperwork. Please call Sheryl at 266-4966 if you have any questions.

~Chapel Hill UMC (in the sanctuary) 1550 N. Chapel Hill, north of the Warren Theatre East
Sunday, November 2nd, 1:30 to 4:30 pm

~Riverwalk Church of Christ (in sanctuary) 225 N. Waco
Saturday, November 8th, 9:30 to 11:30 am

2015 Food Handler classes
~St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton (in Mother Seaton Hall)
Saturday, January 31st, 9:30 am

~St. Peter, Schulte
Saturday, April 11th, 9:30 am

2014-2015 GRACE AND TRINITY YOUTH CATECHESIS

Classes are Sunday nights from Sept 7th to March 29th at Grace Lutheran Church.

Confirmation is the rite that celebrates our congregation’s regular instruction (*catechesis*) for youth. Catechesis is a life-long task. We begin in the womb, hearing our Lord’s Word with ears that are just developing. As we grow we learn to say back to Him what He has first said to us. He never stops speaking through His Word, and we never stop hearing, learning, and speaking back to Him. Our custom at Grace and Trinity is to set Sunday evenings aside as a time for the whole family to gather around our Lord’s Word and catechesis.

God willing we’ll offer the following classes:

Nursery Catechesis: children 0-3 years of age, Primary Catechesis: ages 3-9, Junior Confirmation: 5th-6th grade, Confirmation: 7th -8th grade, High School Catechesis: 9th-12th grade

Sunday Evening Confirmation Schedule

4:30-5:30pm – Divine Service at Grace

5:30-6:15 – Diner

6:15-6:35 – Announcements and Learn-by-Heart Work

6:35-7:15 – Scripture Instruction

7:15-8:00 – Catechism Instruction

We will not have classes the following dates:

12/28 (Christmas/New Year’s), or 2/1/2015 (Retreat)

Class retreats:*

Winter Lock-in: **January 30-31** (Fri-Sat) at Grace Lutheran Church

*Retreats are for Junior Confirmation and Confirmation students only. Parents, if you’d like to volunteer to help, please contact Pastor Boyle.

Examination of the Confirmands:

Tuesday, March 31st, 7pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, after the Holy Tuesday Service.

Confirmation Sunday: Easter Vigil, April 4th, 2015!!

This year, students will memorize the Baptismal hymn, “God’s Own Child I Gladly Say It” (LSB 594)

For more information, feel free to contact Pastor Boyle, Trinity office (316)685-1571 or Grace office (316)685-6781.