

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Boyle's Scheduled Hours: Off on Mondays

At Grace—Tues & Wed.

At Trinity—Thurs & Fri

*He can best be reached: (316) 650-1583

Church Office Hours:

Tuesday – Thursday 10am-3pm

(Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month 11:30-4pm)



We're on the Web
www.tlcwichita.org

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30AM Sunday School and Bible Class

*At Trinity this month

11:00AM Divine Service

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THE TORCH - JULY 2015

Sharing Christ's Salvation Story So That Every Soul Is Saved!

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Doxology

"The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith." ~ 1 Tim 1:5
"Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which He obtained with His own blood." ~ Acts 20:28

Last month Pastor Brockman and I spent four days at the Spiritual Life Center here in Wichita as part of a program called *Doxology*. There were nine pastors enrolled: five from Kansas, two from South Dakota, and one each from Oklahoma and Texas – all of whom I'd now consider close colleagues and friends in the ministry.

Unlike most retreats and conferences, not a minute was wasted! Dr. Beverly Yahnke and Rev. Harold Senkbeil (executive directors) led us through 11 sessions, each an hour and a half. In addition we spent time discussing case studies as well as tying up any loose ends.

We were blessed to gather in worship three times a day – evening, morning, and noon, as the Psalm says (Ps 55:17) – led by our chaplain Rev. David Fleming (Pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids, MI). Cantor Phillip Magness (Immanuel Lutheran Church, Broken Arrow, OK) gave joy and vibrancy to our singing – a true gift to the church, indeed!

The goal of *Doxology* is to form a healthier Church, focusing on helping us pastors live according to the charge given us by God. As St. Paul said to Timothy, *"The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith"* (1 Tim 1:5). But how can love issue forth if the heart isn't pure, the conscience is troubled, and the faith isn't sincere? *Doxology* centers on these three pillars of heart, conscience, and faith.

Surprisingly, perhaps, such an emphasis employs not only theology, but also a great deal of psychology – for the pastoral office isn't just of the head, but of the whole person. As an example, the first session was called: *"Word, Sacrament, and Psychotherapy."* We also examined our EQ (Emotional Intelligence), Compassion Fatigue, and *The Clinical Realities of Depression, Dysfunction, and Despair.*

Especially with regard to depression, the Church has learned much in recent years. Not only is this an epidemic among our members, but also our clergy suffer from it as well. And the response to such depression isn't *"just believe more firmly,"* or *"just pray more."* For some it might require medicine, and this isn't a bad thing.

What I found most beneficial was the necessity of self-reflection. Rarely are we afforded such opportunities; yet how meet and right they are! *How do our members view us? Are we too busy? How are we spending our time? Do we allow ourselves friendships in the congregation? Who do we talk to when things are hard? Are we being fed? To whom do we confess? Do we have proper ethical boundaries in place? Do I know when I'm in over my head? When do I refer someone elsewhere? Am I properly guarded for spiritual warfare?*

It became abundantly clear that pastors are pulled in many directions, and we're not always equipped to do so. We're put into situations that demand great emotional and spiritual stability. For many circumstances, we're not given to speak of it to others. The need for brother pastors was evident. But it was also clear that congregations need to know what it means to have a pastor and what we've been called to do. Thankfully, I'm rarely accused of only working one day a week – and that as a joke! But some really aren't aware of when to call the pastor. One of the guys put a list together that I thought was quite good – that'll come a bit later in this newsletter.

I knew *Doxology* would be good; but it was better than I expected. I look forward to the next two sessions: with wives (7/31-8/2) and with lay representatives (11/20-22). For this last one, anyone interested really ought to attend. There will be a *"commuter rate"* option, and we've already paid for one lay member from each church. I'd challenge both Grace and Trinity to put forward at least 10 members from each. The benefit is immense – not only individually, but for the congregations and Church as a whole. Stay tuned for more info to come!

I'll close with the hymn that inspired the program:

*"O Spirit, who didst once restore
Thy Church that it might be again
The bringer of good news to men,
Breathe on Thy cloven Church once more,
That in these gray and latter days
There may be those whose life is praise,
Each life a high doxology
To Father, Son, and unto Thee." (LSB 834:4)*

Yours in Christ, our life! Pastor Boyle



A Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope

Treatise Compiled by the Theologians Assembled at Smalcald - 1537

23] In all these passages Peter is the representative of the entire assembly of apostles [and does not speak for himself alone, but for all the apostles], as appears from the text itself. For Christ asks not Peter alone, but says: *Whom do ye say that I am?* And what is here said [to Peter alone] in the singular number: *I will give unto thee the keys; and whatsoever thou shalt bind*, etc., is elsewhere expressed [to their entire number], in the plural **Matt. 18:18:** *Whatsoever ye shall bind*, etc. And in **John 20:23:** *Whosoever sins ye remit*, etc. These words testify that the keys are given alike to all the apostles and that all the apostles are alike sent forth [to preach].

24] In addition to this, it is necessary to acknowledge that the keys belong not to the person of one particular man, but to the Church, as many most clear and firm arguments testify. For Christ, speaking concerning the keys adds, **Matt. 18:19:** *If two or three of you shall agree on earth*, etc. Therefore he grants the keys principally and immediately to the Church, just as also for this reason the Church has principally the right of calling. [For just as the promise of the Gospel belongs certainly and immediately to the entire Church, so the keys belong immediately to the entire Church, because the keys are nothing else than the office whereby this promise is communicated to every one who desires it, just as it is actually manifest that the Church has the power to ordain ministers of the Church. And Christ speaks in these words: *Whatsoever ye shall bind*, etc., and indicates to whom He has given the keys, namely, to the Church: *Where two or three are gathered together in My name*. Likewise Christ gives supreme and final jurisdiction to the Church, when He says: *Tell it unto the Church.*]

Therefore it is necessary that in these passages Peter is the representative of the entire assembly of the apostles, and for this reason they do not accord to Peter any prerogative or superiority, or lordship [which he had, or was to have had, in preference to the other apostles].

25] However, as to the declaration: *Upon this rock I will build My Church*, certainly the Church has not been built upon the authority of man, but upon the ministry of the confession which Peter made, in which he proclaims that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. He accordingly addresses him as a minister: *Upon this rock*, i.e., upon this ministry. [Therefore he addresses him as a minister of this office in which this confession and doctrine is to be in operation and says: *Upon this rock*, i.e., this preaching and ministry.]

26] Furthermore, the ministry of the New Testament is not bound to places and persons as the Levitical ministry, but it is dispersed throughout the whole world, and is there where God gives His gifts, apostles, prophets, pastors, teachers; neither does this ministry avail on account of the authority of any person, but on account of the Word given by Christ. **27]** [Nor does the person of a teacher add anything to this word and office; it matters not who is preaching and teaching it; if there are hearts who receive and cling to it, to them it is done as they hear and believe.] And in this way, not as referring to the person of Peter, most of the holy Fathers, as Origen, Cyprian, Augustine, **28]** Hilary, and Bede, interpret this passage: *Upon this rock*. Chrysostom says thus: "*Upon this rock*," not upon Peter. For He built His Church not upon man, but upon the faith of Peter. But what was his faith? "*Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.*" And Hilary says: To Peter the Father revealed that he should say, "*Thou art the Son of the living God.*"

29] Therefore the building of the Church is upon this rock of confession; this faith is the foundation of the Church.

30] And as to that which is said **John 21:15ff** : *Feed My sheep*, and, *Lovest thou Me more than these?* it does not as yet follow hence that a peculiar superiority was given Peter. He bids him "feed," i.e., teach the Word [the Gospel], or rule the Church with the Word [the Gospel], which Peter has in common with the other apostles.

31] The second article is still clearer, that Christ gave to the apostles only spiritual power, i.e., the command to teach the Gospel, to announce the forgiveness of sins, to administer the Sacraments, to excommunicate the godless without bodily force [by the Word], and that He did not give the power of the sword, or the right to establish, occupy or confer kingdoms of the world [to set up or depose kings]. For Christ says, **Matt. 28:19, 20:** *Go ye, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you*; also **John 20:21:** *As My Father hath sent Me, even so send I you*.

Now, it is manifest that Christ was not sent to bear the sword or possess a worldly kingdom [rule in a worldly fashion], as He Himself says, **John 18:36:** *My kingdom is not of this world*. And Paul says, **2 Cor. 1:24:** *Not for that we have dominion over your faith*; and **2 Cor. 10:4:** *The weapons of our warfare are not carnal*, etc.

32] Accordingly, that Christ in His passion is crowned with thorns and led forth to be derided in royal purple, this signified that in the future, after His spiritual kingdom was despised, i.e., the Gospel was suppressed, another kingdom of a worldly kind would be set up [in its place] with the pretext of ecclesiastical power[

To be continued next month...



EVENTS AT A GLANCE

July 4th	~Independence Day
July 6th	~Commemoration of Isaiah
July 7th	~Lord's Diner 5:30p
July 9th	~Hall of Men 7:30p
July 12th	~GROW & GO! @ St. Andrews 4-6p (3:30p Vespers Service)(6p Meal)
July 13th	Labor Finders
July 14th	Council Meeting 7p
July 15th	~Torch Deadline
July 16th	~Commemoration of Ruth
	~Ladies Bunco at Grace 7p
	~Elders Meeting 7p
July 17th	~NO Private Absolution
July 20th	~Commemoration of Elijah
July 21st	~Commemoration of Ezekiel
	~OMT Book Club at Grace 9-12
	~OMT Retreat Begins (7-21 through 7-23)
July 22nd	~Festival of St. Mary Magdalene
	~Divine Service 11a at Grace
July 23rd	~Hall of Men 7:30p
July 24th	~Game Night 6-9p
July 25th	~Festival of St. James the Elder, Apostle
July 26th	~GROW AND GO! 4-6p (Service project at Trinity)
July 28th	~Commemoration of Johann Sebastian Bach, Kantor
	~ Higher Things Youth Conference (Leave at 8a) (Return 7-31 at 8p)
July 29th	~Commemoration of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany
July 30th	~Commemoration of Robert Barnes, Confessor and Martyr
July 31st	~Commemoration of Joseph of Arimathea
	~No Private Absolution
	~Doxology Grand Reunion Begins in Kansas City (7-31 through 8-2)

Sunday Worship Services 11am
 Bible Study 9:30am @Grace for the month of June
Wednesdays
 Adult Catechesis 6pm @Trinity
 Children's Choir Practice 6:30pm @Trinity
 Evening Prayer 7:30p @Trinity

Fridays
 Mom's Morning Out 9-11a
 Private Absolution 3:30-4:30pm @Trinity
Saturdays
 Private Absolution @Grace 9:30-10:30a



~ATTENTION LADIES!~

Bunco will be held *Thursday, July 16th*, and all ladies are welcome to join. Audrey Rolf and Judy Howard will be hosting at Grace this month. Please RSVP Audrey at (619-1957), Judy at (841-1666) or you can call the church office at 685-1571.



~LUTHERAN HOUR BROADCAST JULY 2015~

July 5
"God's Recipe for a Successful Life"
 Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz
 The recipe for a successful life calls for more of Jesus and less of ourselves.
 (2 Corinthians 12:1-10)

July 19
"In Christ, Welcome Home"
 Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz
 Someone from the inside has to come outside and welcome us home.
 (Ephesians 2:13-21)

July 12
"In Him!"
 Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz
 In Christ, we find rescue, forgiveness, and new life. Outside of Christ, all is still broken, dying, or dead.
 (Ephesians 1:3-14)

July 26
"Rescued"
 Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus
 God's love and forgiveness is to be welcomed, savored, enjoyed, and relished. Drink deeply of His grace!
 (2 Peter 2:9-10)

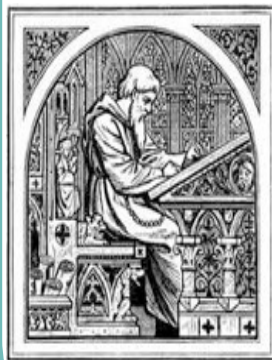
You can listen anytime online at www.lutheranhour.org. For local times and stations, go to www.lutheranhour.org and click on Broadcast guide.



~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.



953 We All Believe in One True God

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| <p>1 We all believe in one true God,
 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
 Ever-present help in need,
 Praised by all the heav'nly host;
 All He made His love enfolds,
 All creation He upholds.</p> <p>2 We all believe in Jesus Christ,
 Son of God and Mary's son,
 Who descended from His throne
 And for us salvation won;
 By whose cross and death are we
 Rescued from all misery.</p> | <p>3 We all confess the Holy Ghost,
 Who from both in truth proceeds,
 Who sustains and comforts us
 In all trials, fears, and needs.
 Blessèd, holy Trinity,
 Praise forever be to Thee!</p> |
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This metrical paraphrase of the Apostles' Creed is by Tobias Clausnitzer. It first appeared in the Culmbach-Bayreuth *Gesang-Buch*, 1668.

The translation is an altered form of that by Catherine Winkworth in her *Chorale Book for England*, 1863.

The tune "Wir glauben akk" an einen Gott" was originally sert to this hymn in the Kirchengesangbuch, Darmstadt, 1699. It was recast, however, in Dretzel's Choral-Buch, 1731, and in this form it is most widely used.

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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
EXHIBIT C – Budget Statement
May 31, 2015

	Budget for Five Months	Actual for Five Months	Under/(Over) Budget	Budget for 2015
General Fund Contributions		\$47,228.78		
Interest Earnings		\$27.03		
Kroger/Dillon's Dollars		\$516.29		
Special Collections		\$0.00		
Thrift Choice		\$445.00		
Contribution Accounts	\$50,027.08	\$48,217.10	\$1,809.98	\$120,065.00
Expense				
Elders				
Bookkeeper	\$1,500.00	\$1,050.00	\$450.00	\$3,600.00
PCA - Sec/Bookkeeper/Organist/Janitor	\$660.83	\$480.70	\$180.13	\$1,586.00
Guest Pastors	\$333.33	\$300.00	\$33.33	\$900.00
Issues, Etc.	\$208.33	\$0.00	\$208.33	\$900.00
Lutheran Student Center	\$416.67	\$250.00	\$166.67	\$1,000.00
Missions	\$416.67	\$1,032.00	(\$615.33)	\$1,000.00
Office Supplies & Copy Work	\$1,458.33	\$2,156.96	(\$698.63)	\$3,500.00
Organist	\$2,093.75	\$2,018.80	\$74.95	\$5,025.00
Parsonage Utilities	\$1,250.00	\$738.56	\$511.44	\$3,000.00
Pastor Salary to Grace	\$19,167.92	\$19,167.90	\$0.02	\$46,003.00
Secretary	\$3,370.83	\$3,392.50	(\$21.67)	\$9,090.00
Synod & District	\$416.67	\$250.00	\$166.67	\$1,000.00
Synod/District Assessment	\$57.08	\$136.74	(\$79.66)	\$137.00
Worship Supplies	\$833.33	\$1,789.95	(\$956.62)	\$2,000.00
Elders Total	\$32,183.33	\$32,764.11	(\$580.78)	\$77,240.00
Evangelism	\$208.33	\$0.00	\$208.33	\$500.00
Parish Education/Supplies	\$208.33	\$61.37	\$146.96	\$500.00
Stewardship	\$83.33	\$0.00	\$83.33	\$200.00
Trustees				
Chapel	\$1,166.67	\$1,177.42	(\$10.75)	\$2,800.00
Insurance	\$6,250.00	\$3,432.00	\$2,818.00	\$15,000.00
Janitor Service	\$1,666.67	\$1,666.70	(\$0.03)	\$4,000.00
Maintenance & Repairs	\$2,500.00	\$4,579.94	(\$2,079.94)	\$6,000.00
Organ and Piano Maintenance	\$333.33	\$192.50	\$140.83	\$800.00
Telephone and Internet	\$427.08	\$576.59	(\$149.51)	\$1,025.00
Utilities - Church	\$5,000.00	\$5,048.12	(\$48.12)	\$12,000.00
Trustees Total	\$17,343.75	\$16,673.27	\$670.48	\$41,625.00
Youth	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Expense Total	\$50,027.08	\$49,498.75	\$528.33	\$120,065.00

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
611 South Erie - Wichita, KS 67211
FINANCIAL REPORT
May 31, 2015

CASH & FUND BALANCES	
CASH	FUND BALANCE
Bank of America	Operating Fund **
Checking	0
Savings	Love Fund
Certificate of Deposit	0
LCEF - Certificate	0
	Sunday School Missions
	0
	Lutheran Student Center
	0
	Kansas District Loan
	Scholarship/Repayment
	120.00
	Signari Medical Clinic
	Chair Lift Repair
	-955.00
	\$26,271.29

EXHIBIT A - OPERATING FUND

Balance January 1, 2015	Receipts Jan-May EXHIBIT C	Expenses Jan-May EXHIBIT C	Balance** May 31, 2015
\$26,826.84	\$48,217.10	-\$49,498.75	\$25,545.19

EXHIBIT B - RESTRICTED FUNDS

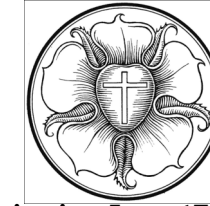
Restricted Funds:	Balance 1-1-15	Receipts Jan-May	Disbursements Jan-May	Balance 5-31-15
Love Fund	\$1,234.04	199.00	616.32	\$1,433.04
Sunday School Missions		744.38	277.45	128.06
Lutheran Student Center		277.45	362.10	0
Kansas District Loan		362.10	120.00	0
Scholarship/Repayment		120.00	2,015.00	120.00
Signari Medical Clinic		1060.00		-\$855.00
Chair Lift Repair		\$1,234.04	\$3,270.87	\$726.10
Totals				

** At 12-31-14 all accounts except Love Fund were combined into the Operating Fund.



The Lutheran Ethos:
What We Believe, Teach, and Confess
Adult Catechesis and New Member Class

****New Class Beginning!
Wednesdays, 6-7:15pm**



****New Evening Prayer Service!
Wednesdays, 7:30pm**

Beginning June 17th at 6pm

Trinity Lutheran Church

(Every Wednesday in the Library downstairs)

This class is an introduction to what it means to be Lutheran.

We'll discuss what we believe and how we live out that faith.

The classes may be used towards membership at Grace or Trinity for those wishing to join. But there's no pressure to join. Even life-long Lutherans are encouraged to come for a refresher in the faith!

~EQUAL EXCHANGE COFFEE AND CHOCOLATE~



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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



2014-2015 Reading Schedule:

July 21st, (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. Mac Pherson (pgs. 201-220)



~LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR~

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

Based on the appointed readings from *Lutheran Service Book*



July 5 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost – We tend to associate power with strength. God associates power with weakness. “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness” (2 Corinthians 12:9). In the weakness of a debilitating illness, we may say, “This is not a good quality of life.” God says, “The weaker you are, the more My power can be displayed!” How’s that for quality? Prayer: God, I offer you my weaknesses so that Your strength might abound. Amen.

July 12 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost – In Amos 7:7-15, God sets a plumb line in the midst of His people. Israel’s problem was more than deviation from God’s plumb line. They had forgotten there was a plumb line! Deviations in sexuality, marriage, and the value of life among God’s people today reflect more than neglect of the truth. They reflect an abandonment of the truth. Lovingly proclaiming truth is of utmost importance in our churches. Prayer: Father, give me boldness and love to share Your truth. Amen.

July 19 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost – “The Lord is our righteousness” (Jeremiah 23:6). What comforting truth for hearts troubled with sin’s guilt that keeps resurfacing. Sometimes a past sin can be so haunting that we do not always feel forgiven, or we cannot forgive ourselves. The sin of abortion is a prime example. But our righteousness does not depend upon us or our feelings. Our righteousness is Christ! Prayer: Our Righteousness, may my comfort and hope be anchored in You and not my feelings. Amen.

July 26 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost – At our baptisms God’s Spirit joins us to Christ. We live in Him and He in us. That means His power is “at work within us” (Ephesians 3:20b). Paul is heavy on the adverbs when it comes to what this means. “Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think ...” (3:20a). No matter what situations may be storming around us, Jesus speaks, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid” (Mark 6:50). Prayer: Lord, calm my fears and may your power be at work in



~UPCOMING FOOD HANDLER CLASS~

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.

Lord’s Diner Tuesday, July 7th 5:30pm

2015 Food Handler Classes

None scheduled for July or August...



When to Call the Pastor...

Sometimes members aren’t sure whether or not they should call their pastor in a given situation. You might not think it’s important enough, or you might not want to bother him, or take time from his busy schedule. But please remember that a pastor is called to be a shepherd of souls, *your souls*. He feeds the flock with God’s Word and Sacrament – not just on Sundays, but also in regular pastoral care. But to do his work effectively, he needs to know what’s happening in the lives of his people. The following list – though certainly not exclusive – includes when your pastor would appreciate hearing from you.

So, call the Pastor...

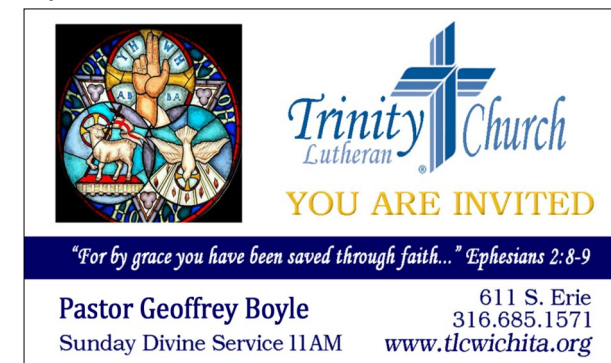
- if you're going to be hospitalized;
- if you're planning to move, or just changing your phone number;
- if you're experiencing problems in your marriage;
- if you're struggling with some aspect of the Christian faith or life;
- if you've got a guilty conscience;
- if you're planning to be married;
- if illness or personal problems are preventing you from attending worship services;
- if particular sins trouble you and you'd like to hear with certainty God's forgiveness;
- if a problem at church keeps you from regular and joyful worship;
- if you're expecting a baby or would like to talk about the baptism of your baby;
- if you know someone interested in Bible Class or Adult Catechesis;
- if you're confused or desire to know more about the Scriptures and our faith;
- if you've experienced some great joy in faith and life;
- if you'd like to know how you might serve the Lord through His church.

Again, this is only a partial list, but please be assured that your pastor stands ready to offer spiritual care and counsel from God's Word at any time – day, or night. You may reach him at (316) 650-1583. He’s on Facebook, texts, and you can also e-mail: pastor.boyle@gmail.com.



~THE MISSION FIELD~

Do not forget to pick up the welcome/invitation cards located on table in entryway.



Matthew 9:37-38 ... “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into the harvest.”




THE LUTHERAN CHURCH
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May 2015

News from the Coutrads serving the Lord in Mexico Our website: www.lcms.org/conrad



More interesting facts about Mexico City

*When there's heavy traffic in Mexico City it can take 3 hours to drive what would normally take 15-30 minutes!

*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/ Euro 0.18)!

*More than 4-5 million people use the metro every day.

*Mexico City has the fourth highest number of theatres in the world after New York, London and Toronto.

The Continual Power of Pentecost

The Lord promised his disciples, "...but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you will be my witnesses in Judea and Samaria and until the ends of the earth." Jesus' promise of the coming of the Holy Spirit was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost. Empowered by the Holy Spirit the disciples then took the Gospel to the far ends of the earth.

Today the Holy Spirit comes to the church through the sacrament of Baptism. The apostle Peter exhorts us: Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit that we receive through baptism empowers us to preach the Gospel to every living creature in the country of Mexico!

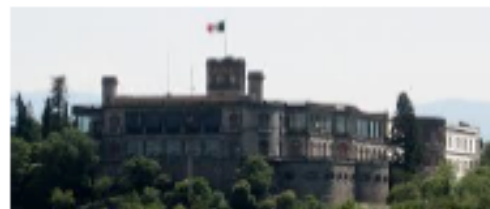


A typical Mexico City market



Teotihuacan, an ancient pyramid site of the Aztecs

Since last week Dan has travelled to Wisconsin and Minnesota and has given some presentations in Michigan as well. We give thanks to God for these congregations that are supporting God's mission. "Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and everyone else." (II Corinthians 9:13)



Chapultepec Castle in Mexico City



WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO AND HOW: RUBRICS FOR MATINS & THE DIVINE SERVICE

Society of Saint Polycarp – Kansas Chapter
 Summer Retreat – July 21-23, 2015
 Trinity Lutheran Church
 611 S. Erie St. – Wichita, KS 67211

Tuesday, July 21st – Commemoration of Blessed Ezekiel

9 AM – Matins
 9:45 – Book study – Natural Law
 12 PM – Lunch
 2 PM – Eighth Day Books tour
 3 PM – Lecture: Brotherhood Prayerbook (Pastor Wingfield)
 4:30 PM – Beer tasting at the Ladder
 6 PM – Dinner
 7:30 PM – Lecture: Rubrics of Matins (Pastor Filipek)
 9 PM – Evening Prayer

Wednesday, July 22nd – Feast of St. Mary Magdalene

8:30 AM – Matins
 9:15 AM – Lecture: Preparatory Rites & Eucharistic Prayer (Pastor Lovett)
 11 AM – Divine Service at Grace
 12 PM – Lunch
 2 PM – Lecture: Consecration (Pastor Watson)
 3:30 PM – Vespers
 4:15 PM – Lecture: Ablutions (Pastor Brockman)
 6 PM – Evening Prayer
 7 PM – Dinner
 11 PM – Compline

Thursday, July 23rd

9 AM – Matins
 10 AM – Panel Discussion: Applying the Rubrics in Today's Parish
 11:30 AM – Morning Prayer
 12 PM – Lunch



~TRINITY/GRACE YOUTH CONFERENCE~



Te Deum

HIGHER THINGS 2015 CONFERENCES

Te Deum, Te Deum Laudamus, "We Praise You, O God." All praise, all glory, all honor, all everything goes to you, O Lord, for You sent Your Son who died on the cross for us. He rose again. He saves. He is the sacrifice that makes us — and our praise — acceptable to You.

In the Te Deum, we confess all that God the Father did for us in the sending of His Son. And by faith, we join our voices with those apostles, prophets, martyrs, and of the whole Church of all times and places, in praise and worship of the Holy Trinity...giving us a glimpse right into the divine Throne Room of heaven itself!

This summer's 2015 Higher Things Conferences will rejoice in the gift of the Te Deum, a hymn of praise that gives us a foretaste of what's happening in worship in heaven and on earth.

July 14-17, 2015
University of Nevada
Las Vegas, NV

July 21-24, 2015
Calvin College
Grand Rapids, MI

July 28-31, 2014
Concordia University
Seward, NE

Check out TeDeum2015.org for more information!



Personal Notes

Ana is getting ready for the end of her school year and for prom night. It is amazing how many last minute details pop up at the end of the school year!

On May 13th Dan and I celebrated our thirty-seventh wedding anniversary. We have lived overseas and all over the continental United States in the course of our marriage. We continually give thanks to God for each other and for His abundant blessings.

During this month Dan will have the opportunity to attend the English, the Ohio, and the Michigan district conventions that will take place at Concordia in Ann Arbor, Michigan. These three districts will use the Ann Arbor facility at different dates during the month of June. We pray for the pastors and members of these districts that The Lord will bless their conventions abundantly.

At the end of April we were at 56% of the \$159,000 goal. We give thanks to God for those who have partnered with God's mission to Mexico. Pray to see how God may guide you to partner with this mission. Your prayers and financial support make this mission possible!

We give thanks to God for His abundant blessings and we pray for more mission partners that our deployment to the mission field in Mexico will take place soon. God's richest blessings to all of you!

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. (Ephesians 3:20-21)

Soli Deo Gloria

Rev. Daniel, Kathy, and Ana Conrad



We Give Thanks For:

- ✠ The opportunities to share God's Mexican mission with different congregations and individuals.
- ✠ Our mission partners.
- ✠ Our first great niece who was born in May.

We Pray For:

- ✠ Dan's mother who has been diagnosed with spinal cancer.
- ✠ The Lutheran Church of Mexico.
- ✠ More partners for God's mission in Mexico.
- ✠ More opportunities to share God's Mexico mission with congregations and individuals.



To support our work financially, you may send a tax-deductible gift to:
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
P.O. Box 68861
St. Louis, MO 63166-6861

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



WISH TO HELP WITH TRINITY'S SUMMER SERVICE PROJECT?

WE ARE MAKING CARE PACKETS FOR THE HOMELESS.

YOU CAN HELP BY DONATING ITEMS* (HERE) BEFORE JULY 26, 2015




- * Lip balm (medicated)
- * Wet wipes (small travel size pkg.)
- * Kleenex tissues (small travel size)
- * Hand lotion (small travel size)
- * Granola bars or cereal bars (soft)
- * Mints or gum
- * Fruit snack cups or applesauce cups (easy open)
- * Vienna sausages or any canned meat with pull tab lid
- * Socks (men's, new)

JULY 26, SUNDAY EVENING AT 4:00 P.M.

JOIN US! HELP ASSEMBLE CARE PACKETS.
Light meal served afterwards.



~CHILDREN'S CHOIR~

Practices are now going on for our Children's Choir! Erin Kenny is the director and will be leading practices at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings at Trinity Lutheran Church.

If you are interested or have any questions contact Erin at: ejkennykumc@gmail.com



~FAMILY GAME NIGHT~

Join us for Game Night, July 24th at 6pm in Trinity's old Chapel. Pizza will be ordered but feel free to bring drinks or snacks. All ages welcome!



~2015 FLOWER CHART~

The flower chart is now posted in the narthex. If you would like to provide flowers on any Sunday in 2015, you may sign up and let the church office know if it is a special occasion. The cost is \$30. (If 2 people sign up for the same date, the cost can be split or two separate vases can be requested.) You may pay for your flowers one or more weeks in advance of your chosen dates. If you have any questions, please call the church office, 685-1571. Remember though, we have no flowers during Lent and poinsettias around Christmas.





GROW & GO!
The Christian Life of Witness, Mercy,
& Life Together



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
with St. Andrews and Grace Lutheran Church

2015 Summer Series is for ALL AGES!
The goal is to better shape our Christian life
in how we SPEAK, SERVE, and SUPPORT one another.

SUNDAYS: June 7 to August 23
VESPERS at 3:30 p.m.
WORKSHOP from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
MEAL following each workshop.

A sign-up sheet will be located in the Narthex, at Trinity.

June 7: GROW

Learn to Love to Tell the Story.
Rev. Christian Tiews, Guest Speaker
Learn about witnessing to family and
friends. Come, learn, and practice
with others.

June 21: GO

But What About? ...
Answering Objections to Christianity
Practice your witnessing skills, provide
suggestions and support to one another.

July 12: GROW

Mercy... Me?
Putting Your Faith into Action
A video from Matthew Harrison, LCMS
President, will be presented.

July 26: GO: SESSION AT TRINITY

Trinity's Service Project day! This session
will be held at Trinity. Details to come.

August 9: GROW

"But I Can Worship God Anywhere!"
Why going to church matters.

August 23: GO

Celebrate Life Together
Gather together to celebrate, and reflect on
the summer study. Enjoy the company of
others who will benefit from a life of Witness,
Mercy and Life Together. Details to come.

Workshops will be held at St. Andrews
unless otherwise noted. Meet at the
Trinity parking lot at 2:45 p.m. for a
ride, if needed. Maps will be available.



~PASTOR DEAN VON STROH'S RETIREMENT~

Please join us in celebrating
the retirement of

Pastor Dean Von Stroh

Sunday, July 12th, 2015

We will be having 1 single service that day at 10:30am
Lunch following service

Peace Lutheran Church 405 W. 21st, Andover, KS

~PARTNERS FOR WICHITA NEEDS YOUR HELP~

To Our Faithful Congregations, Filling The Gap (FTG) lunches for kids is approaching quickly we are now recruiting volunteers for the following locations: Cross Point, Salvation Army, New Covenant and Interfaith Ministries, as well as other locations. Volunteers serve at one of the 15 sites in "FTG Lunch program for Kids," on one or more weekdays,

August 3-14, 11:30 - 1:30. To help set out prepared shelf-stable meals, snacks, and fruit; greet and sign in the children/ youth; help children select meals and snacks; supervise activities at the lunch site; and enjoy seeing children be nourished and encouraged as they "gear up" for school days of learning and growing. On behalf of the Samaritan community,

again we say "Thank You" for all the hard work you have done that has made 'Filling the Gap Lunches' a success. Please contact Ila Kirkendoll at ila@partnersforwichita.org or call 316 616-8692. To be scheduled at one of the

locations, your help will be greatly appreciated.

Thank You, May love, peace and joy abide with you always.

Ila Kirkendoll - Partners for Wichita