

## 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 Grace this month

11:00AM Divine Service

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## THE TORCH - AUGUST 2015 Sharing Christ's Salvation Story So That Every Soul Is

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### More than a History Book

“...and the Rock was Christ.” ~ 1 Corinthians 10:4

We all know the stories: David and Goliath, Samson and Delilah, Daniel in the Lion's Den. But what does it say about Jesus? Is the OT just a nice history? Or is there more?

Our goal is to realize the OT as more than just a history leading up to Jesus—we all know history is boring! We want to understand the OT as Witness to Christ of Christ by Christ.

But how? How can something written so long before Christmas be more than a foretelling or prediction? For this we need to know what the cross does to history.

You see, we can't help but to mark time from one day to the next: week to week, year to year—linearly. As we go through life one thing always happens before another. In the Bible Noah comes before Abraham, Moses before David.

But time doesn't work that way for God. With Him, “one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day” (Ps 90:4; 2 Pet 3:8). He holds all of time in His hand.

In light of this, perhaps the greatest mystery of the Scriptures is found in Rev 13:8, which says,

“And those dwelling upon the earth will worship [the beast]—everyone whose name has not been written in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain from the foundation of the world.” (Rev 13:8)

See that? “the Lamb who was slain from the foundation of the world”—that is, before the foundation of the world. In Matthew's Gospel Jesus speaks of a kingdom from the foundation of the world” (Mt 25:34). The Kingdom is only ours because of the Blood of the Lamb, the cross of Christ. St. Paul says this Kingdom has been prepared for you, before the foundation of the world” (Eph 1:4). Finally, St. Peter explains that this eternal gift entered time “so that your faith and hope are in God” (1 Pet 1:18-21). All this to say that that God exists outside of time. He simply is. In fact, the OT reveals His name as *Yahweh*, or *I AM who I AM* (Exod 3:14), the God who is. And this God who is enters time for you!

So when this *Lamb who was slain from the foundation of the world* entered time—our time—it had cosmic significance. History—all of history—is affected by the cross. And all of history is now to be understood in light of the cross.

And if this is the case, then we shouldn't be surprised to see certain phenomena repeating. Consider, for example, the idea of death and resurrection: there's the casting out of Eden, and the Promise of the Seed of the woman; Abraham offers Isaac, but the Ram caught in the thicket redeems him; Joseph is sold into slavery, cast into prison, and raised to the right-hand of Pharaoh (*the father of Egypt*)! And there's more!

It's not that there's some pattern that all Scripture needs to fit into; it's just that the Scripture reflects the person of who

God is in Christ for us. And the center of it all is the cross. What Christ does on the cross—as the *Lamb of God slain before the foundation of the world*—is our salvation. There, sins are atoned for—for you, and for the saints of old.

But you weren't there! So how do you get it? Through preaching, in the Baptismal waters, under bread and wine in Holy Communion. We call these: Sacraments.

But how did the people of the Old Testament receive the cross? If *the Lamb of God was slain before the foundation of the world*, truly it matters to them, too—right? How'd the cross come to them? How were *their* sins forgiven?

Most recognizable was in the sacrificial system. Already in the Garden, replacing Adam and Eve's self-justifying fig-leaves, our Lord clothes them with the sacrificial skin of an animal, taking away their shame.

And so it goes in the tabernacle and Temple, too. “*And the priest shall make atonement for him for the sin which he has committed, and he shall be forgiven.*” (Lev 4:26)

Then consider the signs of the covenant given to the people of Old: the rainbow for Noah (Gen 9:13); circumcision for Abraham (Gen 17:10); the Son of David reigning as King of Israel. These are signs attached to our Lord's promise of salvation.

Finally, consider the preaching of the prophets! It was from their lips that the voice of God came to them—piercing their hearts with His word of the Law, creating new hearts with the sweetness of His Gospel. This is the work of the cross, imprinted in all of time, all of history—for us in the sacraments; for them in their own ways.

If all this is true, then the OT isn't just a historical prelude to the real deal in the NT. There aren't two Gods, or two different ways of salvation: it's always by grace through faith in the work of Christ crucified for us! St. Paul keys us in nicely to this, recognizing that Christ isn't *new*:

“*I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.*” (1 Corinthians 10:1-4)

Christ is the Lord who saves: us, now, in receiving the sacraments; them, then, in receiving *their* sacraments. Same cross. Same redemption. Same forgiveness—*same Jesus*. That's just how our Lord is, and the OT witnesses to this same Christ. That's more than just history!

Yours in Christ, *the lamb slain from the foundation of the world!*  
Pastor Boyle



**A Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope**

**Treatise Compiled by the Theologians Assembled at Smalcald - 1537**

**33]** Therefore the Constitution of Boniface VIII and the chapter *Omnes*, Dist. 22, and similar opinions which contend that the Pope is by divine right the ruler of the kingdoms of the world, are [utterly] false and godless. **34]** From this persuasion horrible darkness has been brought into the Church, and after that also great commotions have arisen in Europe. For the ministry of the Gospel was neglected, the knowledge of faith and the spiritual kingdom became extinct, Christian righteousness was supposed to be that external government which the Pope had established.

**35]** Next, the Popes began to seize upon kingdoms for themselves; they transferred kingdoms, they vexed with unjust excommunications and wars the kings of almost all nations in Europe, but especially the German emperors, sometimes for the purpose of occupying cities of Italy, at other times for the purpose of reducing to subjection the bishops of Germany, and wresting from the emperors the conferring of episcopates. Yea, in the Clementines it is even written: *When the empire is vacant, the Pope is the legitimate successor.*

**36]** Thus the Pope has not only usurped dominion, contrary to Christ's command, but has also tyrannically exalted himself above all kings. And in this matter the deed itself is not to be reprehended as much as it is to be detested, that he assigns as a pretext the authority of Christ; that he transfers the keys to a worldly government; that he binds salvation to these godless and execrable opinions, when he says it is necessary to salvation for men to believe that this dominion belongs to him by divine right.

**37]** Since these great errors obscure [the doctrine of] faith and [of] the kingdom of Christ, they are in no way to be concealed. For the result shows that they have been great pests to the Church.

**38]** In the third place, this must be added: Even though the bishop of Rome had the primacy and superiority by divine right, nevertheless obedience would not be due those pontiffs who defend godless services, idolatry, and doctrine conflicting with the Gospel. Nay; such pontiffs and such a government ought to be held accursed, as Paul clearly teaches, **Gal. 1:8**: Though an angel from heaven preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. And in **Acts 5:29**: We ought to obey God rather than men. Likewise the canons also clearly teach that *a heretical Pope is not to be obeyed.*

The Levitical high priest was the chief priest by divine right, and yet godless high priests were not to be obeyed, as Jeremiah and other prophets dissented from the high priests, the apostles dissented from Caiaphas and did not have to obey them.

**39]** Now, it is manifest that the Roman pontiffs, with their adherents, defend [and practice] godless doctrines and godless services. And the marks [all the vices] of Antichrist plainly agree with the kingdom of the Pope and his adherents. For Paul, in describing Antichrist to the Thessalonians, calls him **2 Thess. 2:3-4**: an adversary of Christ, who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God. He speaks therefore of one ruling in the Church, not of heathen kings, and he calls this one the adversary of Christ, because he will devise doctrine conflicting with the Gospel, and will assume to himself divine authority.

**40]** Moreover, it is manifest, in the first place, that the Pope rules in the Church, and by the pretext of ecclesiastical authority and of the ministry has established for himself this kingdom. For he assigns as a pretext these words: *I will give to thee the keys.* Secondly, the doctrine of the Pope conflicts in many ways with the Gospel, and [thirdly] the Pope assumes to himself divine authority in a threefold manner. First, because he takes to himself the right to change the doctrine of Christ and services instituted by God, and wants his own doctrine and his own services to be observed as divine; secondly, because he takes to himself the power not only of binding and loosing in this life, but also the jurisdiction over souls after this life; thirdly, because the Pope does not want to be judged by the Church or by any one, and puts his own authority ahead of the decision of Councils and the entire Church. But to be unwilling to be judged by the Church or by any one is to make oneself God. Lastly, these errors so horrible, and this impiety, he defends with the greatest cruelty, and puts to death those dissenting.

**41]** This being the case, all Christians ought to beware of becoming partakers of the godless doctrine, blasphemies, and unjust cruelty of the Pope. On this account they ought to desert and execrate the Pope with his adherents as the kingdom of Antichrist; just as Christ has commanded, **Matt. 7:15**: Beware of false prophets. And Paul commands that godless teachers should be avoided and execrated as cursed, **Gal. 1:8**; **Titus 3:10**. And he says, **2 Cor. 6:14**: Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers; for what communion hath light with darkness?

**42]** To dissent from the agreement of so many nations and to be called schismatics is a grave matter. But divine authority commands all not to be allies and defenders of impiety and unjust cruelty.

On this account our consciences are sufficiently excused; for the errors of the kingdom of the Pope are manifest. And Scripture with its entire voice exclaims that these errors are a *teaching of demons* and of Antichrist.

To be continued next month...



**EVENTS AT A GLANCE**

August 1st	~Doxology Grand Reunion-Kansas City (7/31-8/2)
August 2nd	~Doxology Grand Reunion-Kansas City (7/31-8/2)
August 3rd	~Commemoration of Joanna, Mary, & Salome, Myrrhbearers ~Sunnyside Ice Cream Social 6:30p
August 4th	~Lord's Diner 5:30p
August 6th	~Ladies Guild Meeting/Bible Study 9:30a
August 8th	~Clothing Giveaway at Grace 9-Noon
August 9th	~GROW AND GO! at St. Andrews 4-6p (3:30p Vespers Service)(6p Meal)
August 10th	~Commemoration of Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr ~Labor Finders
August 11th	~Council Meeting 7-8:30p
August 13th	~Hall of Men 7:30p
August 15th	~Festival of St. Mary Mother of Our Lord
August 16th	~Commemoration of Isaac
August 17th	~Commemoration of Johann Gerhard, Theologian
August 18th	~OMT Book Club at Trinity 9-12
August 19th	~Commemoration of Berhard of Clairvaux, Hymnwriter and Theologian ~Torch Deadline
August 20th	~Commemoration of Samuel ~Elders Meeting 7p
August 21st	~Joint Parish Council 4:30p ~Game Night 6-9p
August 22nd	~Pastor Boyle's Ordination Anniversary (5years)
August 23rd	~GROW & GO! 4-6 (3:30p Vespers Service)(6p Meal BBQ/Picnic)
August 24th	~Festival of St. Bartholomew, Apostle
August 27th	~Commemoration of Monica, Mother of Augustine ~Ladies BUNCO 7p at Trinity ~Hall of Men 7:30p
August 28th	~Commemoration of Augustine of Hippo, Pastor and Theologian ~Reformation Planning Meeting 4:30p
August 29th	~Festival of The Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist

**Sunday Worship Services** 11am  
Bible Study 9:30am @Grace for the  
**month of August**  
**Wednesdays**  
Adult Catechesis 6pm @Trinity

Children's Choir Practice 6:30pm  
@Trinity  
Evening Prayer 7:30p @Trinity  
**Fridays**  
Mom's Morning Out 9-11a

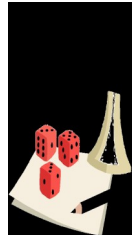
Private Absolution 3:30-4:30pm  
@Trinity  
**Saturdays**  
Private Absolution @Grace 9:30-10:30a





~ATTENTION LADIES!~

Bunco will be held Thursday, August 27th, and all ladies are welcome to join. Irma Quade and Lois Winter will be hosting at Trinity this month. Please RSVP Patricia (210-1573) or or you can call the church office at 685-1571.



~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.

~UPCOMING FOOD HANDLER CLASS~

Lord's Diner Tuesday, August 4th, 5:30pm

2015 Food Handler Classes

None scheduled for August..



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.

~FAMILY GAME NIGHT~

Join us for Game Night, August 21st at 6pm in Trinity's old Chapel. Pizza will be ordered but feel free to bring drinks or snacks. All ages welcome!



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

611 South Erie - Wichita, KS 67211

FINANCIAL REPORT

June 30, 2015

CASH & FUND BALANCES

Table with columns: CASH, FUND BALANCE, and detailed sub-items like Bank of America, Operating Fund, etc. Total: \$23,927.91

EXHIBIT A - OPERATING FUND

Table with columns: Receipts, Expenses, Balance, Jan-June, June 30, 2015

EXHIBIT B - RESTRICTED FUNDS

Table with columns: Restricted Funds, Balance, Receipts, Disbursements, June 30, 2015

\*\* At 11-31-14 all accounts except Love Fund were combined into the Operating Fund.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

EXHIBIT C - Budget Statement

June 30, 2015

Large budget table with columns: Budget for Six Months, Actual for Six Months, Under/(Over) Budget, Budget 2015. Categories include General Fund Contributions, Expense, Elders, etc.





June 2015



**THE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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News from the Conrad family; serving the Lord in Mexico. Phone number: 586-344-5468



**More Interesting Facts About Mexico**

+Mexico is the 14th largest country in the world, geographically, and the world's 11th most populated country.

+Over 60 indigenous languages are spoken in Mexico. Only India has more native languages.

+39% of the Earth's marine mammals either live in or visit the Sea of Cortes in their lifetime, and nearly all of the World's Gray Whales are born just off the coast of Baja.

+Many foods coveted in cultures around the world originated or were first domesticated in Mexico including: Vanilla, Red Tomato, Chocolate, Chili Peppers, Avocados, and Corn.

+Mexico is one of the World's top 5 most bio-diverse nations on Earth. More than 30,000 plant species, 1,000 bird species, and 1,500 mammal, reptile, and amphibian species are native to Mexico.

**Have a Blessed Pentecost Season!**

The month of June was a busy one for Dan as he attended three different district events: The English, Ohio, and Michigan district conventions that took place at Concordia College in Ann Arbor, Michigan. We give thanks to God for the opportunity to reconnect with some old friends and to meet many pastors and lay people for the first time. We also give thanks to God for the chance to share God's mission in Mexico with many different people in the course of the conventions.

During the month of June, twenty one new missionaries were commissioned to take the Gospel to the far ends of the earth. The missionaries — slated for East and West Africa, Latin America, Eurasia, Asia Pacific and Southern Asia — will serve in diverse roles, including nurses, evangelists, deaconesses, theological educators and international-school chaplains. Let us remember to keep these new missionaries in our prayers. We rejoice that the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ will go to the far ends of the Earth through these missionaries. The same Holy Spirit that empowered the disciples on the day of Pentecost continues to empower the church today. "Repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached to all the nations beginning in Jerusalem."



Dan and Rev. Meyer in the LCMS booth at the Ohio district convention



~ ORATIO, MEDITATIO, TENTATIO ~  
(Theological Reading Group)

<u>Schedule</u>	<u>Locations</u>
9:00 – 9:45 am Matins	Trinity Lutheran Church    Grace Lutheran Church
9:45 – 11:45 am Reading Discussion	611 S. Erie, Wichita    3310 E Pawnee, Wichita
11:45 am – Noon Prayer	
Noon – 1:00 pm Lunch	



**2014-2015 Reading Schedule:**

**August 18, (Trinity Wichita)**

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

*Thank you to all who were able to attend the Oratio, Meditatio, Tentatio Retreat!*



*Thank You*





## ~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](mailto:ejkennykumc@gmail.com)



## ~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.

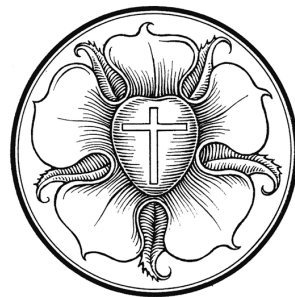
The cost is \$30. (If 2 people sign up for the same date, the cost can be split or two separate vases can be requested.) You may pay for your flowers one or more weeks in advance of your chosen dates. If you have any questions, please call the church office, 685-1571. Remember though, we have no flowers during Lent and poinsettias around Christmas.



## 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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!*



## Personal Notes

Ana and her cousin Kelsey travelled down to Cedar Point Amusement Park in Sandusky, Ohio. (This was Ana's first trip to Cedar Point.) Upon arriving they found out that due to the heavy rain the park had been closed. They then decided to visit the Marblehead lighthouse on Lake Erie. Kelsey and Ana had a great time visiting this monument but the winds and rain buffeted them constantly. Consequently Ana came back with a tremendous cold but she has recovered from this infirmity. Hopefully the weather will cooperate the next time they plan this trip!

We continue visiting congregations and individuals as we raise our support little by little. We give thanks for the generosity of congregations, individuals and groups who have donated to God's mission in Mexico. This last month Dan has made trips to Minnesota and Wisconsin as well as numerous trips to congregations in the state of Michigan. Pray to see how the Lord may lead you to partner with his mission work in Mexico.

God tells us in Psalm 46: "Be still and know that I am God." We like to come to God with our own agendas. Consequently we formulate our own timetables and plans of action. Yet the Psalmist reminds us that God always takes charge. Thus we need to sit back and listen to God's voice in a world that bombards us with many different voices that want to lead us to many different directions. In contrast to the voices of the world that change and die out, the voice of God continues to reign. God's voice guides us to true life both in this world and the world to come. As God's church we continue to take this message to the ends of the earth.

The pace seems hectic at times but the Lord is with us. Needless to say we are anxious to get to the mission field of Mexico soon as the national church of Mexico has a great need of training for its national pastors. Jesus tells his disciples: Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.

Thank you once again for your prayers and support!



*To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen. (Rev. 1:5-6)*

Soli Deo Gloria

Dan, Kathy, and Ana

**We Give Thanks For:**

•Those who have partnered with God's mission to Mexico.

•The opportunity to share God's mission at the district convention.

•The sending out of twenty one new missionaries.

**We Pray For:**

•More opportunities to share God's mission in Mexico with congregations, groups, and individuals.

•More mission partners for God's mission in Mexico.

•LCMS mission efforts in the United States and in the entire world.



To support our work financially, you may send a tax-deductible gift to:  
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod  
P.O. Box 66861  
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](http://www.lcms.org/conrad)

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<https://www.lcms.org/givenow/conrad>

**Thank You for Your Support!**



## ~SEE THE PRETTY LITTLE POSTERS ALL OVER CHURCH?~

The ones that say, "GIVE ONE DAY." They are meant to prompt giving of money, work, or time because God has redeemed our lives from sin and destruction. We are enabled to give because we have received everything from God. What needs are there? The *disabled neighbor* needs help shopping or cutting the lawn. The *church treasury* needs money to carry out ministry, worship, and outreach. A *member* needs some time from you to relieve loneliness. So many needs! Consider giving in some special way to your congregation or to an individual. The Lord has made each day....each day of salvation for his people...each day for giving as he has prospered us.

God bless your giving!

30 Members participated in our Spring "GIVE ONE DAY" emphasis!

ATTA GIRL! ATTA BOY!

(Let's do it again.)

in AUGUST...or SEPTEMBER...or OCTOBER

# GIVE ONE DAY

- One day's earnings...  
above your pledge
- One day's work improving  
our building and grounds
- One day (or half day!) of  
assistance to a friend or neighbor

*"This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!"*

*Psalm 118:24*



### LCMS DENOUNCES PLANNED PARENTHOOD 7/15/2015

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We logged on to the Internet and Facebook yesterday only to be hit with a sickening story: undercover video footage seemingly implicating Planned Parenthood in the sale of the body parts of aborted children.



In the video, Planned Parenthood Federation of America's Senior Director of Medical Services, Dr. Deborah Nucatola, discusses how she adjusts abortion procedures to procure certain parts of a child's body, even as she notes that "we've been very good at getting heart, lung, liver."

Listen long enough, if you can handle it, and you'll hear her suggest that such items could eventually be listed on a Planned Parenthood "menu" for affiliate organizations to purchase for a price.

Later in the day, Planned Parenthood released a "nothing to see here" kind of statement, asserting that the discussion was merely one revolving around a patient's right to donate tissue, as with any medical procedure. But why does Nucatola then mention the costs of body parts ("Thirty to one hundred dollars," she says)?

Lord, have mercy.

If what Nucatola says is, in fact, the truth, we as Christians cannot allow this story to go untold or be buried by the media. We simply cannot remain silent while the reprehensible act of killing a child in the womb is made even worse by selling portions of that child's dismembered body simply because there is a market for them.

Speaking up about the shameful act of killing children — as well as harvesting their body parts — may be uncomfortable. We may lose friends and create awkward tension at work. Our professors may mock us, and our family may roll their eyes at us. If that is the case, so be it. Because as Lutherans, as Christians, we are for life, no matter the cost.

As Lutherans, we confess that every life has value, that it has worth, that it matters ... from the moment of conception until natural death occurs. We confess that what Nucatola calls "17-weekers" are actually children — with beating hearts and little moving fingers and toes.

We confess that even the tiniest of humans are just that — regardless of what scientific term the culture uses to make them seem like something less. We confess that they are created in the image and likeness of our Lord Himself. And we confess that because of Him, their hearts and lungs and livers matter, no matter how small they might be.

We also admit our own failings in this regard. Where we have failed to speak and act for life, we repent. Where we have not cared for mothers in crisis-pregnancy situations, we ask for forgiveness. Where we have thought more of ourselves than giving to an organization that can assist those moms and babies, we are sorry. Where we have been apathetic to this pandemic of death, we grieve.

But we are not without hope, because our Lord is for life too.

He is so pro-life, in fact, that He has given His own life for us, even as He has laid it down for these tiniest of children. Where their short lives are taken, He offers up His willingly. Where their little bodies are sold, He gives His freely to us at His holy table for the forgiveness of our sins.

Today let us confess life with renewed vigor — to our friends over supper, through letters to the editor of our local paper, by writing our congressmen, in tweets and emails to Planned Parenthood, on our Facebook pages.

Let us pray that our Lord would bring an end to abortion altogether and that He would stop the horrible sale of infant bodies.

And let us pray that He would forgive us, renew us and bolster us to make a good confession in season and out of season: one that is always, no matter what, for life.

Rev. Bart Day, executive director  
Life and Health Ministries  
LCMS Office of National Mission





# 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 Tim... speaker  
Learn... nily and  
fri... practice  
**COMPLETED**

**June 21: GO**  
But What About? ...  
Answering Objections...  
Pre... tianity  
sug... provide  
... another.  
**COMPLETED**

**July 12: GROW**  
Mercy... Me?  
Putting Your Faith...  
A v... n, LCMS  
Pre...  
**COMPLETED**

**July 26: GO- SERVE**  
Trinit... s session  
will be... Details to come.  
**COMPLETED TRINITY**

**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.



## ~LWML NEWS~

The LWML 36th Biennial Convention was held June 25-28 at the Iowa Events Center, in Des Moines, IA. There were 4,060 women and men in attendance. Of this number, 220 were Kansans. Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, president of the LCMS greeted the assembly. Delegates to the Convention adopted a historic \$2 million mission goal for the 2015-2017 biennium. This goal, by the grace of God, will fund 19 mission grants as men and women respond in prayers and offerings during the next two years. The 19 mission projects are:

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| 1. Clean Water and Evangelism Ministry, \$50,000   | 11. Opportunities in Uganda, \$100,000                         |
| 2. Disaster Response Trailers, \$80,000            | 12. "In Their Hands and Upon Their Hearts", \$50,000           |
| 3. Cancer Care Packages-Phil's Friends, \$50,000   | 13. "We Are God's Workmanship, \$32,500                        |
| 4. Renovation of JEM Seminary Buildings, \$120,000 | 14. Bringing the Gospel to the Lost Sheep of Israel, \$100,000 |
| 5. Redeeming Life Maternity Home, \$100,000        | 15. Helping Hands Initiative, \$100,000                        |
| 6. Hope and Healing to the Javajo People, \$75,000 | 16. Deaconess Training, \$90,000                               |
| 7. Outreach in Refugee Camps-Lebanon, \$72,000     | 17. Lutheran Youth Corps, \$25,000                             |
| 8. Healthy Families, \$60,000                      | 18. Providing Hope for Detroit, \$100,000                      |
| 9. LCMS Global Seminary Initiative, \$100,000      | 19. Rosa Young Academies, \$14,063.94                          |
| 10. Training Teachers and Leaders, \$100,000       |  |

The newly elected LWML president is Patti Ross of Tulsa, OK  
The "Gifts From the Heart" service event yielded the following:

- For Luther Care: 11,280 items
- For Lutherans for Life: 557 items
- Quilts: 1,393
- School Kits: 513
- Hygiene Kits: 1,253
- Pillowcase dresses: 775
- Pillows: 321
- Neck wraps: 1,254
- Miscellaneous items: 113 boxes

Several speakers told how LWML mites had helped their particular mission.

We thank God for blessing the Convention and the people who attended.

The 2017 LWML Convention will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The Ladies Guild (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) will meet on August 6th (note change in date) at 9:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. We will make plans for the Telephone Pioneer Dinner which we will serve on August 13. All ladies are welcome to attend.

"5th Sunday for Mites" is August 30. On that day you will have the privilege of depositing "mites" (money) in the large mite box in the narthex. The mites support LWML mission projects, one of which is "LCMS Global Seminary Initiative--\$100,000." When you contribute to the mite box, you will receive a fun-size bag of "M&Ms" to remind you of "mites and missions".

Thanks to everyone who came out on June 27 to make fleece blankets for Lutheran World Relief. We completed 6 blankets. They will keep people warm and in some cases serve as shelter for those in need.

Blessings,  
Irma Quade