

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Boyle's Scheduled Hours: Off on Mondays

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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 2016

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Beauty will Save the World

"Behold, you are beautiful, my beloved, truly delightful." ~ Song of Solomon 1:16

"One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in His temple." ~ Psalm 27:4

In college Nikki and I worked as Nannies for a family. We'd pick up the kids from school, take 'em home, get a snack, help with homework, and play – lots of playing! (You might ask me sometime about breaking one of their beds...) It was a great job and we quickly came to love the kids. With Jewish ancestry, they named the girl Maya, and the boy Noam.

At the time, Noam was 8 and Maya, 6. Noam had already suffered greatly in his 8 years. His glasses were about an inch thick. His hearing aids were always squealing. And I'm sure his taste buds were shot – he loved those Harry Potter "Bertie Botts" jelly-bellies – you know, the ones that taste like earwax and vomit! No sense unaffected – touch, taste, smell, sight, hearing – it was all a struggle for Noam.

But for those who know Noam, there's something about him that's simply beautiful. He was happy, joyful. He loved everyone and everything and that included us. For Noam, everything was beautiful. This was fitting, of course; his name – *Noam* – in Hebrew is *beautiful*.

Beauty is a bit elusive when it comes to definitions. So often we hear that *beauty is in the eye of the beholder*. And while there's something true to that, it's incomplete. Noam, at least, seems objectively beautiful. There's something about him that draws you in, that instills love, that extolls truth and goodness. It's not mere externals, but something about who he is that's rightly called *beautiful* – *Noam*.

Fyodor Dostoevsky, a Russian novelist, supposedly said that *Beauty will save the world*. Depending on what that means, he may just be right. But for that to be the case, there must be something objective to beauty – something constant, that doesn't change on a whim. So what is *beauty*?

It seems only poets are brave enough – or only they are properly equipped – to offer definitions:

"Beauty is truth, truth beauty, – that is all Ye know on earth, and all ye need to know."

~ John Keats, *Ode to a Grecian Urn*, 49-50.

"Beauty is the glow of the true and the good that shines forth from every ordered state of being." ~ Josef Pieper

"The awful thing is that beauty is mysterious as well as terrible." ~ Fyodor Dostoevsky, *Brothers Karamazov*

Then there's the dictionary:

beau·ty

/'byōdē/

noun

1. a combination of qualities, such as shape, color, or form, that pleases the aesthetic senses, especially the sight.
"I was struck by her beauty"
2. a beautiful or pleasing thing or person, in particular.

Over the next few weeks during the Sunday Bible Study I'd like to take up just that question: *What is Beauty?* We'll have a look at the Scriptures, seeing how our Lord has given us all things, bright and beautiful. We'll reflect on the beauty of God Himself, and on the beauty we're given to participate in. One thing's for sure: we'll find that beauty is something apprehended by the senses.

What I hope we'll discover is that beauty reveals, informs, and opens us up to mystery. Beauty orders, consoles, comforts, and sets wrongs right. Beauty combats evil and defends what is good and right. Beauty attracts, delights, satisfies. Beauty strengthens, disciplines, guides and forms. And even to speak this way – of what *beauty* does – is to recognize the personhood, the humanity of beauty.

And, if beauty – as we'll see – is a revelation of God himself (see Psalm 27:4 above), then it can't merely be a matter of taste. While there is a *subjectivity* (that is, every person experiences beauty personally), that only flows from its objectivity (that is, from who God is).

The ancient philosophers (Plato and Aristotle) spoke of Beauty, Goodness, and Truth as the source and center of knowledge. The early Christians agreed, and saw in this triad as a reflection of the very Trinity! Truth is who God is, and from Truth, Goodness flows to humanity. Beauty, then, shines forth from both Truth and Goodness.

But defining beauty by who God is, we must also see that it defines who we are as well. Our hope as Christians is to be drawn by the beautiful to the true and the good, and in being drawn, bring others along as well.

But can it go wrong? And what of the ugly, the broken, the lonely, the forsaken – are they beautiful, or capable of beauty? What of the cross? Is that most heinous or most beautiful? And what does it all mean for us? That's the task for the next few weeks. Come, reflect with us on the beauty of the Lord, and the joy that He calls us beautiful as well.

Yours in Christ, the Beauty of the Lord
Pastor Boyle



FROM OUR CONFESSIONS



The Small Catechism

by Martin Luther

As the head of the family should teach them in a simple way to his household.

The Third Article.

Of Sanctification.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; one holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean?--Answer.

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Ghost has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith; even as He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith; in which Christian Church He forgives daily and richly all sins to me and all believers, and at the last day will raise up me and all the dead, and will give to me and to all believers in Christ everlasting life. This is most certainly true.

III. The Lord's Prayer

As the head of the family should teach it in a simple way to his household.

Our Father who art in heaven.

What does this mean?--Answer.

God would thereby [with this little introduction] tenderly urge us to believe that He is our true Father, and that we are His true children, so that we may ask Him confidently with all assurance, as dear children ask their dear father.

The First Petition.

Hallowed be Thy name.

What does this mean?--Answer.

God's name is indeed holy in itself; but we pray in this petition that it may become holy among us also.

How is this done?--Answer.

When the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we as the children of God also lead holy lives in accordance with it. To this end help us, dear Father in heaven. But he that teaches and lives otherwise than God's Word teaches profanes the name of God among us. From this preserve us, Heavenly Father.

by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead a godly life here in time and yonder in eternity.

To be continued next month...

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

July 5th	~Lord's Diner, 5:30p
July 9th	~Synod Convention begins, 6/9 through 6/15
July 10th	~H.S. Youth Gathering at the Bromlow's, 6p
July 11th	~Labor Finders
July 12th	~Council Meeting, 7p
July 14th	~Hall of Men, 7p
July 15th	~Game Night, 6-9p
July 16th	~Commemoration of Ruth
July 19th	~OMT Book Club, 9am @Grace
July 20th	~Commemoration of Elijah
	~TORCH DEADLINE
July 21st	~Commemoration of Ezekiel
	~Ladies Bunco, 7p
	~Hall of Men, 7:30p
July 22nd	~Feast of St. Mary Magdalene
July 23rd	~Inkling Festival, (9a-12:30p-Lectures) (12:30p-9:30p-Festival)
July 24th	~H.S. Youth Gathering at the Bromlow's, 6p
July 25th	~Feast of St. James the Elder, Apostle
July 26th	~Higher Things "Bread of Life" Fort Collins, Colorado (6/26 through 6/29)
July 27th	**NO Matins, Divine Service, or Evening Prayer
July 28th	~Commemoration of Johann Sebastian Bach, Kantor
	~Hall of Men, 7:30p
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

Sunday
Worship Services 11a
Bible Study 9:30a @Grace in June

Daily (Mon-Fri)
Matins Service 9a @Grace

Wednesdays
Bible Study @Grace, 9:30a
Divine Service @ Grace, 11a
Evening Prayer @Trinity 7p
Adult Handbell Practice @Trinity 7:45p

Fridays
Private Absolution 3:30-4:30p @Trinity

Saturdays
Private Absolution 9:30-10:30a @Grace



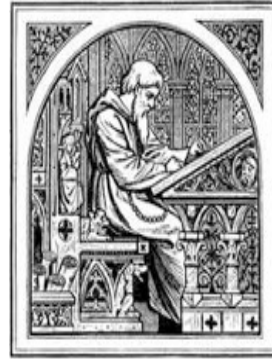
~ATTENTION LADIES!~

Bunco will be held July 21st at Trinity
and all ladies are welcome to join.

Please RSVP Patricia (210-1573) or Nikki (650-1402) 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.

eighth day institute
renewing culture through faith and learning
Let us seek, let us search, let us examine, let us inquire. - St John of Damascus

~Sisters of Sophia~

FOR WOMEN ONLY - After almost seven years of Hall of Men meetings, it is time to offer something similar for the ladies.

At Sisters of Sophia, we walk with women of wisdom as we learn from their lives. We meet every third Tuesday of the month. Our gathering is both challenging and refreshing, as is the camaraderie along the way!

- 6:15 Doors Open
- 6:30 Food and Fellowship
- 7:30 Eighth Day Convocation and Lecture
- 8:15 Q&A and Closing Prayer

Please come to break bread with us, learn with us, or both! We will end promptly at 8:30, but women are welcome to chat long after that!

Supper is gratis, water and iced tea will be available. Adult beverages are available on a donation basis. Please feel free to invite friends through Facebook! **Childcare not available.

For more information and to RSVP go to: <http://www.eighthdayinstitute.org/>

Lord's Diner Tuesday, July 5th, at 5:30pm

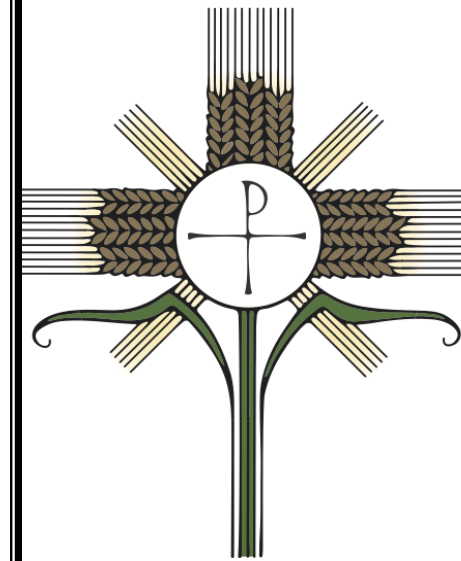
"The Lord's Diner relies on volunteers and their gift of time and talent to achieve our mission of " Responding to Christ's call to feed the hungry."



The City of Wichita Environmental Health Dept. offers classes on the 1st and 3rd Mon. and Sat. of each month. Online classes are also available for a fee. Please call 316-268-8351 or go to: www.Wichita.gov for additional info or to register for a class.

Bread of Life 2016

Higher Things Conferences 2016



Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."
Jesus is the Bread of Life. He is the bread that came down from heaven.

Our fathers ate manna in the wilderness and they all died. Jesus is the bread that a man may eat and never die. Believing in His Words and promises, receiving His Body and Blood, we live forever.

We are very excited to announce that the 2016 Higher Things conferences will rejoice in Jesus being the "Bread of Life." We will receive His Words. We will eat His Body and drink His Blood. We will live forever.

July 26th -29

Colorado State University
Fort Collins, CO

~BEST OF SCANDINAVIA TOUR~

Join LC-MS pastor, Rev. Clifford and Lois Winter of Wichita, KS on a 12-day **BEST OF SCANDINAVIA TOUR** through Denmark, Sweden, and Norway Sept. 14-25, 2016. Copenhagen, Stockholm, Uppsala, Bergen, Oslo, plus mighty fjords, cathedrals, castles, villages, and most meals! Includes round-trip airfare from Chicago, guide, hotels, deluxe motor coach, portage, and all admissions, airline surcharges, and taxes. Daily devotions by Pastor Winter. Call 316-942-5811 or email loiswinter@yahoo.com for brochure.

~EVANGELISM NEWS~

The Board of Evangelism is still seeking new board members. Please consider joining! Contact: Scott Irwin (648-3504) or Jennifer in the office (685-6781) if you are interested or have any questions about the Board of Evangelism.

~LWML NEWS~

Ladies Guild (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) will not meet during the months of May, June and July. However, we will be making fleece quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Last June we made 6 of them and we would like to make more than that this summer. So watch the bulletin and Torch as to when we will be doing this. Many hands make the work lighter.

If you would like to keep up on news from LWML, pick up a copy of the "Lutheran Women's Quarterly" on the desk near the library in the basement.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

The Garage Sale was a huge success!

Everyone's help and donations were very much appreciated. Just think all of that unused stuff has been repurposed instead of going in the landfill! The items that didn't sell were donated to Grace Lutheran for their annual clothing give away and to Bethesda resale shop. Plus, we strengthened friendships with each other and the community along the way! Now that's good stewardship!

~The 24th Annual Grace Board of Social Ministry Clothing Giveaway~

will be held Saturday, September 10th, 2016

*NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATE PLEASE

The Board of Social Ministry would like to remind you that we are collecting adult and especially children's clothing for this benefit. It has been scheduled to help area children be ready for the school year. Clothing can be brought to Grace Lutheran (3310 E. Pawnee) now. Thank you!

~BIBLE CLASS/SUNDAY SCHOOL~

Bible Class/Sunday School is at Trinity at 9:30 am for the month of July.



~THANK YOU ~

The Board of Social Ministry at Grace would like to thank those who were able to participate in the benefit for Grace's Food Pantry. We received \$743.00 in donations! These donations help to continue the purchase of groceries and to benefit the mission of assisting our neighbors in need of food. Each set-up (three bags of groceries) we provide to a family costs approximately \$50. We thank Thrivent Financial for the \$250 of seed money used to purchase the food/supplies for the benefit breakfast.

We are now collecting school supplies. We have received a grant through Thrivent and will have an additional \$250 to spend on school supplies this year!

If you haven't already... Please Re-Enroll Your Dillons Card!

We thank you all, our friends and families, who supported Trinity Lutheran Church by claiming us as your Dillons Community Rewards recipient in 2015. To date Trinity has received a little over \$900!

**BUT YOU MUST RE-ENROLL WITH TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH_LCMS #10480

AS YOUR DILLONS COMMUNITY REWARDS RECIPIENT FOR 2016!!!

**If you have chosen to receive email notifications via your Dillons account, you should have received an email with a graphic asking you to click to "KEEP CURRENT ORGANIZATION".



If you missed that email, just log in to your Dillons Plus Card account at www.dillons.com/communityrewards, select the "Community Rewards" tab, and search for and choose

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH_LCMS # 10480. Then just swipe and shop as usual!

NEW INFORMATION** Your supporters (9 households) who shopped at Dillons between 2016-01-01 and 2016-03-31 (Cycle 2016, Qtr 1) have contributed to your \$136.64 total donation. Your organization will be receiving a Kroger check in this amount within 30 days from 2016-04-13. If you have any questions, please email DCR@dillonstores.com or visit our website at www.dillons.com/communityrewards.

Thank you for your continued support of your local Dillons store.

~GAME NIGHT~



Join us for Game Night, Friday, July 15th, at 6pm in Trinity's old Chapel. Pizza will be ordered but feel free to bring drinks or snacks. All ages welcome!

~CHILDREN'S CHOIR ~

**We will not have children's choir practice during the summer months but plan to start back up in the fall.

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



~AMAZON SMILE PROGRAM~

Trinity is now registered with the Amazon Smile program. Purchases made through smile.amazon.com may have a portion of the proceeds donated to Trinity. Select Trinity Lutheran Church in Wichita, KS as your charitable organization in your Amazon profile, or by using the browser link https://smile.amazon.com/ch/48-0622407.



There is no change in selection, availability, or prices when using smile.amazon.com to support Trinity through the Smile program.



July 3

"Freedom in Action"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

In Christ, you are free from being ruled by your burdens, free to serve others for the glory of God. (Galations 6:1-18)

July 10

"Extreme Neighborliness"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

Through His love and sacrifice, Jesus is the extreme neighbor to you and all people. (Luke 10:25-37)

July 17

"The One Thing You Really Need"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

The story of Mary and Martha is not so much about Mary or Martha--or us. It's really about Jesus. (Luke 10:38-42)

July 24

"Never to See Them Again"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Opportunity knocks; Christ invites us to receive the gift of faith. (Luke 9:51-62)

July 31

"Bullies"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

When bullies pressure Christians to keep quiet, we can retreat, push back, or choose to endure. (Acts 5:27-34)

Listed below are the radio stations and times the Lutheran Hour can be heard in Wichita:

KFTI 1070 AM 8:30 a.m. Sunday

K204DQ 88.7 FM 9:00 a.m. Sunday

Website: <http://www.lutheranhour.org>

~ADULT HANDBELL CHOIR PRACTICE~



Adult Handbell Choir practices are being held on Wednesday nights at about 7:45 pm. If you are interested in learning to play or already know how and would like to be a part of the bell choir please join them downstairs after the Evening Prayer Service.

We hope to see you there!

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

2016 Reading Schedule:

January 26 (Grace, Wichita) ***irregular date*
 Schmemmann, Alexander. *Of Water & the Spirit: A Liturgical Study of Baptism*. Crestwood: St. Vlad's, 1997.

February 16 (Trinity, Wichita)
 Sasse, Hermann, *We Confess the Church*. St. Louis: CPH, 1986.

March 15 (Grace, Wichita)
 Lischer, Richard. *A Theology of Preaching: The Dynamics of the Gospel*. Revised Ed. Eugene: Wipf & Stock, 2001.

April 19 (Trinity, Wichita)
 Gregory of Nyssa, *On the Soul and the Resurrection*. Crestwood: St. Vlad's, 1993.

***May 24* (Grace, Wichita)
 Chemnitz, Martin. *Chemnitz's Works, Volume 6: The Two Natures in Christ*. St. Louis: CPH, 1971; 2007.

June 21 (Trinity, Wichita)
 Stephenson, J. & T. Winger, eds. *You My People, Shall Be Holy: A Festschrift in Honor of John W. Kleinig*.
 Nagel, Norman E. "Bestowing Hands and *Potestas ordinis*" (pgs. 165-204)
 Senkbeil, Harold L. "Lead Us Not into Temptation: Acedia, the Pastoral Pandemic" (263-274)
 Stephenson, John R. "Towards an Exegetical and Systematic Appraisal of Luther's Scattered Thoughts on
 Episcopacy" (275-296)
 Weinrich, William C. "Leviticus as a Christian Book: Patristic Instances" (297-312)
 Winger, Thomas M. "The Priesthood of the Baptised: The Testimony of Luther, Peter, Humpty Dumpty,
 and a Goat" (313-336)

July 19 (Grace, Wichita)
 Brege, Daniel J. *Eating God's Sacrifice: The Lord's Supper Portrayed in Old Testament Sacrifice*. 2010.

August 16 (Trinity, Wichita)
 Russell, Norman, trans. *The Lives of the Desert Fathers*. Cistercian Publications, 1981.

September 20 (Grace, Wichita)
 Johnson, Maxwell E. *Praying and Believing in Early Christianity: The Interplay Between Christian Worship and
 Doctrine*. Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 2013.

October 18 (Trinity, Wichita)
 Luther, Martin. *Luther's Works 52 - Sermons II*. St. Louis: CPH, 1968.

November 15 (Grace, Wichita)
 Peterson, Eugene. *The Pastor: A Memoir*. New York: HarperOne, 2012.

December 20 (Trinity, Wichita)
 Gieschen, Charles A., ed. *The Law in Holy Scripture*. St. Louis: CPH, 2004.
 1) Wenthe, Dean O. "The Torah Story: Identity or Duty as the Essence of the Law" (pgs. 21-35)
 2) Allison, Dale C. "Jesus and Torah" (75-95)
 3) Das, A. Andrew "Beyond Covenantal Nomism: Paul, Judaism, and Perfect Obedience" (149-171)
 4) Scaer, David P. "Law in a Law-less World" (191-209)



Interesting Facts About the Spanish Language

- + Spanish is the second most spoken language in the world.
- + Spanish is spoken in 44 countries.
- + The Spanish language began on the Iberian Peninsula, consisting of Spain, Andorra, Portugal, and Gibraltar.
- + In Spanish language the letter "c", when it appears before the letters e and i is pronounced differently by the Spaniards and the Latins. The Latins pronounce it as an s while the Spaniards pronounce it as a th.
- + Spanish was the diplomatic language up to the 18th century.
- + Mexico contains the largest population of Spanish speakers with 114 million followed by the United States with 50 million.

We Welcome the Schlunds to Mexico!

Greetings in the name of the Lord. We welcome the Schlund family to the mission field. After completing their language training in the Dominican Republic, they spent a brief time in Mexico City making their living arrangements. They then returned to the United States to process their Mexican visas. We just got word that their visas have been approved and they will soon be joining us in Mexico. Remember to keep Rev. Andrew, his wife, Kelsey, and their daughter Charlotte in your prayers as they make their transition to a new country and a new culture. They will be a great blessing to our missionary team and to the national church.

Luther Academy Conference

This last week the national pastors attended a Luther Academy conference that took place at Iglesia Luterana Todos los Santos in Guadalajara. Rev. Cristian Rautenberg, a missionary to Chile directed the study that was entitled, "Mission from the Perspective of the Cross." Our national pastors from all parts of the country were in attendance. A great time for learning and fellowship was had by all.

Guadalajara is one of the largest cities of Mexico with a population of 1.5 million. It is also a cultural center of Mexico and is considered by most to be the home of the famous Mexican mariachi music.

We thank pastor Carlos Catalan and the members of Todos los Santos for hosting the event and for the great food that they served throughout the conference. We also thank Rev. Rautenberg for a great presentation that will help the national church carry out its ministry.



~LCMS Stewardship Article: July 2016~

In our Lord's parable of the vineyard workers, the vineyard owner says to those who worked the longest, "Or do you begrudge my generosity" (Matthew 20:15)? It's an unfortunate translation. It's not wrong, but it doesn't give us the full picture. What the vineyard owner actually says is this: "Or is your eye evil because I am good?" Earlier in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness" (Matthew 6:21-23).

This statement comes right in the middle of our Lord's teaching about giving. He said, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

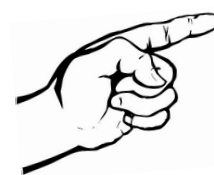
The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money" (Matthew 6:19-24).

Having an evil eye does not let in the light. Having an evil eye means that we are so focused on what we don't have, that we are unable to rejoice in what God has given. An evil eye makes us distressed when we see others prosper. It makes us rejoice when others suffer. An evil eye makes us so love ourselves and our money, that we don't want to share with others; we don't want to give of what we have because we are so focused on keeping what we have and getting what we don't.

Whereas a good eye is an eye that lets the light in so that our lives are filled with it. This light shines upon all that we have and reveals that it comes from our Father's divine goodness and mercy. A good eye that lets in the light, unencumbered by the darkness, so that we have a good will, a benevolent disposition, and a genuine happiness to see others prosper and the desire to be part of it.

Jesus came to give you a good eye and to take away the darkness that fills your life. Christ our Lord, through His death and resurrection, has forgiven your sin, removed your evil eye and given you new eyes that let in His light and truth. "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9).

The reality is that you have all that you need and more. You have the love of God in Christ Jesus. You have the forgiveness of sins and life everlasting. You have house and home, all that you need for this body and life. So, lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy. And you will see that your hearts will follow, just as Jesus promised.



THE MISSION FIELD

Pick up your invitation cards in the Narthex

- ☑ Invite a friend
- ☑ Invite a neighbor
- ☑ Invite someone you just met

Matthew 5:14

You are the light of the world...

•You can share Christ's Message with anyone•



Trinity Church
Lutheran
YOU ARE INVITED

"For by grace you have been saved through faith..." Ephesians 2:8-9

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"Life Quotes"

July 3 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 9) – Our God Jesus has set us free from sin, death, and the power of the devil (Luke 10:17-20). He also gives us the gift of dependence, to depend upon Him in faith and upon one another in love and service (Luke 10:1; Galatians 6:2). Rather than diminishing our humanity, mutual dependence dignifies it. Prayer: Lord Jesus, help me to depend upon You with Your people and defend those who depend on me. Amen.

July 10 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 10) – The compassionate Samaritan does not euthanize or terminate the already half-dead traveler. He treats this stranger and rival not as less human but as a dear neighbor and trades his own convenience, cost, and comfort to gain a brother (Luke 10:33-35). Our Savior showers us with just such grace so that we may share it as well. Prayer: Dear Savior, grant me fully to appreciate Your grace to me and freely to extend it to all in need. Amen.

July 17 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 11) – The Almighty who made us wills life even in circumstances appearing impossible and otherwise hopeless (Genesis 18:9-14). Jesus miraculously invades our

prideful boundaries and interrupts our other priorities with promises and relationship (Luke 10:38-42). Prayer: Holy Trinity, by Your Word bring Your communion life into my strangled selfishness. Amen.

July 24 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 12) – Lord God lovingly adopts each of us by baptism into Christ Jesus. Though earthly fathers often fail, He perfectly provides and protects (Luke 11:11-13). Participating in these uplifting labors, even by caring for bodies and spirits that are not our own children, becomes our highest privilege. Prayer: Heavenly Father, let Your fatherly, divine goodness and mercy live in me. Amen.

July 31 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 13) – God reserves for Himself both the privilege of providing life and the responsibility for deciding death (Luke 12:20). Life is His gift, even amidst afflictions (Ecclesiastes 2:22-23). It always arrives in His time and on His terms (Ecclesiastes 2:24-25; Colossians 3:2-4), wonderfully better terms than we would outline for ourselves. Prayer: Good Shepherd, lead me to abandon my demands and enjoy life as You deliver it. Amen.

<http://www.lutheransforlife.org>


LUTHERANISM & THE CLASSICS IV:

Listening to the Poets September 29-30, 2016 – Fort Wayne, Indiana

The redeemed have always had the triune God's psalms and poetry upon their lips and in their hearts (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16). But to what other usages has poetry been put in the Church and what relationships have Luther and the reformers enjoyed with the ancient and medieval poets? These and other questions will be discussed at the conference to be hosted by Concordia Theological Seminary under the theme

"Listening to the Poets."

- The conference features three plenary papers, a banquet address and 15 sectional presenters on such sessions as what Virgil taught Luther about writing hymns, Lutheran corrections to medieval hymnody, poetic snatches in Isaiah, how poetry was used in Lutheran pedagogy and why Luther rarely cites Catullus. Most of the papers will be read in Sihler Auditorium, making it possible for registrants to follow the thought progression of the conference.
- An added feature this year is that registration includes a copy of our previous conference papers (*Lutherans Read History*) in an attractive volume edited by scholars associated with Lutheranism & the Classics. Latin will be used in three worship settings, and there will be three practical papers at the end designed especially for Lutheran teachers, classical educators and homeschoolers.
- The conference celebrates Lutheranism's engagement with the poets of the past, and contemplates their value for the propagation of the faith to present and future generations.



We Give Thanks For:

- ✠ Our partners in mission, who make God's mission in Mexico possible.
- ✠ The arrival of the Schlund family to Mexico.
- ✠ The many people who have helped Dan with his ministry in Mexico.
- ✠ The new confirmands who were confirmed in the last two weeks.

We Pray For:

- ✠ Additional partners in mission.
- ✠ The Mexican national youth retreat that will take place in July.
- ✠ Dan's family as they continue to mourn the passing away of his mother.
- ✠ The evangelism efforts of our Mexican churches.
- ✠ The Mexican pastors who are in formation.
- ✠ Our partner churches throughout the world.



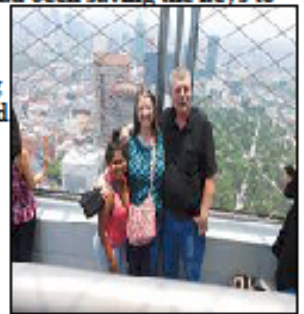
Personal Notes

We continue to get our house in shape little by little. Our washer and dryer are scheduled to be hooked up next week. The Mexican appliance stores require that their technicians hook up your washer and dryer in order to keep the warranty valid. They have been delivered to our home and Dan is perfectly capable of hooking them up but we must wait for the technicians to arrive. Most of the dryers here in Mexico operate with gas rather than with the 220-volt electrical heater that is common to dryers in the states.

The rainy season in Mexico City, that lasts from May until September has begun in full force. We have daily showers and the traffic comes to a standstill when the rain is coming down strongly. Furthermore, it is very difficult to hail a taxi during the rain so you just have to wait until the rain subsides and then continue on your journey.

A couple of weeks ago Dan lost his house keys and could not find them anywhere. This morning he stopped by a local convenience store to get a cup of coffee. The owner told Dan that he had left his keys on the counter when he paid for his last cup of coffee. The owner had been saving the keys to return to Dan during all this time. An event like this makes your day!

Pray to see where the Lord might be leading you to partner with His mission in Mexico. The Lord provides the funding for his missions through his people. Together we partner with God to take the Gospel to the far ends of the earth. We thank you for your prayers and support!



Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. (Hebrews 13:20-21)

Soli Deo Gloria

Dan, Kathy, and Ana



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Thank You for Your Support!

From Missionary: Daniel Johnson...

Dear supporters of the Baltic and Siberian mission;

Greetings from Marshalltown, IA!

I just arrived home from a trip to Riga, Latvia as the LCMS representative to the Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Latvia (ELCL), and hosted Doxology advanced pastoral education seminars in Saldus, Latvia and in Palanga, Lithuania.

The ELCL Synod was very interesting. I will reprint an edited version of my "Report of the Latvian Synod" in my attached monthly newsletter.

Of interest to you as a supporter by means of both prayer and financial gifts, is my pending change of status with the Office of International Mission (OIM). On July 1, 2016, I will officially be transferred to the Office of Church Relations (CR). My work will not substantially change from what I have been doing with the OIM. I will still conduct catechetical seminars with our partner churches in Siberia, the Baltic countries of Latvia and Lithuania and Central Asia countries of Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan. I will also be given responsibility for the catechetical seminars to be held in Odessa, Ukraine and in other developing areas related to matters of church fellowship. In addition to my catechetical responsibilities which I currently hold, I will be given responsibilities to assist the director of church relations throughout Eurasia and wherever else he may direct. This will also include working with the International Lutheran Council (ILC). Therefore, my responsibilities will be expanded to encompass not only catechetical but also church relations matters within Eurasia. My new title, starting on July 1, 2016, will be: Area Representative of Eurasia for LCMS Church Relations

However, though my responsibilities may be expanding and my method of reporting may change, my funding will remain according to the synod's network support model (NSM). This means that I will remain dependent on NSM and TIM support as I move from OIM into CR. I thank you for your ongoing prayers and financial support these past several years. I also ask you to consider continuing such support into the future as I transfer to the Office of Church Relations. You may continue to send your financial gifts to the LCMS address provided in my attached newsletter and on my website. Simply write in the memo: "For Daniel S. Johnson, Church Relations"

You may view my "June 2016 LCMS OIM Eurasia newsletter" by clicking on the pdf attachment sent with this email.

Please note: On July 1, 2016, my Daniel.Johnson@lcmsintl.org email will become inactive. To contact me, you may send an email to: DanielSJohnson356@gmail.com or Daniel.Johnson@lcms.org

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2016 Inklings Festival

The Eighth Day Institute is delighted to present our second annual Inklings Festival and Lecture Series, Saturday, July 23 on the beautiful grounds of St. George's Orthodox Cathedral.

EVENTS:

Lecture Series (9:00-12:30):

Professor Ralph Wood of Baylor University will present two plenary lectures:

- East Meets West in C. S. Lewis: The Summons to Become Icons of Christ
- To Look At or To Be Looked At: Realistic vs. Iconic Renderings of the Holy

Breakout lectures include:

- Professor Leslie Baynes (Missouri State): TBA
- David Armstrong (Missouri State): When We Have Faces: The Theoria of CS Lewis

Inklings Festival (12:30 – 9:30):

Outdoor Artisan Market (12:30 - 4:30)

VENDOR CALL: Vendors with handcrafted / artisanal products needed for outdoor market on July 23rd, from 12:30 - 4:30. [Click here for more details and vendor contract.](#)

Music!

- Aaron Lee Martin
- The Jack Korbel Confluence
- David Lord/Francis Moss
- Pop & the Boys

Family Activities!

- Bounce Castle
- Coloring
- Dress-Up
- Story Time
- Archery
- KEVA tower building contests
- LOTR Miniature Painting
- Ring Making
- Many more activities and details coming soon!

Local Crafts & Culture Seminars!

- Indie Publishing
- Discovering Culture through Cooking
- More Coming Soon!

Food & Drinks

A selection of local food trucks will be on the premises to provide food throughout the day. Beer will be provided by local brewers.

Summer Bible Study & Dinner @ the Lutheran Student Center

"In Christ Alone": a Journey
through Philippians

July 10, 31 & August 7, 14
4:30-6:30 pm

RSVP with Paige Edgington (dcepaige@gmail.com)
so we can make sure we have enough food!
Friends are welcome!

3815 E. 17th St. (Across from WSU)

~THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS~



How it works:

Think about an unmet need in your community and how you could help. Apply to lead your volunteer team in a one-time fundraiser, service activity or educational event that can be completed within 90 days. Once your project is approved, you'll receive a Thrivent Action Kit, including:

- Promotional banner.
- Invitations and thank-you cards.
- Thrivent Action Team T-shirts.

A \$250 Community Impact Card you can use as seed money to purchase project supplies and create promotional materials.

How often am I eligible?

All Thrivent members are eligible to lead a Thrivent Action Team. However, the number of teams each member can lead per year depends on his or her membership type. Benefit members are eligible to lead two Thrivent Action Teams per calendar year, and associate members are eligible to lead one per calendar year (maximum of three).

Things to keep in mind:

Involve others

Bring together a volunteer team of friends, family and people in your community to have a bigger impact. It's not a gift or a grant. It's seed money, and it's an investment to help get your project started or gain awareness for your cause, rather than directly giving the money to (granting) or purchasing items for (gifting) your cause.

One action team, one project

Multiple members cannot apply to receive a Thrivent Action Kit to be used toward the exact same project.

Report your success

Share your stories, photos and volunteer team info with us after your event – this must be completed before applying to lead your next Thrivent Action Team.

Trinity has two Action Teams now. One is for the Lenten Meals and one is to help with expenses for the St. John's choir from Seward, NE who will perform at Trinity in April.

LOG IN AT www.Thrivent.com and click Making a Difference and then choose Thrivent Action Team. Please call Vicki Lessman at (316) 684-1367 if you have any questions.





St. Andrews Lutheran Church will be sponsoring GriefShare, a non-denominational, biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death.

GriefShare is a positive, uplifting, caring group in which participants can learn how to deal with the emotions and challenges that come when a loved one dies.

Anyone who has experienced the death of a family member or friend, whether recently or in years past, is invited to attend our new GriefShare series.

Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support). The workbook also provides a brief daily Bible study.

St. Andrews GriefShare group begins with a
Registration and Introductory Session:
Sunday, July 31, at 4:00 p.m. at
St. Andrews Lutheran Church
2555 N. Hyacinth Lane
Wichita, KS 67204

Weekly meetings will then be held on Sundays, 4:00-6:00 p.m., from August 7-October 30, at St. Andrews Lutheran Church.

\$15 registration fee covers the cost of the workbook.
(Scholarships available)

SIGN UP NOW: CALL 838-0944

Grief Share uses a 13-week curriculum, used by more than 17,000 churches worldwide. The curriculum takes us through 13 weekly sessions and includes a workbook, a 40-minute video that helps with the grieving process, and which then serves as a starting place for discussion of how the video relates to participants' own experiences.

Many grieving people find they are only beginning the work of healing when friends or family have returned to their daily life routines. Too often people, including Christians, tend to stuff their grief instead of allowing it to do the God-given work for which it is intended. Don't allow fear of what others might think to keep you from what could help you. Confidentiality is very much a part of this program.

GriefShare participants know what it is like to set a place at the table for a lost loved one, out of habit, even though that loved one died a month ago. They know what it is like to wake up and feel as if there's no reason to get out of bed. Or what it is like to feel stuck because those feelings of grief and sadness have been pushed aside far too long.

"It is comforting to be in a room of diverse people and realize that we are all the same," one GriefShare participant said. "We are all raw on the inside. We all hurt. This place has become my second home. Here, I am not afraid to cry. I woke up this morning and I didn't want to get out of bed. But then I remembered that we had our meeting today."

You will find encouragement and help in grieving the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, other family member, or friend. No matter the cause of your loved one's death, this is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling. You will learn how to recognize the symptoms of being stuck in grief and how to cope with the normal emotions that come when grieving a death. You will learn valuable information on facing life situations, determining who you are now without your loved one, and you'll gain renewed hope for the future. You will learn what the Bible tells us about Heaven, why peace and pain will always coexist, and why moving forward is a necessity.

These sessions are open to any adult regardless of whether your experience is recent or not so recent.

The group will be led by Chris Anderson, who experienced the death of his wife in 2015, has participated in a GriefShare group, and is a trained group facilitator.

For more information, contact Chris Anderson, 316-838-0944, or
anderdogs@yahoo.com