



# TRINITY TRANSMITTER

## January 2015

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## Adopted By God!

*"For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, 'Abba, Father.'"*

—Romans 8:15

The Bible says, "... [We] received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, 'Abba, Father'. The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ..." (15-17).

Adoptive parents understand what it's like to have an emptiness in their hearts, to search, to set out on a mission, to take responsibility for a child with a troubled past and an uncertain future. And that's what God did for you. Knowing full well the trouble you'd be, and what it would cost, He sought you, found you, paid the price for you, took you home, gave you His name and the right to call Him "Abba", which means "Father", a term of endearment.

Adoption isn't something you earn, it's a gift you receive. You'd never hear adoptive parents say, "We'd like to adopt little Mary but first we want to know—does she have a house, money for tuition, a ride to school in the morning and clothes to wear every day?"

The adoption agency would say, "Hold on, you're not adopting her because of what she has, but because of what she needs. She needs love, hope, a home and a future."

We don't earn the Spirit of adoption, we receive it by faith. That's important, because if we can't gain it by your efforts, we can't lose it through our poor performance. How reassuring! And it gets better; we'll never have a need He cannot or will not meet.

**How good is that?!**

*Pastor Timm Griffin*

### TLC Mission Statement:

KNOW CHRIST



SHARE CHRIST



SERVE CHRIST

## Worship Schedule Change:

Effective Sunday, February 1, 2015  
Trinity Lutheran Church will hold two services each Sunday. Service times will be 8:00 am and 10:30 am, with Sunday School and Bible Classes at 9:15. Communion will be offered on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

During the summer months we will revert to one service on Sundays.



...the family of Skylar Schwindt at the death of his grandfather, Bill Long



The Staff of Trinity express their sincere thanks for the thoughtful gestures shown to each of them all through the year, and especially at Christmas!



This is an Open Invitation to the  
Wedding Ceremony of  
Larissa Hall & Eric Melling

Saturday, January 3, 2015 at 11:00 am  
Reception following in the Fellowship Hall

RSVP to Chris Hall at 275-7919 if you are staying for the Pasta Bar Lunch

## TLC Family Care Connections

We pray for...

† **Shut-Ins:** Freda Kirchoff, Bill Boles, Esther McMichael, Evelyn Kowalke, Irene Gestenslager, Thelma Traugott, Karen Mowdy, Bob Shackelford, Hellen Strickland, Dot Merz, Bill Bridges

† **Health Concerns:** Gary Kraft, Aspen Phillips, Joyce Kraft, Don Messenger, Michelle Lauck, Shirley VanCura, Rosa Mai, John Lavrenz, Kim Hamilton, Bob Garmin, Ann Mason

*If you have a prayer concern, please call the office*

*\*\* always obtain permission before sharing another's concerns*

## From TLC Endowment Board

This is a friendly reminder from the Endowment Board encouraging all Boards, members or others who request consideration of use of Endowment income for projects in 2015, to submit same, in writing, to the Board on or before January 16, 2015. The Endowment Board will meet on February 16, 2015, to consider all requests for ministry projects.

If a Trinity member or Board is making a new request, it would be helpful to the Endowment Board to have a brief outline of the request describing the ministry mission sought to be accomplished. Trinity is proud to utilize the stewardship of the Endowment Fund for the long-term growth of the God's Church on earth. Donations to the Endowment Fund should not detract from fulfilling each member's ordinary response to God's grace in the support of Trinity's ministry.

If anyone has questions, please feel free to address them to one of the Endowment Board members: Jay Meyer, Judy Nusser, Carlene Schweer, Loretta Schultz or the undersigned.

Gerry Schultz, Chairman

# Christian Education

## Sunday Morning Bible Studies Adult Bible Class

Meets in East Wing. Led by Jim Hewes

### What's New in the News

A look at current events through  
the lens of Scripture!

Led by DCE Cynthia Lavrenz in the Meeting Room

## Weekday Fellowship Opportunities Breakfast with Jesus

Mondays: 7–8 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Read one section of text for the day, discuss the  
impact on us, and pray for one another.

A free-will donation will pay for breakfast!

### Get-together-Girls

meet on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.

(no meetings December 23 or 30)

Join the ladies for fellowship, devotions, and card  
ministry. Drop-ins are welcome!

### Brown Bag Bible Buddies

meet on Tuesdays at 12:00 p.m.

Studying different Books of the Bible in a study  
from Concordia Publishing House

### LifeLight Bible Study

LifeLight Bible Study - The Book of Genesis Pt 2  
will begin January 29

Thursdays from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

## Monthly Opportunities—

First Tuesday of Month, 7:00 p.m.

### Women's Bible Study —East Wing

from the *Lutheran Women's Quarterly*.

### Men's Bible Study

*The Mormons, Who They Are;  
What They Believe*

## Wednesday Evening Bible Studies 6:30

*In the Eye of the Storm:  
A day in the life of Jesus*

One minute you are seated in familiar territory with a  
song on your lips, then. . . The life that had been so  
calm is now so stormy. Led by Kathy Jackson

### Financial Peace University

Led by Karl Peschel

A new class will begin as soon as we have 3 or 4 couples  
signed up.

### Did God Really Say

"All heresies," Martin Luther wrote, "result from the devil's  
temptation to Eve to doubt God's Word and ask, 'Did God  
really say?'"

Jesus said to His fellow Jews who hoped to discredit  
Him and His teachings, "You diligently study the Scriptures  
because you think by them you possess eternal life.

*"These are the Scriptures that tell about Me, yet you  
refuse to come to Me to have life." (John 5:39).*

In this study from **GOOD NEWS** magazine, "Did God  
Really Say", we examine God's Word to verify--by His  
Spirit opening our eyes and ears to His life-saving truth--  
what God really *does and does not say*.

Led by Lorinda Skeie



Stephen Ministry Meeting:  
January 13 at 6:30

Stephen Ministry Education  
Sunday, January 8, 2015  
Followed by a Luncheon

Study <sup>the</sup> Bible  
with us



# January Servants

**Communion Assistants**     Jerry Bitter & Chuck Messenger  
**Altar Guild**                 Cheryl Schmale

## **Acolytes**

January	4	Taylor Schiltz & Jacynda Vargas
	11	Jacob Froetschner & Peter Hall
	18	Brooklynn Hallmark & Kylee Kruleski
	25	Taylor Schiltz & Grace Reagle
February	1	Sydney Jo Sheets & Holley Douglas
	8	Alex Foreman

## **PowerPoint**

January	4	Alexis Powell
	11	Grace Reagle
	18	Rachel Foreman
	25	Clara Jackson
February	1	Carrie Hall
	8	Gretchen Hogan

## **Lectors**

January	4	Ron Hall
	11	Connor Schultz
	18	Leland Jackson
	25	Carol Wigner

## **Nursery**

January	4	Chris Hall
	11	Jennifer Froetschner
	18	Kim Foreman
	25	Bailey Pauley

# JUST 4 YOUTH!

## Wednesday Youth Activities

Winter Schedule 6:30—7:30 p.m.

An activity, devotions led by the youth, and singing!

Bring a friend.



## Sunday Morning

The SKIT GUYS will be our focus for Sunday School. Each skit has been developed into a Bible Study.

## Past Calendar:



A Mini-Lock-in for the Christmas Break. Nerf Wars and other games were played by the Junior High group.

December 28-31, 2014

## FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN at LVR.

The group attending helped burn piles of brush, did some other minor work around the camp; Bible Study, singing and some broom ball.

Registered: Paul & Clara Jackson, Manual Rodriguez and Jaycob Vargas.



## Future Calendar:



## January 25 Mexican Meal Fundraiser

Enchiladas, Tacos, Beans, Rice, Dessert and beverage all to help with fuel and meal costs for the March Mexico Mission trip.

January 30-31—Rexford Confirmation Retreat  
Focus will be on BAPTISM

## February 6-8—Youth Quake in Wichita

Registered: Holley Douglas, Alex Foreman, Jacob Froetschner, Brooklyn Hallmark, Bailey Pauley, Alexis Powell, Grace Reagle, Jacynda Vargas, Taylor Schiltz, Taylor Sullivan, Nyalee Duran, Andrew Prochnow - Scott City, Michell Dehning - Leavenworth.

Junior Leaders: Brianna Pauley, Nathan Koeperich

Adults: Jaclyn Vargas, Jennifer Froetschner, Cynthia Lavrenz, Leland Jackson



March 1-3 and/or April 9-11  
Ski Monarch

March 14-20, 2015 -Build Homes in Mexico  
62 people have signed up!

April 17-18 Wild Wild West  
in Atwood and Rexford

May 21-25 College/Young Adult Servant  
Event at LVR

## Be a Servant in the Area!

Saturdays: Habitat for Humanity, Garden City  
Projects Around the Church:

Ceiling tile in basement bathroom &  
Sacristy storeroom  
Dusting in Sacristy and Vestry

## Young Adult Ministry! (YAMs)

Post High School through the 30's meet  
Wednesdays from 8-9 p.m. in the church basement!

## Fundraisers:

Save aluminum cans!!  
(cashed in 155lbs for \$93 on 12/4/14)



Mexican Vanilla for  
Sale—\$5 per bottle

Buy \$10.00  
Papa Murphy's  
Gift Cards

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!



Glenn Mitchell	1/1	Thomas Winter	1/16
Karen Wolf	1/4	Brian Foreman	1/18
Jenece Mitchell	1/5	Amy Fanslow	1/19
Linda Kelch	1/7	Kara Drohman	1/20
Mark Nelsen	1/8	Sharon Kelch	1/20
Adam Powell	1/9	Jennifer Irsik	1/21
Mariah Stratton	1/9	David Stephens	1/21
Joyce Baker	1/10	Rebecca Winter	1/21
Karen Coulter	1/10	Tahlia Appel	1/22
Dreyden Dugan	1/10	Melita Lauck	1/22
Lisa Hogan	1/12	Larissa Melling	1/24
Manuel Rodriguez	1/12	Kevin Kinney	1/24
Joscelyn Cruz	1/13	Kourtney Kneeland	1/24
Wendy Dunagan	1/13	Donna Bitter	01/25
Judy Nusser	1/13	Bruce Algrim	1/27
Rachelle Powell	1/13	Lindsay Nelson	1/27
Mark Welch	1/13	Kimberly Nelson	1/28
Debby Wright	1/13	Abby Wirth	1/28
Gene Kelch	1/14	Abraham Campbell	1/29
Caroline Hall	1/15	Jacob Diehl	1/29
Steve Hamann	1/15	Kenneth Harms	1/29
Cheryl Schmale	1/15	Nancy McMillan	1/29
Karson Sullivan	1/15	Michael Nelson	1/29
Kyra Drohman	1/16	Ken Killion	1/31
Dusty Fief	1/16	Tyler Messenger	1/31
Paul Jackson	1/16		

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



Maurice & Lila Miller	1/2
Aryln & Renee Algrim	1/3
Scott & Angie Ackerman	1/8
Michael & Jill Reagle	1/8
Warren & Jean Schwab	1/9
Adelaido & Faylene Leal	1/10
Travis & Wendy Dunagan	1/15
Otis & Mary Lee Molz	1/22
Martin & Judy Nusser	1/26

## Offering Envelopes and Simply Giving® for 2015

Offering envelopes have been distributed; find them in your mailbox!

When members use numbered envelopes it is much easier and more efficient for the counters and the financial secretary. (The purpose of offering envelopes is to provide you with a giving record for your information, and income tax purposes.)

There are some members who keep their box of envelopes in their mailbox in the lobby so they can't "forget them". If you choose to do that, please put a note on the box of envelopes to "Please leave in my ,mail box".

If you did not receive envelopes this year, and you would like to use them, please let the office know, and we'll be sure to get them to you.

I encourage you to consider using Simply Giving®, which allows you to make donations on a scheduled, automatic basis, whether you are here for worship or not. If you are writing checks and preparing envelopes every week, you will especially appreciate Simply Giving®. It is convenient for you and provides a more consistent stream of cash flow for our church.

Donations can be debited automatically from either a checking or savings account and can be made weekly, semi-monthly, or monthly. You still receive offering envelopes (to be used for additional or special gifts) and Simply Giving® stickers to place on them if you chose to place them in the offering plate during the offering in the worship service.

Forms can be obtained from the Church office, and I would be excited to meet with you and answer questions about the program or set you up to begin Simply Giving®!

Loretta Schultz

# TLC PRESCHOOL



A-Z where can we be? Oh, it is the hallway of Trinity Preschool.! Trinity-4 will be learning the alphabet as 2015 begins. Each day an upper case letter or a lower case letter will be displayed until we reach the letter Z, at the end of school. As the letters are recognized so will the phonetic sounds be introduced as well as printing the letters.

Also on display will be Trinity-3's seasonal book. Watch as the windows change with each season. The winter window will have snow (cotton balls) on it. The spring window will be in full bloom with flowers. For the fall window, there will be red, orange, yellow, and brown leaves falling. Summer will be the hot sun.

As you can see there are many things to check out in the hallway. Come by and see what the preschoolers are doing.

***May your hearts be lifted in praise to our Lord this New Year!***

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*Suzanne Hewes & Tammy Lampe*

Treasurer's Report  
January 2015

Summary of Financial Information	For the Eleven Months Ending		Increase (Decrease)
	November 30, 2014	November 30, 2013	
General Fund Income	\$376,707	\$352,985	23,722
General Fund Expenses	<u>(396,126)</u>	<u>(414,755)</u>	<u>(18,629)</u>
Current Operating Deficit	<u>\$ (19,419)</u>	<u>\$ ( 61,770)</u>	

Reviewing the 2014 spending plan approved by the voters' \$462,500 in offerings is what would be necessary to fully fund the budget.

Through November 30, 2014 \$348,894 has been received in general fund offerings.

Note - the items included in general fund above other than offerings include preschool and facility use.

The total budget passed for 2014's ministry spending plan was \$489,350.

Through 11/30 we have incurred general fund expenses of \$396,126 - which represents 80.95% of the total.

Through 11/30 we have received general fund income of \$376,707 - which represents 76.98% of the total.

Remember that at the beginning of this year (2014), we started with a surplus of \$39,454, compared to a deficit of (\$47,137) at the beginning of the prior year (2013).

As we begin the process of budget preparation and planning for next year, I request that you prayerfully consider the Mission and Vision of Trinity Lutheran Church and become involved in the process, which starts with discussion by the Church Leadership Council. Check the calendar for the budget discussion meeting and the Voters' meeting when the plan for 2015 is discussed and voted on.

As always, if you questions please let me know.

God's Blessing during this Christmas Season and the New Year!

In Christ's service,  
Loretta Schultz, Treasurer



Thrivent Financial

In August Trinity received \$5,000 through the Matthew 25: Neighbors in Need Grant this last summer. There was a challenge on the bottom of the outline that Trinity could receive another \$5,000 if we were able to raise \$10,000. Thanks to 16 different people and groups we were able to raise the \$10,000 by the end of November and have received the \$5,000. \$10,000 will help with projects in and around Garden City. A portion of the \$10,000 will help fund the Mexico Mission Trip in March. A big thank you to all who helped raise the \$10,000 especially Trinity's Endowment Fund.



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**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH – CHURCH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING 10/16/2014 6:30 p.m.**

PRESENT: Marty Nusser, Lisa Hogan, Bob Drees, Ron Hall, Heidi Berg, DCE Leland Jackson, DCE Cynthia Lavrenz, Buddy Skeie, Jay Meyer, Mike Reagle and Judy Schweer

ABSENT: Rachelle Powell and Loretta Schultz

GUESTS: Katy Pauley

Jay Meyer called the meeting to order. The opening devotion from a View from the Zoo was led by DCE Cynthia Lavrenz. Prayer concerns were shared and DCE Cynthia Lavrenz then led the group in prayer.

**CONSENSUS APPROVAL ITEMS:** Minutes of the 8/21/14 and 9/18/14 meetings were presented. Heidi Berg moved the minutes be approved and Buddy Skeie seconded the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

**REPORTS:**

Website: Lisa Hogan met with DCE Leland Jackson, DCE Cynthia Lavrenz, Katy Pauley, Karl Paschel and Buddy Skeie on Wednesday. The information required was provided to the staff and they have until November 1<sup>st</sup> to submit the needed information to Karl. The goal is preview the website at the next CLC meeting.

Long Range Planning Committee: It was reported that Spaghetti Dinner was postponed. Future fundraisers included the November 2<sup>nd</sup> Circuit Rally meal, Thrivent Event on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, Hall Wedding Rehearsal on January 2<sup>nd</sup> and possibly a pancake meal. DCE Cynthia Lavrenz announced that the funds raised from the upcoming bazaar will be earmarked for the Building Fund. Buddy Skeie reported that a handicap accessible door will be installed in the East Ed Meeting Room and that there is a need for additional classroom space. Dividing the East Ed Meeting Room was discussed along with the need that the wall have some type of opening that would still allow use of the area as a large room.

Narthex Remodel: Buddy Skeie reported that by the end of next week the bathrooms should be in working order. The handicap bathroom in the Fellowship Hall is temporarily out of order and Buddy is working with R J Plumbing on a resolution. The new phone system has been installed and is working great though the phone in the nursery needs to be moved.

Preschool Items: Jay Meyer reported that the Preschool is requesting that the water fountain by the Preschool needs to be in working order as soon as possible. Buddy Skeie stated that the part is on order. Jay also reported that the ABCD Board would like to install better signage for the Preschool for which they have the idea and funds. Martin Nusser moved that approval be given to the ABCD Board to proceed with the Preschool signage using their funds. Lisa Hogan seconded the motion and it passed by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: Jay Meyer stated that there was no report available but that Loretta Schultz had reported to him that she will try to have an up to date report in the newsletter. It was also stated that the Concordia Plan Renewal deadline has passed so the current plan will be continued for 2015.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Custodian Position Review: DCE Cynthia Lavrenz reported that the review, with all staff members including the Preschool teachers, has been completed and signed. Any CLC member can meet with Cynthia privately to read the review. There several areas of improvement but she stated that Rick Beltz's first 90 days, with the fast hiring and the remodeling, did not allow for a smooth start. Cynthia is recommending that we continue on "as is" for now and CLC members agreed.

Circuit Visitor Nomination: Judy Schweer read an E Mail from Rev. Andrew Wehling stating that the nomination was due September 1<sup>st</sup> and that five nominations were received. All nominations were for Rev. Wehling and the election was conducted by Circuit Forum President Rev. Warren Prochnow via E Mail rather than having a meeting. It was also announced that nominations for District President and Vice President are due by November 30<sup>th</sup>.

Intentional Interim Pastor: Ron Hall reported that he had contacted Rev. Martin Schrader, who serves on the Board of Directors for the Intentional Interim Pastor Program for a method of obtaining additional names for Intentional candidates for multi-staff churches. Rev. Schrader has accepted a call to the Baltimore area. Ron also reported that he had heard positive comments regarding Rev. Griffin's visit. He further reported that Rev. Griffin is still considering Garden City along with 3 other churches and will be making a decision within 3 weeks. Discussion followed on options if an Intentional cannot be found and the consensus was that working with TCN is a possible Plan B.

### **New Business:**

Preschool Teachers Contracts: Jay Meyer reported that he has received the contracts from the ABCD Board and that they are the same as last year with about a 3% raise. Discussion followed. Buddy Skeie moved that the Preschool Teachers Contracts be approved as proposed. Martin Nusser seconded and the motion passed by a voice vote.

Crisis Management Plan: DCE Cynthia Lavrenz reported that for the Preschool to be licensed they are required to have a Crisis Management Plan. Cynthia and Katy Pauley along with the Preschool Teachers will research and work on the plan than present to CLC for approval. Mike Reagle stated that the Garden City Police are available to review the property and help with the plan.

Adventure Crew: The Adventure Crew would like to work with Trinity. The CLC requested that they make a presentation at the next CLC meeting so that there is a better understanding of their requirements, needs and expectations along with the opportunity for CLC to ask questions.

Wireless Router: DCE Leland Jackson stated that he felt that Trinity would benefit from having a wireless router. He was directed by CLC to obtain bids from Frank Schmale with Team Electronics and Cox Communications. Mike Reagle agreed to work with Leland on obtaining the bids.

Community Thanksgiving Service: DCE Leland Jackson reported that at the last Ministerial Alliance meeting it was announced that no Community Thanksgiving Service is scheduled and that most of the churches that were present do not do any type of special Thanksgiving service. Leland proposed that Trinity's Thanksgiving Eve service become the Community service and since we are in vacancy perhaps one of the Community Pastors could do the service. Discussion followed. Consensus of CLC was that the Community will be invited to Trinity's Thanksgiving Eve Supper and Service but that it will be a Lutheran service but with no communion. Buddy Skeie will talk to Pastor Gumz from Lakin/Ulysses about conducting the service and if he is not available he will talk to Pastor Prochnow from Scott City.

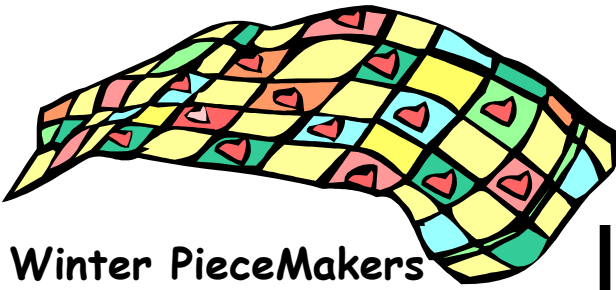
Carport for Bus and Trailer: DCE Leland Jackson stated that there was a need to build a carport for the Bus and Trailer, which would protect them from the weather. CLC requested that he get bids to be discussed at the next CLC Meeting.

The next meeting is November 20, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Jay Meyer adjourned the meeting and closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Secretary,

Judy Schweer



## Winter PieceMakers

Looking for something to do over Christmas break? Join PieceMakers as we "Change the World One Piece at a Time". We will sew baby quilts for needy children in Mexico.

Sewing dates are:

December 23, 24, 30 and 31.

Times: 10-1, with a break for lunch. Be sure to bring a sack lunch and a servant heart.

Questions: Call Kathy Jackson at 640-6968

## PieceMakers JDC

Thank you for your prayers and support of this ministry. Recently, during devotion time with the students, we have had them look up a Bible verse and read it aloud. Our hope is to introduce these students to Bible reading. We know God's Word is powerful and life changing!

The JDC students completed 45 Christmas stockings, which were given to Family Crisis Services. THANK YOU to those who "adopted" a stocking — 20 were filled with goodies.

Also, by the end of December, the JDC students will have completed nearly 50 quilts which have been given to the Kansas Foster Care program. Please continue to pray for this ministry and the hearts of these young people.



Return Service Requested

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### Trinity Lutheran Church : Vision Statement

To create a 21st century mission post in southwest Kansas where people of all ages are touched by the love of Jesus in dynamic worship, Bible study and fellowship;

A mission post where persistent efforts will be made to equip disciples, using every resource the Spirit makes available, to share Christ with everyone.

### Mission Minded

Inspired to use spiritual gifts

Serving in love

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Ongoing education for all

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