



TRINITY TRANSMITTER

April 2015

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Bury the Past

We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

Romans 6:4

Some people stay up until midnight to welcome the New Year. Others stay up to make sure the old year leaves! Seriously, you can't afford to let your past poison your present or sabotage your future. That's why certain things that refuse to be healed must be forsaken and forgotten!

There are people praising God in church every Sunday who lie awake in the privacy of their homes digging up bones, picking at scars, and reliving old memories. You need to accept that some issues will never be resolved, and if you let them they'll take up residence in your head. Thank God Paul was honest enough to admit that he still struggled.

Unlike those with a pharisaical spirit who condemn others for doing the very things they do themselves, Paul says,

'...I know the law but...can't keep it...sin...keeps sabotaging my best intentions, I...need help...I decide to do good, but...My decisions...don't result in actions. Something...gets the better of me every time' (Romans 7:14-20).

'Thank you Paul' from the rest of us, who mistakenly thought that once we became Christians there'd be no more struggles! Then Paul goes on to say,

'...consider yourselves to be dead to sin...' (Romans 6:11); 'Just as Christ was raised from the dead...we also should walk in newness of life.'

In other words, stop pursuing dead issues; admit them, quit them, and forget them! Instead of struggling to change what can't be changed, let God's transforming power sweep through your life and sever the ties between you and all those tormenting thoughts from your past.

Let them go today in Jesus' Name! Amen!

TLC Mission Statement:

KNOW CHRIST
†
SHARE CHRIST
†
SERVE CHRIST



WE NEED YOU

Vacation Bible School 2015

July 6-10
9:00 to Noon

Join us for a week full of sharing the love of Christ with many children and experiencing the joy of being on the team.

Would you like to learn how to make a simple quilt, like a Log Cabin design? Come to Saturday Sewing on April 11 at 1:30 pm and learn how to make a simple design quilt.



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, Rosa Mai,

✝ **Health Concerns:** Gary Kraft, Aspen Phillips, Joyce Kraft, Don Messenger, Michelle Lauck, Shirley VanCura, Kim Hamilton, Bob Garmin, Ann Mason, Martha Robinson, Valerie Hall, Jim Baker, Wayne Combs, Diann Wilken

If you have a prayer concern, please call the office

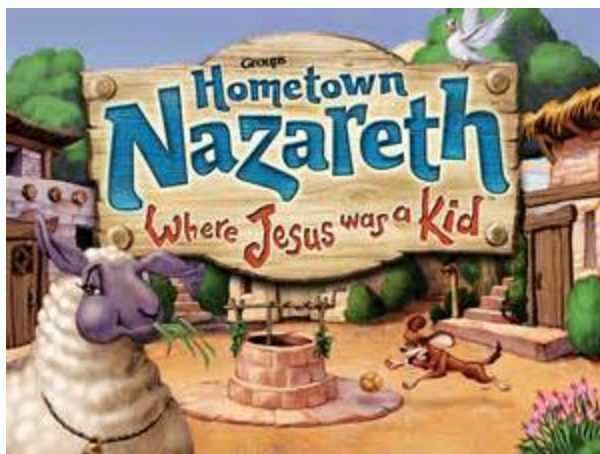
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Spring Cleaning at Trinity!

Ceiling tile in basement bathroom & Sacristy storeroom

Dusting in Sacristy and Vestry
Painting fascia on south side



Vacation Bible School 2015



July 6-10
9:00 to Noon

Christian Education

Sunday Morning Bible Studies *Walking Through Israel*

Meets in East Wing. Led by Pastor Griffin

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.

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,
a study from Concordia Publishing House

LifeLight Bible Study

LifeLight Bible Study - The Book of Genesis Pt 2
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

Wednesday Evening Bible Studies 6:30

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

Led by Kathy Jackson

Financial Peace University

Led by Karl Peschel (640-0641)
Meets 6pm--8 pm

Did God Really Say

Led by Lorinda Skeie

Mom's Bible Study at the Zoo

Coming in June on Tuesdays, 9:00-10:30
Summer Bible Study for moms at the zoo!

Day Care provided!

Stay tuned for more details,
Contact Chris Hall, 275-7919



Stephen Ministry Meeting:
April 14 at 6:30

Study ^{the} Bible
with us



April Servants

Communion Assistants

8:00 Mark Nelsen & Martin Nusser

10:30 Darett Burr & Michael Reagle

Altar Guild Donna Bitter

| | 8:00 | 10:30 |
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| Acolytes | | |
| April | 2 7:30—Maundy Thursday | Bailey Pauley & Grace Reagle |
| | 3 7:30—Good Friday | Sydney Jo Sheets & Kash Sheets |
| | 5 7:00 a.m. | Alex Foreman/ Taylor Schiltz/Jacynda Vargas |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Jacob Froetschner/Peter Hall/Kash Sheets |
| | 12 | Holley Douglas Kylee Kruleski |
| | 19 | Alex Foreman Grace Reagle |
| | 26 | Taylor Schiltz Bailey Pauley |
| May | 3 | Jacynda Vargas Sydney Jo Sheets |
| | 10 | Holley Douglas Kash Sheets |

| | 8:00 | 10:30 |
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| PowerPoint | | |
| April | 2 7:30 p.m. | Alexis Powell |
| | 3 7:30 p.m. | Rachel Foreman |
| | 5 7:00 a.m. | Clara Jackson Bailey Pauley |
| | 12 | Rachel Foreman Grace Reagle |
| | 19 | Clara Jackson Carrie Hall |
| | 26 | Gretchen Hogan Alexis Powell |
| May | 3 | Rachel Foreman Bailey Pauley |
| | 10 | Clara Jackson Grace Reagle |

| | 8:00 | 10:30 |
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| Lectors | | |
| April | 5 (7:00) | Rachel Foreman Carol Wigner |
| | 12 | Tim Lavrenz Jay Meyer |
| | 19 | Judy Nusser Judy Schweer |
| | 26 | Martin Nusser Gerry Schultz |

| | 10:30 |
|----------------|----------------------------------|
| Nursery | |
| April | 5 ConniJo Bailey |
| | 12 Kelly Lange & Skylar Schwindt |
| | 19 Brianna Pauley |
| | 26 Clara Jackson |

JUST 4 YOUTH!

Wednesday Youth Activities

6:30—7:30 an activity, devotions led by the youth, and singing! Bring a friend.



Sunday Morning

New study!

Past Calendar:

March 1-3



March skiers included: Alexis, Dylan & River Amos, Andrew, Emma, Jim and Tim Carlson, Trisha Doty, **Jacob Froetschner, Peter Hall, Jacob Henson, Clara & Leland Jackson, Tanner Johnson, Maci Klotz, James Koerperich, Dustin Kumpeck, Jayson Lambert, Darien Mader, Leif Pucket, Samantha Roth, Grace Selee, KC and Nick Sower, Jacob Thys.**

March 14-20, 2015 Built Homes in Mexico 88 people participated. Trinity members Mark Estrada, Carrie & Peter Hall, Gretchen & Tom Hogan, Clara, Kathy and Leland Jackson, Bailey, Brianna, Katy & Paul Pauley, and Jarryn Pearce.

Groups came from Atwood, Goddard, Nortonville, Duluth, Onaga, Leavenworth, Ottawa, Scott City and Wichita,

A Mexico Mission Highlight:

So many "God moments"! My favorite part of each day was before sleeping, singing around the campfire under the stars. It was so humbling to be in a desert in Mexico surrounded by 87 of my brothers and sisters in Christ and just worshipping Him with all that we are. I enjoyed this week serving others so much and hope to join again next year. Thank you to Trinity Lutheran, Garden City, for giving me this incredible opportunity to grow closer to my Lord and Savior !!!!

Young Adult Ministry! (YAMs)

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

Future Calendar:

April 9-11—7 people have signed up to ski



April 17-18
Wild Wild West
in Atwood and Rexford

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



CREATION MUSEUM TOUR

May 31-June 5.

Spend two days at the museum, tour St. Louis Seminary, and St. Paul's High School, Concordia, MO. Spend an afternoon at the Orphan Grain Train Storage Center.

Registered for **SUMMER CAMP at LVR July 19-24**

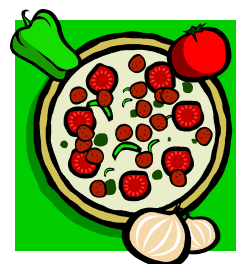
include: Ann Douglas, Jacob Froetschner, Peter Hall, Clara Jackson, Bailey & Brianna Pauley, Jayce and Jaycob Vargas.
From Scott City: Abbygail Prochnow & Ashley Lightner

August 2-8: Servant Event/Canoe Trip

Fundraisers:

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

Mexican Vanilla for
Sale—\$5 per bottle



Buy \$10.00
Papa Murphy's
Gift Cards

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!



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|------------------|------|---------------------|------|
| Katie Elliott | 4/2 | Margaret Holman | 4/24 |
| Zachary Cruz | 4/3 | Tasha Jackson | 4/24 |
| Doug Moon | 4/4 | Preston Dunlap | 4/25 |
| Kenneth Kowalke | 4/5 | Kathy Leavitt-Wirth | 4/25 |
| Hannah Schultz | 4/6 | Karen Crist | 4/26 |
| Jack Beery | 4/7 | Nancy Foreman | 4/26 |
| Jordan Hagan | 4/8 | Dade Acosta | 4/27 |
| Tillie Hall | 4/8 | Marissa Dugan | 4/27 |
| Sara Simmons | 4/9 | Cooper Livermore | 4/28 |
| Nona Nelson | 4/10 | Dorothy Merz | 4/28 |
| Lindsey Vann | 4/10 | Frank Schmale | 4/28 |
| Bob Briggeman | 4/13 | Zoe Davis | 4/29 |
| Jerry Soldner | 4/14 | Dana Polson | 4/30 |
| Sassonyah Palmer | 4/15 | | |
| Alex Foreman | 4/16 | | |
| Harper Sowers | 4/17 | | |
| Bryce Foreman | 4/19 | | |
| Kardyr Collins | 4/20 | | |
| Penny Cruz | 4/20 | | |
| Sydney Jo Sheets | 4/21 | | |
| Lynzee Beery | 4/22 | | |
| Skylar Schwindt | 4/22 | | |
| Jesse Vargas | 4/22 | | |
| Brekalyn Foreman | 4/23 | | |
| Jonathan Welch | 4/23 | | |

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



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| Tim & Cynthia Lavrenz | 4/6 |
| Maurice & Sharon Kelch | 4/8 |
| Ken & Nancy Killion | 4/12 |
| Don & Linda Doll | 4/19 |
| George & Janelle Dugan | 4/19 |
| Kenny & Penny Grauberger | 4/21 |
| Willard & Lois Hinkle | 4/21 |
| Steven & Karen Wolf | 4/21 |
| Scott & Nicole Chalmers | 4/30 |

TLC PRESCHOOL



HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN! INDEED, ALLELUIA!

As April begins Trinity-4 will be going on a field trip to Pizza Hut. They will make their own personal pan pizza, watch it bake, and of course, eat it. YUMMY! That coincides with letter "P" and we continue the letters through the month, ending with letter "W". Easter break is April 3-6.

Trinity-3 will continue with the numbers 2-5. They are making a number book, "Counting My Blessings". Each number page will be displayed in the hallway.

Lifetouch Photos will also be here for both classes.

Pre-enrollment continues. There are eight pre-enrolled in the Trinity-4. Trinity-3 has nine pre-enrolled. Please tell friends and relatives about Trinity Preschool and have them call to pre-enroll.

During this season of Lent may your eyes turn toward the cross and remember the sacrifice that was made for us through Jesus. Then may your eyes turn to the empty grave and realize

HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN, INDEED. ALLELUIA!

Suzanne Howes & Tammy Lampe



Greetings from LWML:

Spring has 'Sprung'. Mark your calendars for some up and coming events.

April 7th is the TLC LWML League meeting at 7:00 pm.

April 18th is the Spring Rally, being held in Lakin. Registration is at 9:30 am with a \$5.00 fee. Don't forget your mites and Society offerings. Also get your saved stamps ready and maybe a lap quilt or 2 for the Ingathering to be given to the residents at the Lakin Retirement Village. Please let Mary Jo Schultz know if you plan to attend so we can car pool together.

Several from Trinity are attending the National LWML Convention in Des Moines, Iowa, this June. Be on the lookout for fundraisers. There will be 3 different offerings and a Pledge Walk in which Trinity's LWML will be participating; all to help with expenses.

We plan to begin work on committees. "Now is the Time" to listen to God's calling for all different ways for us to "Serve the Lord with Gladness".

A goal of mine is to create a Trinity church booklet that lists all of the different committees and boards so that we can see who is chairperson of what and when boards meet etc. i.e.: Altar committee, banner committee (new), quilting groups, church properties, church council, *Planting Seeds of Faith* (education), family life, etc., so that everyone can see the different opportunities to serve within and outside of the church.

May the Lord Bless us all and give us His peace.

Mary Jo Schultz
LWML Society President

Kansas District Regional Mission Convocations

“...Despite the challenges of our changing and complex culture in the Kansas District, your local congregational ministry continues to bring life, health, growth and salvation to many people...”



—excerpt from a letter from LCMS Kansas District President, Keith Kohlmeier

On **Sunday, April 12, 2:30-7:30** at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Scott City, a Regional Congregation Mission Convocation, one of 4 to be held throughout the Kansas District.

- Explore the mission of Jesus and how it relates to new ministries
 - in your community
 - in your church
 - among unreached populations (many immigrant)
 - in nearby communities currently without a ministry presence
- Explore different ways of planting, such as:
 - Satellite congregation
 - House church
 - Child Care Ministry
 - International Model
 - Marketplace Model
 - Cell Church Model

*Jesus saw a great crowd, and He had compassion on them,
because they were like sheep without a shepherd.
And He began to teach them many things. Mark 6:34*

Because of His compassion for the lost, Jesus spent His years on earth teaching the people about His Father’s love for them. As His children, we are called to teach the love of God to those who are lost.

Cost is \$10; registration form available in the church office.

SIMPLY GIVING®

The **Simply Giving®** Program is a modern-day stewardship program. It’s a convenient, safe and simple way for individuals to make automatic payments to non-profit organizations through electronic funds transfer (EFT) directly from checking or savings accounts.

YOU determine the frequency of your automatic gift – weekly, semi-monthly, or monthly! Your gift is deposited to the Church’s bank account on the same day it is withdrawn from your account.

Currently, you can direct your gift to: Offerings, Capital Improvement Fund, Sunday School, Mid-week, Preschool, Together in Mission, or TLC Lutheran College Scholarship Fund.

We currently have several (11) member families who utilize this program. Those who use it love it, and wouldn’t consider giving it up.

There are **Simply Giving®** stickers that can be placed on your envelopes and then the envelopes can be placed in the offering plate. A supply of these stickers can be obtained from the office. Also, you can still use your normal offering envelopes to made additional contributions if you choose to.

Simply Giving® information brochures are in the office. Stop by and pick one up. Please contact Loretta Schultz if you have more questions, or to sign up for the **Simply Giving®** program!

Ladies' Night Off

May 1st, 2015

6:00 p.m.

TLC Fellowship Hall



May Day

Ask your mother, daughter, cousin,
niece, a neighbor or another lady
between the ages of 13-113
to be your guest(s) for this special event!

...an evening of good food, God's Word, great fellowship,
Speakers, and much more.

Watch for our registration table in the Lobby

LNO Hostess Information



Family Life will provide:

- White Tablecloths
- 6 chairs around each table
- Name tags for guests
- Dinner & table service
- Storage for decorations' boxes during the event

5 tables, already decorated will be available
for single guests.

Prizes will be awarded to "People's Choice"
for best table decoration!

This year we are trying something new:
Ladies will host tables, and provide the
table with their own centerpieces
using creative ideas and supplies.

Each table will be unique and
beautifully decorated. We will have
20 tables available for you to share
your artistic vision with your guests.

Contact Cynthia if questions,
276-3110

BE SURE TO LABEL YOUR TABLE

April 2015 Newsletter
 Treasurer's Report

For the Year Ended
 December 31, 2014

Summary of Financial Information:

| | |
|---|------------------|
| General Fund Income | \$ 556,732 |
| General Fund Expenses | <u>(459,100)</u> |
| General Fund Current Operating SURPLUS | 97,632 |

General Fund **SURPLUS** as of December 31, 2013 \$ 39,454

Total General Fund **SURPLUS** as of December 31, 2014 \$ 137,086

Items of Interest as of December 31, 2014:

General Fund Offerings were \$525,803 compared to \$439,634, an increase of \$86,169 or 19.6% !!
 General Fund Expenses were \$459,100 compared to \$460,094, an increase of only \$994.

Thanks Be to God from whom ALL blessings flow!

This is the second year in a row that we finished the year "in the black"! At future Council and Voters' meetings will be discussions regarding the opportunities that can be considered and accomplished with these additional gifts.

Last year (2013) we finished the year with a surplus, for only the second time in my tenure as treasurer, the last time was 2003.

At the February 2014 Voters' meeting, a budget was adopted in the amount of \$489,350

At December 31, 2014 actual expenses were 93.8% of the budget – and what a blessing to have general fund income exceed those expenses.

At the January 25, 2015 Voters' meeting, a budget – mission plan --was adopted in the amount of \$570,845.

If we assume a "balanced budget", and all budgeted items were fully spent, the following would be required:

| | | |
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| Offerings | \$550,000 | = an average of \$10,577 per week or \$45,833 per month |
| Preschool | 26,000 | |
| Other Receipts | <u>1,195</u> | |
| TOTAL | <u>\$577,195</u> | |

At the end of March we will have completed the first quarter of 2015 (where does time go?), and I will do the first quarterly analysis of Income and expenses and a comparison with the spending plan. Hopefully, that will be presented in the next newsletter.

Have a Blessed Easter! He is Risen, Hallelujah!

If you have questions, or would like additional information, please feel free to contact me.

In Christ's service,
 Loretta Schultz
 Treasurer



**Men's Retreat at LVR
"Fear Not!" Isaiah 43:1-3
April 30-May 3**

**Activities include: Worship, Bible Study,
Rifle, Shotgun and handgun shooting ranges, Compound bow, 4 x 4 Trails, hiking, high ropes,
rappelling, building projects around the camp.**

Register on line www.foccs.net

Cost: \$160 covers program, food, cabin, ammo and guns.

Price is the same for bringing your own tent or trailer.

2014 participants included Paul Pauley, Dale Theye and Leland Jackson

Contact Leland for more information!



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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

Seeking the lost

Integrating all members

Ongoing education for all

Nurturing family environment

Praying priesthood

Opportunities for giving/receiving God's grace

Scripturally focused

Touched by Christ's love