



TRINITY TRANSMITTER

March 2015

All Hat, No Cattle

And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:42-45)

The old cowboy idiom "all hat, no cattle" was popularized by President George W. Bush as he brought Texas folksiness to the White House. It's a colorful way to level criticism on someone who is more concerned with how they look than what they do. It's an age-old problem amongst us who call ourselves "good" Christians, and one that John the Baptist addressed when observing the Pharisees and Sadducees.

You see, when any of us operate out of our own self-interest (and "better than thou" sinfulness) it doesn't take long to become enamored with the trappings and traditions of recognition. Clothes that make us stand out in a crowd as righteous, special greetings, preferred seating at church events, the spotlight shining on us as we're introduced at a service or in a Bible class. I understand that this doesn't apply to everyone, but please be honest with yourself the next time you find yourself wishing it were *you* getting the special recognition for how holy and righteous you are.

Recognition isn't a bad thing. We all appreciate it when our work is acknowledged in some way, whether large or small. It's when we *crave* recognition whether we've actually done anything or not. In that case, that we are at risk of leaving behind God's call to serve and work, so that we will be applauded.

The greater condemnation from Christ isn't reserved for those who do nothing, but for those who make themselves out to be great in the eyes of the Lord while *making a pretense* of doing something

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TLC Mission Statement:

KNOW CHRIST



SHARE CHRIST



SERVE CHRIST

for their Lord or others.

Today consider where you might be pretending in your faith. Then, humble yourself before God and others while you get out and round up some lost sheep.

Pastor Griffin



**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!

Second Saturday Sewing has been moved to March 28, due to Spring Break. Would you like to learn how to make a simple quilt, like a Log Cabin design? Come to Saturday Sewing on March 28 at 1:30 pm and learn how to make a simple design quilt.

The Mexico mission team is collecting baby quilts. Infants are especially susceptible to the cold and often families cannot afford blankets. Look for a box in the Lobby for the collection of new or used baby blankets/quilts. Call Kathy Jackson @640-6968 if you have questions.



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, John Lavrenz, Michelle Lauck, Shirley VanCura, Kim Hamilton, Bob Garmin, Ann Mason, Martha Robinson, Valerie Hall, Jim Baker & Wayne Combs.

If you have a prayer concern, please call the office

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



Spring Cleaning at Trinity!

Ceiling tile in basement
bathroom & Sacristy
storeroom

Dusting in Sacristy and Vestry
Painting fascia on south side



**Mark Your Calendar!!
Vacation Bible School 2015
is July 6-10**

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 in a study
from Concordia Publishing House

LifeLight Bible Study

LifeLight Bible Study - The Book of Genesis Pt 2
began February 5

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

It is not too late to join!

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 last chapter!

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 640-0641

A new class began January 28

Meets 6pm--8 pm

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:
March 10 at 6:30


Study ^{the} Bible
with us




March Servants

Communion Assistants 8:00 Ed Adams
 10:30 John Polson & Sean Sheets
Altar Guild Froetschner Family

 **Acolytes** 8:00 10:30
 March 1 Holley Douglas Kylee Kruleski
 4 6:30 Kash Sheets
 8 Alex Foreman Bailey Pauley
 11 6:30 Grace Reagle
 15 Taylor Schiltz Sydney Jo Sheets
 18 6:30 Jacob Froetschner
 22 Jacynda Vargas Peter Hall
 25 6:30 Kylee Kruleski
 29 Holley Douglas Brooklynn Hallmark
 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/Brooklynn Hallmark
 12 Holley Douglas Kylee Kruleski

 **PowerPoint** 8:00 10:30
 March 1 Rachel Foreman Grace Reagle
 4 6:30 Clara Jackson
 8 Gretchen Hogan Carrie Hall
 11 6:30 Alexis Powell
 15 Clara Jackson Alexis Powell
 18 6:30 Grace Reagle
 22 Rachel Foreman Grace Reagle
 25 6:30 Rachel Foreman
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 April 2 7:30 Alexis Powell
 3 7:30 Rachel Foreman
 5 7:00 a.m. Clara Jackson Bailey Pauley
 12 Rachel Foreman Grace Reagle

 **Lectors** 8:00 10:30
 March 1 Alice Banning Jerry Bitter
 8 Martin Nusser Joanna Boles
 15 Mandrup Skeie Darett Burr
 22 Kelly Chopp Laurie Bauck
 29 Ed Adams Connor Schultz

 **Nursery** 10:30
 March 1 Chris Hall
 8 Jennifer Froetschner
 15 Kim Foreman
 22 Bailey Pauley
 29 Taylor Schiltz

JUST 4 YOUTH!

Wednesday Youth Activities

Lent Schedule 6:30—7:00 p.m.

Worship

7:00—7:45 An activity, devotions led by the youth, and singing!

Bring a friend.



Sunday Morning

Planning for the next Youth Service.

Past Calendar:

January 25—**Mexican Meal Fundraiser**

127 people were served. \$3922 was raised, Expenses came to \$1055 and Thrivent supplemented with \$1000.

January 30-31

Rexford Confirmation Retreat - BAPTISM

37 youth and adults from Atwood, Colby, Garden City, Hoxie, Liberal, Norton, Oakley and Scott City participated.



February 6-8—**Youth Quake in Wichita**

Participants included: **Holley Douglas, Alex Foreman, Jacob Froetschner, Brooklynn Hallmark, Bailey Pauley, Alexis Powell, Grace Reagle, Jacynda Vargas, Taylor Sullivan, Andrew Prochnow - Scott City, Michelle Dehning - Leavenworth. Jr Leaders: Brianna Pauley, Nathan Koepferich. Adults: Jaclyn Vargas, Jennifer Froetschner, Cynthia Lavrenz, Leland Jackson**

Future Calendar:

March 1-3

March skiers include: 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

Koepferich, Dustin Kumpeck, Jayson Lambert, Darien Mader, Leif Pucket, Samantha Roth, Grace Selee, KC and Nick Sower, Jacob Thys.



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

Trinity members

attending: Lonnie Creacy, Mark Estrada, Carrie & Peter Hall, Gretchen & Tom Hogan, Clara, Kathy and Leland Jackson, Bailey, Brianna, Katy & Paul Pauley, Manuel Rodriguez and Jarryn Pearce. Past Members: Ashley & Jason Adams and Matthew Swart.

Groups are coming from Atwood, Goddard, Leavenworth, Ottawa and Wichita,

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, Clara Jackson, Bailey & Brianna Pauley, Jayce and Jaycob Vargas.

August 2-8: Servant Event/Canoe Trip

Young Adult Ministry! (YAMs)

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

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!!



Judah Cundiff		3/1	Melvina Galliard	3/19	
Stephanie Sullivan	3/2		Carlie Obregon	3/19	
Evelyn Kowalke		3/3	Lance Walck		3/20
Kylee Kruleski		3/3	Taylor Odneal	3/21	
Morgan Wagner		3/3	Richard Uthe	3/21	
Lewis Molz	3/4		Calista Davis		3/22
Alex Morlang		3/5	Harvrick Sowers	3/23	
Tyler Claussen	3/7		Scott Dunagan		3/24
Aaron Dunlap	3/7		Michelle Fief	3/25	
Addie Dunlap		3/8	Kim Hamilton	3/25	
Toni Erichsen		3/8	Tenlee Beery		3/26
Aleesha Sauseda	3/9		Britaney Foreman		3/26
Chad Messenger		3/11	Earl Robinson		3/26
Pamela Yardley		3/11	Brandan Foreman	3/27	
Kayla Kuhlman	3/12		Zander Hallmark	3/27	
Caddo Meeks	3/12		Abbygail Hogan	3/27	
Karen Mowdy	3/12		Ashley Jackson		3/28
Don Messenger		3/13	Francisco Esquivel	3/29	
William Bridges	3/14		Shannon Gigot	3/29	
Jeremy Millershaski	3/14		Gordon Wright	3/29	
Brenda Algrim		3/16	Sandra Dubbs		3/30
Jared Froetschner		3/16	Remmi Knoll		3/30
Jacob Froetschner		3/16	Samuel Leal		3/30
Brooksie Appel	3/18		Harold Mai		3/30
Angela Bridges	3/18				
Alisha Dugan	3/18				

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



Harold Mai & Connie Mai	3/3	
Frank & Dawnnel Francis		3/5
Brett & Rachelle Powell	3/10	
Trent & Brooke McMillan		3/18
Aretemio & Blanca Rodriguez	3/20	
Roy & Julie Cessna		3/22
Doug & Kay Petersen		3/22
Matthew & Ashley Tabor	3/24	
Robert & Brenda Drees		3/27
Paul & Katy Pauley		3/27
James & Judith Claussen	3/30	

TLC PRESCHOOL



Trinity-4 has been *Hip-Hop Alpha Bop* as they are learning the alphabet. They not only recognize each letter but also the phonetic sound. They have learned in sign language the days of the week. Also they can sign Mark 16:15, "Jesus said, Go tell the good news."

Trinity-3 is getting in shape. Not necessary physically but learning circle, square, heart, rectangle and triangle. Of course with recess everyday, they are getting in shape physically.

March has many events scheduled. There will be spring parties, spring break, and parent conferences. Also March 4 is pre-enrollment from 7:30-8:30 p.m. for Trinity members and alumni. March 11 is pre-enrollment for the community also at 7:30-8:30 p.m. If you know someone looking for a preschool to attend, let them know the dates and times. If there are any questions, call Suzanne Hewes or Tammy Lampe.

Suzanne Hewes & Tammy Lampe



LWML "Stamporee" Buy and Use Commemorative Stamps, Save all cancelled stamps. Bring them to the LWML Meeting—or send them with an LWML Member.

Looooonngg Range Planning News

As we look around the newly-redone narthex, nursery, restrooms, meeting rooms, entry doors, and hallways we can see that God is good. The congregation rallied and decided upon and completed many projects. We give thanks for the teamwork that made this happen. You might have swung a paintbrush or hammer, operated a screwdriver, donated furniture, food or participated in a meal. Thank you for your wonderful effort. This project has many parents, who together made it happen.

Now as we enter the repayment period, there are several areas that continue to benefit from our parenting. The Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) is a financial organization that empowers ministry. The voters authorized a loan with LCEF up to the amount of \$200,000. The loan is in place but has not yet been funded due to sufficient cash flow.

The interest rate for the loan can decrease if Trinity has 34 accounts with them. This is a great opportunity for you to begin a savings plan for yourself, spouse, children, grandchildren. With an opening deposit of \$25 your account has the potential to lower the interest from 4.125 to 3.5, which represents a savings of 491.14 each year for the life of the loan. LCEF Individual Investment Application forms are available in the church office or at www.lcef.org.

Please consider opening an account today.

Long Range Planning Committee.

Dillon's Neighborhood Reward Program THANK YOU and Program Recap



First of all, I'd like to apologize to Leland and Cynthia for dragging my feet when they first brought this program to my attention. It had been used by a church in Emporia and Wichita with great success. I, personally, was skeptical about how it would work and whether it would be worth the hassle that I perceived it would cause. However, in late 2012 I agreed that I would "investigate" the program and report back my thoughts.

After talking to the Dillons representative in Hutchinson, as well as Elaine, the DCE in Emporia, we decided to go ahead with the program. So, I completed the paperwork necessary, in the newsletter we publicized the program and how it would work. We got our first 50 cards in January, 2013. The decision was made to split any funds received as follows: 30% - Education; 30% - Youth; 30% - Capital Improvement and 10% - Deficit Reduction. This was changed to 1/3 each to Education, Youth and Capital Improvement when we ended 2013 without a deficit.

If only we could see how things would work out – If only I (we) had known then what we know now – I (we) would have signed TLC up for the program when we first heard of it. We ordered 50 cards again in March 2013 and October 2013, and placed our final order for 25 cards in December 2013.

Our total investment in the 175 cards was \$1,750 cards, which we recouped when the cards were sold for the \$10 each that was on the reloadable gift cards. Each individual's investment in the card was \$10, which was recouped when they spent the \$10 that was loaded on the card. So, no one had really any money invested or spent on the cards.

God is Good! Very Good! During 2013, from January 23 through November 30, our members and friends reloaded those cards with a total of \$62,850.67! Trinity received 5% of that for a total of \$3,142.53!! Amazing!!!

From January 2014 through January 31, 2015 – our members and friends reloaded the cards with a total of \$75,032.68!!! Trinity received 5% of that for a total of \$3,751.63! Simply Amazing! Thanks Be To GOD!!!

SO – the final tally is: 175 cards; \$137,883.35 loaded on the cards; \$6,894.16 received!
1/3 each to: Education/Family Life, Youth, Capital Improvement = \$2,298.06 each.

A huge THANK YOU to our members and friends for supporting this program!!!

After that kind of success, and the tremendous participation, I was heartbroken to receive a letter from Dillons in December that the program was going to end effective January 31, 2015, and would be replaced with a new program – Community Rewards.

There have been articles and information shared about the new program. In a nutshell – it looks to be much easier and possibly appealing to more of our members and friends.

Effective February 1, 2015, you can earn rewards on almost any purchase every time you shop at Dillons or Kwik Shop, simply by swiping your Dillons Plus Shopper's card (or putting your alternate ID – i.e., your phone number). To continue, or begin, supporting Trinity through Community Rewards, visit www.dillons.com/communityrewards and enroll your Plus Shopper's Card in the program, and be sure to select Trinity Lutheran Church, Garden City, Kansas as recipient organization. Once this is complete Trinity receives credit each time a purchase is made using a registered card. If you have questions or need help setting this up, PLEASE see or call Katy in the office during office hours.

I (we) look forward to seeing what amazing things God does through our members and friends who utilize this program...Stay tuned for updates as they develop...

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 decorating 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

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH – VOTERS’ MEETING
MINUTES OF THE MEETING NOVEMBER 9, 2014, 11:45 A.M.**

Fifty eight people signed the attendance roster.

Jay Meyer called the meeting to order and Ron Hall opened with prayer.

Minutes from the June 1, 2014 Voters’ meeting was presented. Kelly Lange moved and Rick Beltz seconded that the minutes be approved. The motion passed by voice vote.

There was no old business to be acted upon.

The floor was opened for new business.

Jay Meyer and Ron Hall presented information on the Intentional Interim Pastor candidate Timm Griffin. They stated that there are very few Intentional Interim candidates available with Multi-Staff training, and Pastor Griffin qualifies! The position is a contract position but still requires a Divine Call from the congregation. The pastor will work every day during a three week period, then have one week off. The contract is a 13-month contract with the 13th month off. The District’s base salary is \$31,525.00 with multipliers for years of service, education and the intentional training. Loretta Schultz has reviewed the figures and applied the appropriate multipliers for this candidate and arrived at a base salary of \$123,000.00. Loretta Schultz also reported that as of October 31, 2014, Trinity has a current year deficit of (\$21,000.00) but with the beginning surplus of \$39,000.00, we are currently at \$18,000.00. The floor was opened for questions. Jay Meyer clarified that the candidate will make his own living arrangements and pay for that cost out of his salary.

Connie Jo Bailey moved that Trinity Lutheran Church extend a Divine Call to Pastor Timm Griffin to serve as the Intentional Interim Pastor. Paul Pauley seconded the motion; discussion followed. After lengthy discussion, Gerry Schultz called the question and voting was approved by a voice vote. Voting was conducted by show of hands with 43 – Yes, 5 – No and the rest abstained. Jay Meyer declared the motion carried. The Lay Ministers are recommending the Divine Call and a salary with a 1.2 multiplier. Discussion followed. Kelly Lange moved that Trinity Lutheran Church extend a Divine Call to Pastor Timm Griffin with a salary and benefits limit of \$125,000.00. Jonathan Bailey seconded the motion and discussion followed.

Voting was done by a show of hands and the motion carried. Ron Hall reported that Pastor Timm Griffin has stated that we would have an answer by early December. Gerry Schultz moved that if Pastor Timm Griffin accepts the Call, that the final contract approval be given to the Lay Ministers. Connie Jo Bailey seconded the motion and the motion passed by voice vote.

The floor was opened for nominations for District President and Vice President. Leland Jackson moved that Trinity Lutheran Church nominate Rev. Scott Snow from Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Wichita as District President. Gerry Schultz seconded the motion and it passed by voice vote. No nominations were presented for the Vice President position at this time. Kelly Lange moved that if any nominations were later presented that the Church Leadership Council could make the nomination in the congregation’s behalf. Carlene Schweer seconded the motion and it passed by voice vote.

There was no further business to be brought before the Voters.

Alice Banning moved to adjourn. Bernice Robinson seconded and the motion passed by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Schweer, Secretary

Garden City Ministerial Alliance

Sermons *à la carte*

Thursdays at noon during Lent—Church of the Brethren, 505 N 8th

3/5 - Marty Younger - Word of Life *He restoreth my soul*

3/12 - Mary Fabin - First Christian Church *Paths of Righteousness*

3/19 - Joe Stephens -First Baptist Church of Holcomb *Rod and Staff comfort*

3/26 - Leland Jackson - Trinity Lutheran *Goodness and Mercy*

Weekly offering to support Emmaus House, meal is \$5 per week, to cover costs



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

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

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At the January 2015 Voter's meeting the following budget was approved for 2015:

Missions	\$ 55,000
Education/Family Life	15,150
Youth Ministry	11,900
Stewardship	1,100
Lay Ministry	369,868
ABCD Board	37,879
Church Properties	67,256
Administrative	<u>19,042</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$577,195</u>

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

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>

Each month I plan to address a different topic, in addition to sharing financial information. If there questions or subjects you would like addressed, please send me an email at lschultz@tlcgck.kscoxmail.com or leave a note in my box in the office.

This month, the topic is "Missions"

The budget for Missions is \$55,000. This consists of the following:

Kansas District Commitment	\$28,200	(a)
Emmaus House	2,400	(b)
LCMS Joint Seminary Fund	2,400	(b)
ABC Pregnancy Care	1,200	(b)
Family Crisis Services	1,200	(b)
TLC Lutheran College Scholarship	1,200	(b)
KS Dist-Education Loan Repayment Fund	400	(b)
Transforming Churches Network (TCN)	2,400	- New for 2015! (b) (c)
Additional Tithe	<u>9,250</u>	(d)
Total	<u>\$55,000</u>	

(a) This is remitted to the Kansas District office on a monthly basis

(b) These are remitted to the appropriate office on a quarterly basis – the last month of each quarter

(c) This is a new item of support for us as a congregation this year – for information regarding this organization, go to www.transformingchurchesnetwork.org or ask Leland or Cynthia as they have been involved with the organization for 3 years

(d) - This is actually a "plug" figure – to make the budget balance. This number is dependent on general fund offerings.

The actual amount is adjusted to make our Missions a tithe of 10%. The decision was made at Council to not budget it as Kansas District but to instead call it "Additional Tithe" which will be allocated the following year at the Council and/or Voters' Meeting.

I struggle with how much information to share, and how best to share it – any suggestions or ideas would be appreciated and considered. Sometimes it is too easy to focus on the numbers, the facts and figures, and lose sight of our Mission and Ministry.

If you have questions, comments or suggestions, please let me know.

In Christ's service,
Loretta Schultz
Treasurer

