



TRINITY TRANSMITTER

September 2015

SO THIS IS LOVE

A newborn babe first opens eyes to focus on a mother's enraptured face. She's holding close her precious gift, enfolded in her gentle arms. Babe does think in mind as yet too young to form the words aloud: "*So this is love.* I would stay right here forever." "Yes, yes," the mother's heart responds. "I wish it true!" But children do not stay small babes in arms. The curious eyes of girls and boys turn their focus to other things which draw them from their mother's arms, though oft in later years she longs again for those close held times.

A boy in jeans, a girl with gingham dress, side by side in adjoining swings, do first hold hands and gaze across the playground. They note the games their classmates play, while they each do look, with shy and furtive glance, most briefly into the other's eyes. With a child's sweet innocence both do dare to ponder within themselves, although with words as yet unspoken: "*So this is love.* I would sit right here forever." But others dare to mock their love and make them feel ashamed at their display. Or yet another girl in pretty pink, or boy a hero's victory scores, and draws away each heart to take such paths of life which never more suffers their tender hands to enfold each other's grasp again.

With quickened hearts a man and maiden fare, bedecked in white, before an altar stand. They echo words of ancient source which this day bespeak aloud their deepest thoughts and hopes. Thus, before both God and man, they now stand espoused until life's end. Nervously they smile, and each thinks: "*So this is love!* This moment I will cherish forever." Sure, it is true, in even greater ways as yet to them imagined. Yet, too oft, in days and years that hence do come, both will at times forget this cherished moment. Not for lack of love or faithfulness. In human frailty each will let this world's great cares, or bodies wearied from many days of toil, befog their minds to the wondrous joy that should a marriage each day a lifetime make.

Body full exhausted, aborning labor's travail now complete, a new-made Eve does first hold a miracle in a mother's soft embrace. Beside this mom and babe, the novice father looks on in full bewilder that such a marvel of creation belongs to such as he. Yet, in the very midst of joy, both mom and dad, sporadic doubts do also raise of capability (though neither doubts the other's) to do full worth to such a prize from a loving Maker's hand which came complete to them. Beholding now their precious babe, asleep and nestled in it's mother's care, each dares to think: "*So this is love.*"

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TLC Mission Statement:

KNOW CHRIST
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SHARE CHRIST
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SERVE CHRIST

I would stay right here forever." Yet, as it was for those who bore these two so long before, such is not life's unfolding plan. This child, too, will grow in knowledge, form and grace, and all too soon 'twill also leave behind the bonds of childhood, and will, as those before, join in mankind's rites full-grown.

Upon a bed of sterile white lies a body still and cold. Here rests the host which once contained within itself a beauteous force of life in all its fullness. A soul, no longer gripped by tiresome world, has fled the bonds of weakened flesh and ris'n with a soaring joy to meet the One who gave it life. But left behind, with head bowed low in mourning's depth of grief, remains the dwindled soul which once knew its completeness only in the presence of the one departed. With bitter tears the still-earthbound soul now dares to ponder that which oft was slighted in all their years of union: "So *this is love*. How grievous in the ending!" In faith, a judgment known to be not fully true, though grievéd mind, and eyes a-misted full by tears, do in double way becloud the truth to see. The one so fully loved and now departed is neither lost nor taken to a place where two will never once more meet. 'Tis but a transient sundering, all so brief, in the eternal plan of Him who did first form their uniting, one to the other.

Day will come when soul thus left behind doth also soar to heights yet unattained, and be a-welcomed by their Savior's nail-scarred hands in full embrace. Then will His child, come fully home, exclaim: "So *this is love!* I would stay right here forever." With enraptured heart, the Eternal Father's voice accedes: "Yes! Yes! 'Tis true! For here have I close kept each treasured moment of your life now past. These will I use as seeds which bloom and grow in you the life unending yet to come."

Then in heaven will each ransomed soul meet afresh the one who here on earth did make its life complete. There together we will know a place where tears of parting ne'ermore have cause to form again. Time after time, and for all time unending, we will exclaim to God, and to each other: "So *this is love!!!* I would stay right here forever!" And it is so!

Rev. Dr. Timm Griffin

TLC Family Care Connections

We pray for...

✠ **Shut-Ins:** Freda Kirchoff, Opal Sroufe, Esther McMichael, Evelyn Kowalke, Irene Gestenslager, Karen Mowdy, Rosa Mai, Bob Shackelford, Hellen Strickland, Dot Merz, Bill Bridges, Eugene & Vada Hurd, Opal Sroufe,

✠ **Health Concerns:** Gary Kraft, Aspen Phillips, Joyce Kraft, Don Adams, Michelle Lauck, Ann Mason, Jim Baker, Jay Holste, Diann Wilken, Kelly Chopp, Jim Baker, Gloria Magallan, Lupita Tapia,

If you have a prayer concern, please call the office

** always obtain permission before sharing another's concerns

TLC Task Force—appointed by God—was commissioned on Sunday May 10.

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The Task Force is working on the following:

1. Communication
2. Leadership development
3. Job description for our new pastor

Dear Trinity Family,

God has truly blessed me with my wonderful Trinity Family. The gift I received on August 3rd and 4th from the A'Fix'n & A'Paint'n crew was truly awesome.

My house looks super!

Thanks to everyone, on site and off, who was involved, for all your hard work. Your servant hearts are greatly appreciated.

Words can not express my gratitude.

Judy Schweer



Men's Work Day—
Saturday, September 12
8:00 a.m. Breakfast
Building a room in the
basement for the quilting
long arm.

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, 7:00 a.m.—8:00 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 pays 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!

Lifelight Study on St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans.

Cost: \$12 for the study guide, study runs for 9 weeks, beginning on September 17.

Class meets at TLC at 1:30 on Thursdays.
Contact Leland

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—Meeting Room

"The Journey from Unbelief to Faith,"
Part 1.

This series show God at work in the world.

Regardless of our troubled pasts, entrenched beliefs, willful antagonisms, or pre-conceived notions, God can cut through our callous exteriors, making a shambles of the self-deluding facades we erect to keep Him out.

Proverbs 31

"The Woman Hoe Feats the Lord"

Tuesday 2:00-3:30

Child Care Available

Class will meet at Trinity in the Meeting Room

To sing up, contact Chris Hall, 275-7919

Join us for good fellowship, a good study, and a good break!!

See a full list of our classes at the
Midweek Opening Event September 2.



Study ^{the} Bible
with us



Stephen Ministry Meeting:
Watch for post card!!


September Servants


Communion Assistants 8:00
10:30
Altar Committee

Robert Drees & Bob Lewis
Roy Cessna & Sean Sheets
Shirley Frost

 **Acolytes** 8:00 10:30
September 6 Alex Foreman Kylee Kruleski
13 Taylor Schiltz Bailey Pauley
20 Jacynda Vargas Grace Reagle
27 Holley Douglas Sydney Jo Sheets
October 4 Alex & Bryce Foreman Kash Sheets
11 Taylor Schiltz Macy Froetschner & Chloe Powell

 **PowerPoint** 8:00 10:30
September 6 Rachel Foreman Grace Reagle
13 Alex Foreman Jacob Froetschner
20 Bailey Pauley Carrie Hall
27 Clara Jackson Alexis Powell
October 4 Rachel Foreman Grace Reagle
11 Alex Foreman Jacob Froetschner

 **Lectors** 8:00 10:30
September 6 Buddy Skeie Laurie Bauck
13 Alice Banning Judy Schweer
20 Ed Banning Gerry Schultz
27 Kelly Chopp Jerry Bitter

 **Nursery** 10:30
September 6 Chris Hall
13 Jenn Froetschner
20 Kim Foreman
27 Bailey Pauley

JUST 4 YOUTH!

Wednesday Youth Activities

6:30—7:30 Fall Schedule begins
September 9. Worship, Bible Study
and Prayer through the Month of
September



Sunday Morning

Dave Ramsey's *Financial Peace for Students*;
Parents are encouraged to come along.

Past Calendar:

22 Served with the Servant Event!



From Atwood, Ottawa, Salina, Ulysses; from Garden City,
Alex Foreman, Clara Jackson, Mark Estrada, Dale & Lisa
Theye, Ryan Unsworth & Caden, Cynthia Lavrenz and Leland
Jackson. Nine from Wayne, NE.

72 participated with the annual Canoe trip.

People came from Atwood, Colby, Garden City Hoxie,
Oakley, Ottawa, Salina, Ulysses, and McCook and Wayne,
NE.



Future Calendar:

Mystery Bus Tour—Friday, September 11

SET FREE! the theme for the overnight.
Cost: \$20. Bring a canned food item(s) for Emmaus
House. 5th—9th graders are invited to participate
along with their friends.
Senior High are serving in Leadership positions.

Saturday, September 19 Enchiladas making for NYG Fundraiser

Junior High (5th-9th grades)
Rally at Rexford, October 2-3
Cost: \$50

The Theme is based on the *Lego Movie*.

Paintball—Thursday, October 22

Leave Garden City at 9:00 a.m.
Lunch at 11:00
Paintball 11:30-2:30 at Shepherd's
Staff in Rexford
Bring some \$ for DQ on the way
home



Senior High District Youth Gathering in Hutchinson November 20-22, 2015 For 9th -12th Grades

Winter Retreat, December 28-January 1 at LVR

Young Adult Ministry! (YAMs)

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



July 16-20, 2016

Fundraisers:

Save aluminum cans!!
(cashed in 110 lbs for \$49.55 on 8/24/15)

Mexican Vanilla for Sale—
\$10 per bottle



Buy \$10.00
Papa Murphy's
Gift Cards

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!



Mason Chanay	9/1	Suzanne Hewes	9/14
Kade Davis	9/1	Hailey Knoll	9/14
Dezerae Fief	9/1	Logan Wyatt	9/14
Adam Nelson	9/1	Sarah Claar	9/15
Alex Messenger	9/3	Shelly Labrier	9/15
Amy Moorman	9/3	Martha Robinson	9/15
Paul Pauley	9/3	Clara Jackson	9/16
Rickey Beltz	9/4	Heidi Cundiff	9/17
Joshua Eckert	9/5	Seth Drees	9/17
Avery Gonzalez	9/5	Kathy Gevara	9/20
Kaiden Moorman	9/6	Kendra Howland	9/20
Lisa Wineinger	9/6	Alexis Wirth	9/20
Martin Nusser	9/7	Jerry Appel	9/21
Cooper Drees	9/8	Kristina Odneal	9/22
Maurice Kelch	9/8	Ron Thiele	9/22
Robyn Roth	9/8	Holley Douglas	9/23
Dale Theye	9/8	Emil Krug	9/23
Flavio Esquivel	9/9	Melanie Algrim	9/24
Adelaido Leal	9/10	George Dugan	9/25
Tim Stone	9/10	Kayla Ermish	9/25
Amie Algrim	9/11	Arlyn Algrim	9/27
Audra Algrim	9/11	Betsy Glunt	9/27
Brady Cessna	9/11	Brenda Drees	9/28
Baylea Myran	9/11	Emily Meyer	9/28
Cindy Messenger	9/12	Braden Ermish	9/29
Charyl Obregon	9/12	Ashley Tabor	9/29
Robert Drees	9/13	Brandon Hemmert	9/30
Adam Tabor	9/13		

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Hal & Collette Scheuerman	9/1
Jeff & Kelly Chanay	9/2
Jay & Liz Meyer	9/2
Mark & Addie Dunlap	9/5
Curtis Harman & Robin Schenck	9/5
Kevin & Tammy Lampe	9/5
Bob & Kathy Leaveitt-Wirth	9/9
Jack & Vickie Rutherford	9/16
Forrest & Darlene Simpson	9/17
Dale & Lisa Theye	9/17
Charles & Cindy Messenger	9/18
Bob & Nancy Briggeman	9/19
Bob & Betsy Glunt	9/24
Terry & Donella Miller	9/24
Jeff & Shannon Gigot	9/25
Jack & Dixie Beery	9/26
Chris & Sonya Barton	9/28
Oscar & Charyl Obregon	9/30



August 2015 Taskforce Newsletter

The Taskforce has had very busy months since our last newsletter update in July. In April we decided to form two committees to look into areas we felt need to be addressed carefully. They are the Communication Committee and the Leadership Committee. Following are report comments from each.

Leadership: Following are our activities for the months of July and August: the Leadership subcommittee spent considerable time interviewing stakeholders in the congregation at several levels. The results of the interviews were compiled into a comprehensive directional statement that would guide us through recommendations to update Trinity's Constitution and By-laws. These recommended changes would be intended to improve the operational flow of the staff and leadership for Trinity Lutheran Church. Moving forward, we are planning to work proactively with the Lay Ministers and CLC to bring these recommendations to the Congregation for approval. Committee members are Jared Froetschner, Tom Hogan, and Aaron Miller.

Communication: The Communications Group of the Task Force continues to work on enhancing communication through the areas identified in the cottage meetings. We are working on a lot of projects; we want to highlight a big project that could impact the majority of our congregation: "One Call Now" is a system that allows calling and notification through voice, text, email, and social media. The system is designed to inspire, protect, inform and engage our congregation through the technology you prefer. The Church Leadership Council will review the communication system and associated costs during the August meeting. For more information go to <http://www.onecallnow.com/who-we-serve/religious/>. We are also working with Cynthia and Leland on the Vision, Mission, and Guiding Principles for the church. Please let us know if you have an idea, suggestion or want to know more! Committee members thank you, ConniJo Bailey, Jonathan Bailey, and Rachelle Powell.



Trinity has recently subscribed to *One Call Now*, a messaging service that allows us to:

- set up multiple users to have the ability to send email messages, make calls, send texts
- have unlimited subgroups so we can send specific messages to specific groups; Church Members, Get Together Girls, Preschool, Task Force, Boards, etc.

The contact information collected for the Directory will be used. If you have an email, cell phone or land line number you want used for this communication, please tear off this portion and return it to Trinity. You can select which means of communication are used! There will be "opt out" available, so please inquire if you do not wish to be notified via this system. It is anticipated that this will reduce the number of mailings sent out, and also increase our overall communication. Your participation is GREATLY appreciated!!



Name: _____ Phone: _____ text? Y N
2nd Phone: _____ text? Y N Email: _____

TLC PRESCHOOL



YIPPIE-YIPPIE-YE! Thank you for all your help filling up our "hay-loft"! School has begun for Trinity 4 and Trinity 3 will begin after Labor Day. Our "lil farmers" have been busy learning how we are Jesus's little lambs and that we want to follow him always. Trinity 4 is learning about our wonderful bodies and how our 5 senses help us every day. Thank you for all your prayers and words of encouragement that you have given to both of us, it means more than you will know! Together we are looking forward to showing Gods love to these "lil farmers".

Growing in Christ,
Jammy Lampe & Susan Soldner



... will meet Tuesdays, 6:00-8:00 pm

If you would like to learn to make a quilt, or simple sewing—hems, zippers, etc—you are welcome to join! Have an unfinished project? Maybe we can help finish it!

Meet in PieceMakers Room

September 2015
Treasurer's Report

For the 7 Months Ended
July 31, 2015 July 31, 2014

Income & Expenses:

General Fund Income:

Offerings	\$323,712	\$227,846
Preschool Tuition & Donations	15,943	15,256
Other Income	<u>3,486</u>	<u>4,057</u>
Total General Fund Income	<u>343,141</u>	<u>247,159</u>

General Fund Expenses:

Missions	31,255	22,324
Education/Family Life	9,673	5,254
Youth Ministry	8,658	4,210
Stewardship	577	707
Lay Ministry	212,305	162,177
ABCD Board-Preschool	23,359	21,422
Church Properties	40,079	36,803
Administrative	<u>12,016</u>	<u>9,080</u>
Total General Fund Expenses	<u>337,923</u>	<u>261,977</u>

General Fund Current Operating Surplus (Deficit) 5,218 (14,818)

General Fund Surplus as of December 31, 2014 137,087 39,454

TOTAL General Fund Surplus as of July 31, 2015 \$ 142,305 \$ 24,636

Items to Note as of July 31, 2015:

General Fund Offerings were \$323,712 compared to \$227,846 – an increase of \$95,866 or 42.08%!!
General Fund Expenses were \$337,923 compared to \$261,977 – an increase of \$75,946 or 28.99%

Net General Fund Surplus (Deficit) by month:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
January	\$93,642	(\$ 6,026)
February	(\$17,032)	\$ 832
March	(\$22,682)	(\$10,961)
April	474	\$21,567
May	(\$18,299)	(\$ 8,430)
June	(\$21,230)	(\$ 690)
July	<u>(\$ 9,655)</u>	<u>(\$11,110)</u>
YTD	<u>\$ 5,218</u>	<u>(\$14,818)</u>

At the January Voters' Meeting, a budget – ministry spending plan – was adopted in the amount of \$577,195. If all budgeted items were fully spent, to meet this plan would require \$550,000 in offerings.

We started the year well, and the holiday seasons (Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas) historically bring an influx of attendance and giving. However, during the summer months, we have historically dealt with a decline in attendance and offerings which results in an increased monthly operating deficit. Even as offerings decline during this time of the year, operating expenses and ministry continue. One way to even out your giving is to utilize Simply Giving®. If you are interested, please let me know and I can answer questions, get you information, and set it up for you,

If you have questions or suggestions, please feel free to give me a call or leave a note in the office.

In Christ's Service,
Loretta Schultz
Treasurer

PieceMakers had a wonderful summer, as you could tell by the Quilt Blessing done in Worship. We are amazed at how God continues to provide for our needs.

On August 5 we delivered quilts to Homestead Nursing Care on 3rd Street. Amber, the activities director, introduced us to every resident who was to receive a quilt. She gave this quilt delivery a very personal touch. Tears of joy were shed as we watched students share their quilt and their heart with these residents. A few days after our delivery, an employee of Homestead called the church and explained that she had fabric to donate to our ministry. Five large totes of fabric and thread were given to PieceMakers. Amazing! We were running low on thread. We are reminded of Ephesians 3:20, "God is able to do immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine".

Thank you those who assisted with PieceMakers this summer, and a BIG thank you to those who are building the room in the basement to house the Long Arm. We are learning that you cannot 'outgive' God.

Kathy Jackson



Meals and Memories

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With 70% of our population on free or reduced lunches, we see a need for a soup kitchen which is named **Meals and Memories**. Our goal is to provide one meal once a month at the end of a pay period. Our community has many hardworking people who have a hard time making it to the next paycheck. We can help lighten their burden once a month. **Meals and Memories** needs people who are willing to cook,

and people who will sit at the table and chat with our visitors. (We will always accept donations!) Our first meal will be on September 12th! Meal prep will be from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Serving time will follow immediately after from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Ideally, we would like to see some of the other large churches in town each take a week. Anyone interested can contact Jen Froetschner at jenniferfroetschner@gmail.com or (913) 302-0523.

Golfing with God

Attention Ladies!

Donna Bitter & Linda Guhr are seeking ladies who enjoy golf or are interested in trying golf.

Any experience level welcome.

Contact Donna at 276-7085 or

Linda at 271-0949 for more information!

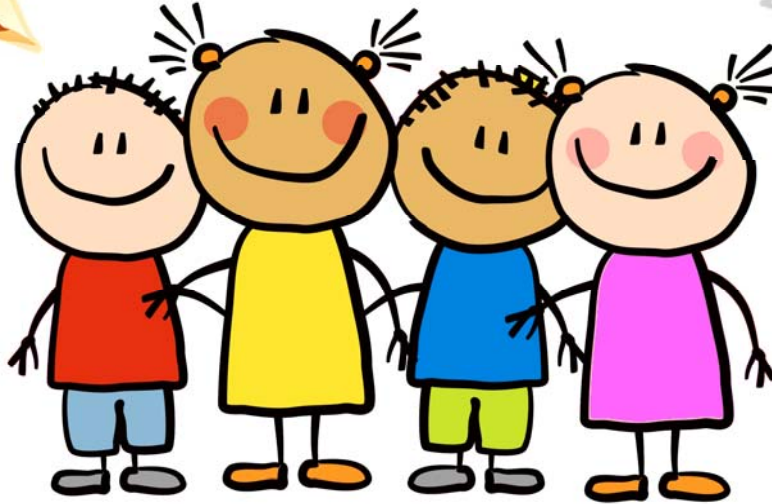
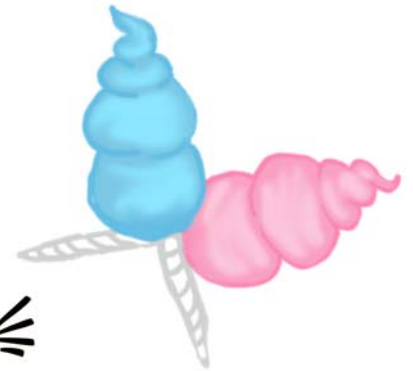


Back to MidWeek Roundup

Games, Food, and Fun

Sept. 2

6:00-7:30 p.m.



Check out
our
Classes



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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