



# TRINITY TRANSMITTER

## December 2015

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Dear friends,

Merry Christmas! Time to celebrate Jesus' Birthday. December is a month full of celebrations and worship services plus we will close another year of God leading us on a journey. I would like to share some inspiration for the journey we will walk in 2016 as a church family, reflecting on words from Rev. Darrell Zimmerman who was with us in September in both the pulpit and a leadership event for our Church Leadership Council, Task Force, Call Committee, and staff.

***"From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work" (Ephesians 4:16)***

***A healthy congregation is a place where individual members are joined together as a WE.***

I was as fascinated as everyone else at the first season of the television show "Survivor." If you remember, the premise was for twenty survivors on a deserted island to slowly kick one another off the island until only one survivor remained. The show was promoted as a display of how people respond to a test of survival. I was a regular watcher until I stopped to think about the whole premise of the show. That's not human nature at all, certainly not in the Christian Church!

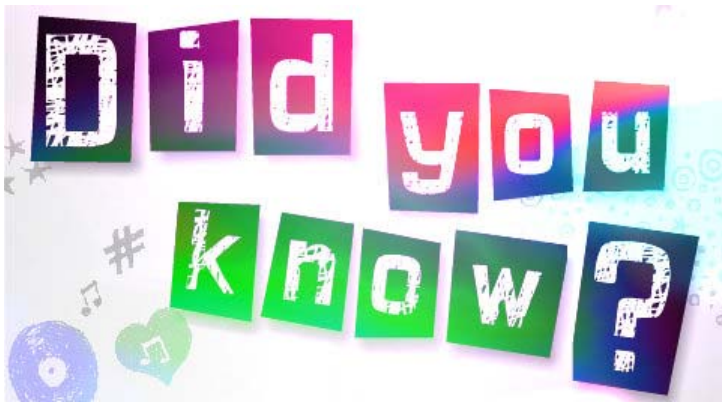
If you found yourself on a desert island with twenty other people, what would be your first and foremost concern? Of course it would be for the survival of every individual, not for the demise of your fellow castaways! The million dollar prize on the TV show was a contrived and manipulative way to bring out the worst in people. It made them "contestants" instead of survivors!

Try an experiment in the power of **WE** at our church. Read today's verse once again. Now replace the phrase "whole body" with "Trinity". "From Him, Trinity Lutheran Church, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love." How does that sound? An immature church is one where the "contestants" try to get their own way, seemingly trying to be the only survivor left. A mature church family seeks the wellbeing of every member and every staff member, building up, never tearing down. It's a place where people recognize that we will all do better when we work together for the good of the whole. Like the shepherd who went looking for that one lost sheep, the body of Christ cares for each individual by growing together, building itself up in love.

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### TLC Mission Statement:

KNOW CHRIST  
†  
SHARE CHRIST  
†  
SERVE CHRIST



In September, Trinity hosted a Leadership Retreat led by Pastor Darrell Zimmerman of Grace Place. One of the ideas that came from that retreat was getting to know one another better. Last month Leland shared a little about himself, and this month, **Cynthia** is doing so:

### What is your favorite family vacation?

In the early 60's my family would vacation in Minnesota yearly and stay in Waterville (the bullhead Capital of Minnesota) One week of fishing and watching the beauty around us...no TV, telephone or other distractions. We spent our evenings watching the sun go down across the lake. Of course our real joy was the fishing. I was a great fisherman at an early age. I learned with an old cane pole and moved up to a Zebco 202 which we bought in Mankato, Minnesota (many changes since then). Our dear friends, Ted and Hellen, who had a large dairy farm, coached me yearly on fishing by having me cast with an old washer on the line, I would cast into bucket. Once Tim and I got married, the trips continued until we became a church-working family.

### Where do you most want to travel, but have never been?

We would like to take the Alaskan Cruise starting with the inland train tour. This is a dream for our 40th Wedding Anniversary so we have 10 years to save up for that one.

### What does my perfect day look like?

Getting up and having coffee out on the patio and watching the birds at our feeders; listening to the peaceful sounds and enjoying no interruptions. Then a nice walk around the zoo with Tim, followed by a trip to the local greenhouse depending on the season; cooking a nice meal together and returning to the patio to watch the sunset and share our dreams for upcoming days.

## TLC Family Care Connections

We pray for...

✠ **Shut-Ins:** Opal Sroufe, Evelyn Kowalke, Esther McMichael, Irene Gestenslager, Karen Mowdy, 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**



**Our Hearts go out to...**

*... the family of Rosa Mai, who passed away November 16.*

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Now try one more experiment in the power of **WE**. Read Ephesians 4:16 once again. This time replace "each part" with your name. "From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as \_\_\_\_\_ does his/her work."

There are people "lost at sea", drowning in their sins, all throughout your neighborhood. Your church is an island of hope, a sanctuary of rescue and salvation. What will your neighbors experience when they spend time on your island? Complete the following sentence:

**God is teaching me that...**

***Our church will grow more mature in trust, respect, love and cooperation when we...***

Please give this some thought as you ponder your daily devotions.

Your fellow servant in Christ,

*Cynthia Laurenz DCE/FLM*

# Christian Education

## Sunday Morning Bible Studies

### *“Christmas: The Real Story”*

Here is a look at what Scripture actually says—and does not say—about the Nativity story. It is a study of Western culture’s unfamiliarity of the Bible’s Middle Eastern culture settings which has led to misinterpretation and confusion.

*Meets in East Wing*

### *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*

### *Parenting in the Pew*

*Led by Kathy Jackson across from the Board of Ed*

## 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., Class meets at TLC at 1:30 on Thursdays.  
Contact Leland for lesson material

## Monthly Opportunities—

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

**Women’s Bible Study —Meeting Room**

from the *Lutheran Women’s Quarterly*.

**Men’s Bible Study—Double Classroom on West Hallway**

“The Journey from Unbelief to Faith,”  
Part 3.

This series shows God at work in the world. Regardless of our troubled pasts, entrenched beliefs, willful antagonisms, or preconceived notions, God can cut through our callous exteriors, making a shambles of the self-deluding facades we erect to keep Him out.

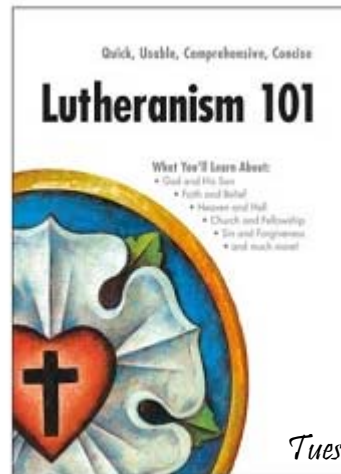
**Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m.**

*Proverbs 31 Woman—Library*

*You’ll Get Through—Meeting Room*

*Lutheran Spirituality—Across from Board of Education*

*LifeLight— next to Cynthia’s office*



### *Brown Bag Bible Buddies*

This Study on **Holy Baptism**, examines how Jesus establishes Baptism as the sacrament that makes us children of God and delivers the gracious gifts of God—forgiveness of sins, rescue from death and the devil, and eternal salvation—to all who believe.

*Tuesdays at noon.*

*Bring your lunch and join us in the Meeting Room!*



Sundays at 7:00 in the Meeting Room

The PRISM® Weight Loss Program, founded in 1990, has helped more than 60,000 people transform their eating behaviors with a sensible, lifestyle-change



## Next Meeting for Stephen Ministry


All Active Stephen Ministers:  
Meeting Tuesday December 8

6:30 in the East Wing


# December Servants

**Communion Assistants** 8:00 Bruce Algrim & Ed Adams  
 10:30 Jerry Bitter & Ron Hall  
**Altar Committee** Brenda Drees

 **Acolytes** 8:00 10:30  
 December 2 Advent 6:30 Grace Reagle  
 6 Bryce Foreman Chloe Powell  
 9 Advent 6:30 Sydney Sheets  
 13 Jacynda Vargas Colby Cessna  
 16 Advent 6:30 Chloe Powell  
 20 Holley Douglas  
 Christmas Eve 24 6:30 Alex Foreman 9:00 Colby Cessna  
 27 Bryce Foreman  
 New Year's Eve 31 6:30 Macy Froetschner

 **PowerPoint** 8:00 10:30  
 December 2 6:30 Jacob Froetschner  
 6 Alex Foreman Jacob Froetschner  
 9 6:30 Carrie Hall  
 13 Rachel Foreman Carrie Hall  
 16 Advent 6:30 Alexis Powell  
 20 Clara Jackson Alexis Powell  
 Christmas Eve 24 6:30 Rachel Foreman 9:00 Bailey Pauley  
 27 Alex Foreman Bailey Pauley  
 New Year's Eve 31 6:30 Grace Reagle

 **Lectors** 8:00 10:30  
 December 6 Buddy Skeie Jay Meyer  
 13 Alice Banning Kelly Butcher  
 20 Ed Banning Daret Burr  
 24 6:30 Jerry Bitter 9:00 Gerry Schultz  
 27 Ed Adams Joanna Boles

 **Nursery** 10:30  
 December 6 Brianna Pauley  
 13 Clara Jackson  
 20 Alexis Powell  
 27 Jenn Froetschner

# JUST 4 YOUTH!

## Wednesday Youth Activities

6:30—7:30 How to build faith and commitment in one's life.

## 9:15 Sunday Morning

Martin Luther started the Reformation. See the video and follow a study guide on Sunday mornings.

## Past Calendar:

### Senior High District Youth Gathering in Hutchinson

November 20-22, 2015

Registered: Rachel Foreman, Bailey & Brianna Pauley, Clara Jackson, Mitch McKinley, Marco & Flavio Esquivel, Alexis Powell, Taylor Schiltz, Jayce Vargas and Nathan Koerperich, Abbigail & Warren Prochnow, Jonathan & CJ Bailey & Leland Jackson



THIS LIFE

Thanks to all who purchased Christmas Greenery this year.



Christmas Caroling on December 20 at 3:00 p.m.

## Winter Retreat: Fire on the Mountain

December 28-January 1 at LVR

Cost: \$25.00



Ice Skating in Dodge on Sunday, December 13. Leave the church parking lot at 2:30. Skate from 4-6. Cost: \$7.00 bring extra \$ for snacks

## Fundraisers:

Save aluminum cans!!

(cashed in 110 lbs for \$49.55 on 8/24/15)

Please smash your cans if possible!



Buy \$10.00  
Papa Murphy's  
Gift Cards

## Future Calendar:

### Junior High Youth Quake February 12-14

Registered: Ann & Holley Douglas, Alex Foreman, Taylor Schiltz, Chloe & Alexis Powell, Grace Reagle, Macy & Jake Froetschner, Taylor Schiltz, Jacynda Vargas, Adults: Ginger Douglas, Jennifer Froetschner and Leland Jackson

### TEEN LEADERSHIP RETREAT

February 26/27, 2016, in Herington, KS.  
8th grade through Senior High.

Mexico Mission Trip—March 12-19, 2016

Deposit Due by November 30.

Registered to date: Mark Estrada

### Young Adult Ministry! (YAMs)

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

Ages 19-25 are needed for the Orange Nation for NYG.

If interested contact: [NYGLCMS.org](http://NYGLCMS.org)  
or Leland Jackson.



In Christ Alone  
LCMS YOUTH GATHERING

July 16-20, 2016

NYG Fundraiser:

Trinity's Annual **Christmas Cookie Sale:**

**Wednesday, December 16, at 5:30**

We are looking for Christmas Cookie bakers!  
Youth will be handing out pans on Sunday mornings!

**\*\*Special this year\*\***

A Christmas Quilt, created by Trinity ladies, will be auctioned off by silent auction.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!



Kelly Combs	12/1	Jason Drohman	12/16
James Davis	12/1	Statler Kerr	12/16
Crystal Miller	12/1	Kellee Odneal	12/17
Jack Rutherford	12/1	Gary Kraft	12/18
Conni Jo Bailey	12/2	Jacynda Vargas	12/18
Keith Erichsen	12/4	Chad Yardley	12/18
Kaiden Fisher	12/4	Warren Schwab	12/19
Liz Meyer	12/4	Isaiah Bossett	12/20
Jacya Vargas	12/4	Tammy Gronquist	12/20
Gary Smith	12/5	Johanna Hall	12/20
Gordon Drees	12/6	Carly Schmale	12/22
Dixie Beery	12/7	Lilith Cole	12/23
Kelly Chanay	12/7	Curt Kinney	12/23
Oliver Gonzalez	12/7	Betty White	12/24
Brian Odneal	12/7	Ashley Eckert	12/25
Steven Barber	12/8	Zossy Algrim	12/26
Jamie Bastin	12/8	Timothy Cruz	12/26
Janet Colson	12/9	Jayce Vargas	12/27
Austin Ackerman	12/12	Judy Schweer	12/28
Roger Reetz	12/13	Kimberly Guy	12/30
Renee Algrim	12/14	Robert Leal	12/30
Taelor Hernandez	12/14	Kay Petersen	12/30
Lois Hinkle	12/14	Don Bohl	12/31
Mark Petersen	12/14	Irene Gestenslager	12/31
Lorinda Skeie	12/14	Gary Irsik	12/31
Heidi Berg	12/15	Marin Kerr	12/31
Kaye Kuhlman	12/15		

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



*Thank  
You*

*to everyone for the cards,  
and best wishes making  
our 50th anniversary so  
memorable.*

*Roger & Bernie Reetz*

Emil & Deandra Krug	12/5
Brian & Kristina Odneal	12/5
Bob & Doris Lewis	12/8
Curt & Kathy Kinney	12/9
Dan & Nancy McMillan	12/10
Gordon & Stephanie Wright	12/13
Tom & Lisa Hogan	12/15
Brad & Jody Kerr	12/18
Grady & Kaye Kuhlman	12/21
Lowell & Dorothy Mueller	12/22
Adam & Cammie Nelson	12/23

Dear Family of Trinity.

Here are some sayings regarding December.

The days are surely shorter.  
This is the heart of winter.  
I can't wait until Christmas.

When I was young, there was nothing more special than the time of Christmas, usually shared at Grandparent's house with all the excitement of close family and lots of kids, incredible food, fun and of course, presents. It seemed like Christmas would never get here, and then...zap.....it was gone. Time, you see, from the eyes of the young is tempered by the focus that we made at that age. Surely, the days were shorter? The answer was and is.....no. Time, you see, charges on. Of the things that we are to return a portion to God, time is the one that we cannot create. We can only set aside a portion of our time to give glory to God. Worship is fundamentally important to Christians so they must allot some 'time' simply to worship God. It is our duty to worship our God. We are inspired by traditional hymns of Advent and Christmas, but singing and making a joyful noise in praise to God, to the cynical seems somewhat nonsensical. That approach is exactly what the Evil One wants us to believe. Christians, we can't create time, but we can and should set aside time to give thanks and praise to a wonderful God who blesses us each and every day. Moreover, in making preparation for the coming of Christ, let us be clear that our awareness of the length of daylight, does not deceive us into thinking there is less 'time'. The time of each day does not change. Only our perception and the demands we place upon our time changes. I encourage everyone to be diligent in worship of God. If it has been a while since you have attended worship, consider this article your reminder and invitation to celebrate with fellow Christians. We need your presence more than you can possibly understand.

Winter doesn't even start until December 21. December is not the heart of winter, it is its beginning. Christ came to Earth according to God's plan. When it seems darkest, when least light is shed upon the Northern Hemisphere, God sent His Light to be our Savior. Thus, the Church

year starts with preparing our hearts and minds to understand the gift of salvation in Christ Jesus. The gift of **grace**, the gift of **faith** artfully and eloquently portrayed and announced in **scripture** is no coincidence. It is part of the plan. We at Trinity should embrace our time in vacancy, knowing that God has a plan for this, His Church we steadfastly support. Even when we are patient awaiting a new leader, a shepherd on this Earth to help us stay on the path that leads to heaven, we can easily lose enthusiasm for the work of Trinity. But behold, in the face of a shortness of light from the sun, we are illuminated by the light of the coming of the Son of God, the start of His purpose for coming to Earth in the beginning of winter, so that our path to salvation is blazed by the glory of His work to come. This is not just God's flashlight; it is the coming of Light of the world. His name is Jesus. Don't let the lack of daylight deter you from worshiping and sharing God's plan of salvation He made known to all the world.

Therefore, I can't wait until Christmas. Ask any child in school and they will tell you how many days until Christmas vacation long before you can pull out the school calendar to verify. Ask any child of God who grew up in the 60's and they could have told you how many days until the children's play on Christmas Eve, with presents to follow. Each evolution of generations of Christendom approach Christmas with the focus of this world. It is God's law that focuses back to what is important, i.e. understanding the joyous gift of Christ. No doubt, gifts are fun and exciting for child and adult alike. There is more joy in giving than receiving. But I had to learn it. Many trips around the sun give great perspective to this simple reality of life. Your church, Trinity, needs your help to fulfill its mission.

My prayer is that Trinity be about the mission of spreading the Gospel, amongst ourselves, to our neighbors, to Garden City and make further efforts to support and expand the ministry purposes of Trinity. For this, I can't wait for Christmas.

Gerry Schultz



# TLC PRESCHOOL



Merry CHRISTmas!! Wow, how this year has flown by. The Lord has blessed Trinity 3 with two more new students! Both classes will be learning about the birth of our Lord and Savior. Make sure to come down to our end of the building and see how our Nativity scene grows with the story. Trinity 4 will be busy telling the story as well, and they will be sharing gifts with the zoo animals. We pray that you have a Christmas filled with the true meaning of the Season!

Growing in Christ,  
*Jammy Lampe & Susan Soldner*

So much scouting activity this month! Boy Scouts of Troop 109 attended Rendezvous at Mandan Lodge (located at Ford County Lake). Troop 109 helped with facilitating activities and games for younger Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts. Order of The Arrow is the National Honor Society of Boy Scouts. Our scouts belonging to Order of The Arrow are identified with OA behind their names. Those attending were Scott Dunagan (OA-Eagle Scout), Cooper Percival (OA-Life Scout), Rafael Diaz (OA-Life Scout), Kyle Stevens (OA-Life Scout), Ethan Relph (OA-Life Scout), Austin Randle (OA-Life Scout), Jacob Orozco (OA-Life Scout) and Zach Bradley (First Class Scout).



Rafael, Scott, Austin and Jacob participated in Order of The Arrow ceremony teams and ceremonial call-out activities. Leaders attending Rendezvous were Eric Relph, Scoutmaster and Zach Champlin.

In Cub News: Tiger Cubs learned a variety of magic tricks so they could perform a magic show for fellow scouts and parents! Another group of cubs earned their Bobcat badges! Another awards night was held in November to advance those scouts. Bobcats are moving into their respective activities in their scouting books. Bears and Wolves were busy learning how to properly fold the flag of the United States. This will come in handy as they grow in scouting and participate in flag ceremonies. Webelos have been working toward their Engineer Pins.

The Cub Scouts of Pack 109 were busy with popcorn sales! The pack sold a total of \$6,248 worth of Trails End

Popcorn! The majority of the profits from popcorn sales are kept local (approximately 70%). A portion goes to the Santa Fe Trail Council of Garden City. Pack 109's share of profit totaled \$1,880! This is our only fundraiser of the year. Money raised will be used for activities, ceremonies, awards and other scout-related expenditures. Many thanks to all of the parents of these scouts for assisting them with transportation and deliveries!

The leadership of Troop and Pack 109 wish to thank all of the volunteers and parents helping to make our scouting endeavors possible! Everyone plays an important role in keeping these boys moving forward and growing their hearts as servants.

Wendy Dunagan





## Items needed for Agape Closet:

Toothpaste	Feminine Hygiene Products
Toothbrushes	Notebooks
Coats	Blankets - any bedding (probably twin sized)
Hats	Band Aids
Gloves	pillows
Pencils	lotion
Kleenexes	Febreze
Deodorant	Fruit
Shampoo	granola bars
Conditioner	

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Brought to you by:  
Trinity Lutheran Church and  
First Christian Church*

The college outreach ministry had their first Agape Closet shopping event on Sunday, October 11th. Several college shoppers joined us. They told us the things they need the most right now are **GLOVES!** Please grab an extra pair the next time you are at the store and bring them!

The committee enjoyed great fellowship with their counterparts from First Christian Church.

♥ Our college outreach ministry has been awarded a

Meals and Memories had a great month! Our attendance was 1200%, and we sent home meals to sick family members of our attendees. Everyone enjoyed a great meal and meeting new friends. We are beginning to get our advertising figured out! Thanks to all who helped!

Join us again December 19!!!



## Meals and Memories

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### Winter PieceMakers

Join the PieceMakers over Christmas break, December 28, 29 and 30, from 10 am to noon, as we sew baby blankets for Mexico missions.

Adults and children are invited to attend.

Never sewed before, no worries, we can teach you!

Bring a sack lunch and enjoy a meal together after sewing.

All materials are provided. Questions: Call Mary Jo Schutz 275-0423 or Kathy Jackson 640-6968

Kathy Jackson

Romans 12:1-2



*Young At Heart Christmas Party at The Halls' House*

*2417 Belmont Place*

*December 18, 7-10 pm*

*All 18 year olds and older are welcome to a night of Bunko followed by a white elephant gift exchange (\$5 max).  
Bring a snack to share*



*Come celebrate Johanna (Oma) Hall's 90th birthday come & go reception*

*Sunday, December 20, 1:00-3:00*

*Trinity's East Wing*

*No gifts, just your presence.*



**New Year's Eve Celebration**  
**Bring the whole family (including little ones),**  
**a snack to share,**  
**and any favorite games, as we ring in 2016 as a**  
**Trinity Family.**

**Past activities have included: four Square, Volleyball,**  
**Board Games, Card Games.**

**We will meet in the Fellowship Hall after the New Year's Eve Service.**  
**Come and stay as long as you can!!**





"Jesus is the Gift"  
By Holley Gerth

Jesus is the gift that perfectly fits every heart  
And it is with His love that all celebration starts.

We rejoice in Him as we remember His birth  
And thank God for sending His only Son to earth.

His life led from a manger to a cross on a hill  
Where He faithfully followed His Father's perfect will.

He freely laid down everything so that we could live,  
And there is no greater treasure anyone could give.

Like a scarlet ribbon His love wrapped around the cross  
And He offered it to us all at the greatest cost.

So each time that we give we remember what He's done  
And honor the perfect Gift – God's one and only Son.

Reminder: Mark your calendars for the next LWML meeting January 5th, 2016. Women of all ages are invited to attend. Child care is available ~ please call Christy Creacy, 620-271-4778.

*Christy Creacy*

LWML President

May the gift of God's love bless you this Christmas and always.



*... 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 Piece Makers Room*

December 2015  
Treasurer's Report

For the 10 Months Ended  
Oct 31, 2015    Oct 31, 2014

Income & Expenses:

General Fund Income:

Offerings	\$399,266	\$317,423
Preschool Tuition & Donations	21,458	21,782
Other Income	<u>2,935</u>	<u>3,618</u>
Total General Fund Income	<u>423,659</u>	<u>342,823</u>

General Fund Expenses:

Missions	39,825	30,761
Education/Family Life	16,633	10,296
Youth Ministry	14,544	4,722
Stewardship	577	707
Lay Ministry	297,676	220,788
ABCD Board-Preschool	32,136	31,566
Church Properties	57,383	51,572
Administrative	<u>15,113</u>	<u>13,814</u>
Total General Fund Expenses	<u>473,887</u>	<u>364,226</u>

General Fund Current Operating Deficit ( 50,228) ( 21,403)

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

TOTAL General Fund Surplus as of Oct. 31, 2015 \$ 86,859 \$ 18,051

Items to Note as of October 31, 2015:

General Fund Offerings were \$399,266 compared to \$317,423 – an increase of \$80,836 or 25.47%

General Fund Expenses were \$473,887 compared to \$364,226 – an increase of \$109,661 or 30.11%

Net General Fund Surplus (Deficit) by month:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
January	\$93,512	(\$ 6,026)
February	(\$18,583)	\$ 832
March	(\$22,432)	(\$10,961)
April	474	\$21,567
May	(\$18,312)	(\$ 8,430)
June	(\$21,393)	(\$ 690)
July	(\$ 9,717)	(\$11,110)
August	(\$19,952)	\$ 4,426
September	(\$19,621)	(\$13,044)
October	<u>(\$14,204)</u>	<u>2,031</u>
YTD	<u>(\$ 50,228)</u>	<u>(\$21,403)</u>

At the January 2015 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 that 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

# Advent and Christmas Worship Opportunities



Advent Services	Wednesdays, December 2, 9, 16	
	5:45 pm	Midweek Meal
	6:30 pm	Advent Service
	7:00 pm	Mentor time/Midweek Classes
	7:30 pm	Children's Christmas Service Rehearsal
	8:00 pm	Young Adult Ministry
Sunday, December 13	10:30 am	Children's Christmas Worship
Wed., December 16	5:00 pm	Annual Cookie Sale
Christmas Eve	6:30 pm	Family Christmas Eve Worship (HC)
	9:00 pm	Candlelight Worship (HC)
New Year's Eve	6:30 pm	New Year's Eve Service
	8:00 pm	Family Event <b>(all welcome)</b>
		Bring a board game and a snack to share



Return Service Requested

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Permit # 143

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.

- M**ission Minded
- I**nspired to use spiritual gifts
- S**erving in love
- S**eeking the lost
- I**ntegrating all members
- O**ngoing education for all
- N**urturing family environment
- P**raying priesthood
- O**pportunities for giving/receiving God's grace
- S**cripturally focused
- T**ouched by Christ's love