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In January we celebrate the coming of the Magi. The Gentile kings came to worship the newborn King. They had heard of the prophecy from the people of Israel when they were held captive many years before. Yet, the "people of the promise" were not as vigilant as the foreign kings in keeping watch for the signs of the coming of the king of the Jews.

You and I are "people of the promise." We who are baptized in the name of the Triune God have been baptized into Christ's Death and in His Resurrection. We have the hope of Salvation. This hope gives JOY for all who hear and understand the Good News that is ours by faith in the One who Saves.

LCMS President Matthew Harrison wrote and gave me a little book titled: *A Little Book on JOY*. It's a great little read and a great reminder of what Joy is and where we can find it. We might try to find Joy in the activities and things of this world. In reality, Joy is found in God's Grace through forgiveness and reconciliation, through the community of faith, in marriage and family, in humor, in suffering, in giving, in our weakness, in every day living! It's the anchor for our future (at death) and forever with the One who gives true JOY in the first place.

*"The secret of living a good news life in a bad news world is Jesus Christ, our eternal anchor - drawing us forward to the future, to an eternity in heaven." P. 174*

As we look into 2016, not only do we look forward to the Joy of receiving a Shepherd but we thank the JOY-giver of all the gifts and benefits that come through a community of Faith. Let us be a community who seeks Word and Sacraments which gives an everlasting JOY in our hearts, our lives, and on our lips.

May your 2016 bring you the Joy that comes only from the Risen Savior who took upon Himself my sins and yours, that together we can sing: "Joy to the World our Savior Reigns!" Amen.

Waiting in the Joy of Christ,

*Leland Jackson, DCE*

### TLC Mission Statement:

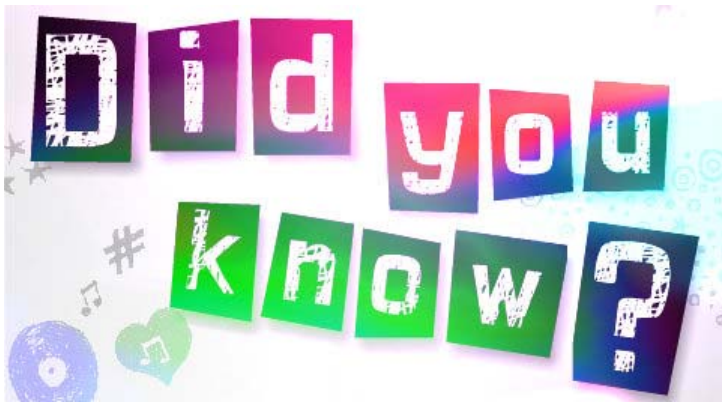
KNOW CHRIST



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 the value of getting to know one another better. Last month Leland shared a little about himself, and this month, it's **Tammy Lampe's** turn:

### What is your favorite vacation?

I was raised in Colorado; love the Rocky Mountains! As a child, on Sunday's we would go to church, and then head up to the mountains for a picnic. My dad would find a road off the beaten path and we would just drive until we found a spot that looked like a good picnic spot. My mom would cook chicken, make potato salad and baked beans on Saturday, then get it packed up for our Sunday afternoon adventure. Several years ago Kevin and I went on an Alaskan cruise for our 25th anniversary. The mountains there were just amazing! They are so majestic! Kevin and I plan on going back at some point, not sure when, but someday!

### What did you want to be when you were small?

I have always wanted to be a teacher. I have a sister with Downs Syndrome, and I always wanted to grow up and be a teacher for children with special needs. It's funny how God works in a person's life. I went to work for Dillon's for 14 years before listening to what God had planned for me. I have been working with children for the past 21 years! 20 years as a Teacher/Para and this year as the Director for the Preschool.

### What is your biggest success up till now?

I believe that success can be measured in many different ways. What I consider MY biggest success is also the many blessings that I have received. My marriage to Kevin for 34 years, our two children, their spouses and our granddaughter, are my biggest successes. I love my job; I love that my former students still come up and give me hugs, I love to watch them grow and see how God works in their lives!

## 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, Andrew Wehling

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

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

### TLC Task Force Members

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Tom Hogan: 620-855-582

Aaron Miller: 620-521-7635

Rachelle Powell: 620-290-3810

The Task Force is working on the following:

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

## Financial Peace University by Dave

Ramsey is a 9 week class for an 1&1/2 sessions. "Personal finance is 80% behavior and 20% head knowledge. That means taking control of your money is more about what you do than what you know."

Financial Peace provides hope! It's a safe place to share, grow and learn!

For the families in our preschool and those who have young children, Trinity would like to provide this class for you in 2016. We would like to start the class in February or March. Contact Leland @276-3110 or dceleland@tlcgck.kscoxmail.com for more information



# Christian Education

## Sunday Morning Bible Studies

Harry Wendt  
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, part II.**

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.

Starts on January 21

## Monthly Opportunities—

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

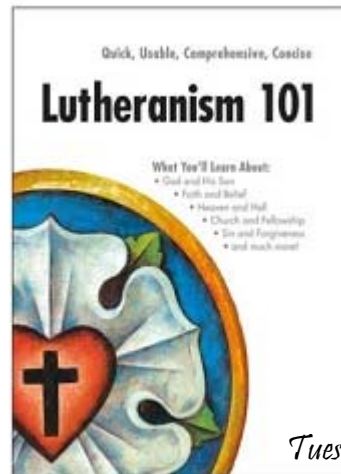
### **Men's Bible Study—Double Classroom on West Hallway**

"He Who Dies with the Most Toys Still Dies  
Part 1

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

*Proverbs 31 Woman*—Library  
*You'll Get Through*—Meeting Room  
*Lutheran Spirituality*—Across from the  
Board of Education

*LifeLight*— next to Cynthia's office



### *Brown Bag Bible Buddies*

This Study on **Holy Baptism**,  
examines how Jesus establish-  
es Baptism as the sacrament  
that makes us children of God  
and delivers the gracious gifts of  
God—forgiveness of sins, res-  
cue 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!*



## **Next Meeting for Stephen Ministry**

All Active Stephen Ministers:  
Meeting Tuesday January 5 at  
6:00; and January 19 at 6:30  
in the East Wing

**Messiah Lutheran Church, Lebanon, PA shares the Twelve Days of Christmas**

**On the 1st day of Christmas my true love gave to me... A Partridge in a Pear Tree**

The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus the Christ, the Son of God, whose birthday we celebrate on December 25, the first day of Christmas. In the song, Christ is symbolically presented as a mother partridge that feigns injury to decoy predators from her helpless nestlings, recalling the expression of Christ's sadness over the fate of Jerusalem: "Jerusalem! Jerusalem! How often would I have sheltered you under my wings, as a hen does her chicks, but you would not have it so." (Luke 13:34)

**On the 2nd day of Christmas my true love gave to me... Two Turtle Doves**

are the Old and New Testaments, which together bear witness to God's self-revelation in history and the creation of a people to tell the Story of God to the world. The dove is a bird allowed to be used for sacrifice in the Old Testament, reminding us of Christ's sacrifice in the New Testament.

**On the 3rd day of Christmas my true love gave to me... Three French Hens**

Are the Three Christian Virtues Saint Paul tells us about in his poem in 1 Corinthians 13:13 are 1) Faith, 2) Hope, and 3) Love. French hens were of much value and worth, just as Faith, Hope and Love are treasures to be highly prized.

**On the 4th day of Christmas my true love gave to me... Four Calling Birds**

The Four Calling Birds are the Four Gospels: 1) Matthew, 2) Mark, 3) Luke, and 4) John, which proclaim the Good News of God's reconciliation of the world to Himself in Jesus Christ.

**On the 5th day of Christmas my true love gave to me... Five Gold Rings**

The Five Gold Rings are the first Five Books of the Old Testament, known as the Torah or the Pentateuch: 1) Genesis, 2) Exodus, 3) Leviticus, 4) Numbers, and 5) Deuteronomy, which gives the history of humanity's sinful failure and God's response of grace in the recreation of a people to be a light to the world.

**On the 6th day of Christmas my true love gave to me... Six Geese A-Laying**

The Six Geese A-laying and tending their nest will eventually lead to the creation of new life. This symbolizes the six days of creation that confesses God as Creator and Sustainer of the world in Genesis 1.

**On the 7th day of Christmas my true love gave to me... Seven Swans A-Swimming**

Seven Swans A-swimming represent the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit that should be present in our hearts: 1) prophecy, 2) ministry, 3) teaching, 4) exhortation, 5) giving, 6) leading, and 7) compassion, as listed in Romans 12:6-8; and 1 Corinthians 12:8-11.

### **On the 8th day of Christmas my true love gave to me... Eight Maids A-Milking**

The Eight Maids A-Milking who provide for others from their labor are symbolic for the eight Beatitudes of those who the church should likewise labor for: 1) Blessed are the poor in spirit, 2) those who mourn, 3) the meek, 4) those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, 5) the merciful, 6) the pure in heart, 7) the peacemakers, 8) those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake. From Matthew 5:3-10

### **On the 9th day of Christmas my true love gave to me... Nine Ladies Dancing**

The Nine Ladies Dancing represent the nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit as listed in Galatians 5:22: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

### **On the 10th day of Christmas my true love gave to me... Ten Lords A-Leaping**

The Ten Lords A-leaping remind us of the ten commandments: 1) You shall have no other gods before me; 2) Do not take God's name in vain; 3) Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it Holy; 4) Honor your father and mother; 5) Do not murder; 6) Do not commit adultery; 7) Do not steal; 8) Do not bear false witness; 9; Do not covet your neighbor's house 10) Do not covet your neighbor's wife or other possessions. (Exodus 20:1-17)

### **On the 11th day of Christmas my true love gave to me... Eleven Pipers Piping**

Eleven Pipers Piping remind us of the eleven Faithful Apostles: 1) Simon Peter, 2) Andrew, 3) James, 4) John, 5) Philip, 6) Bartholomew, 7) Matthew, 8) Thomas, 9) James bar Alphaeus, 10) Simon the Zealot, 11) Judas bar James. (Luke 6:14-16). The list does not include the twelfth disciple, Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Jesus.

### **On the 12th day of Christmas my true love gave to me... Twelve Drummers Drumming**


Are the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostles' Creed:

- 1) I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.
- 2) I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.
- 3) He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
- 4) He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.
- 5) On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
- 6) He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
- 7) I believe in the Holy Spirit,
- 8) the holy catholic Church,
- 9) the communion of saints,
- 10) the forgiveness of sins,
- 11) the resurrection of the body,
- 12) and the life everlasting.


# January 2016 Servants

**Communion Assistants** 8:00 Mark Nelsen & Chuck Messenger  
 10:30 Roy Cessna & Sean Sheets  
**Altar Committee** Cheryl Schmale

 **Acolytes** 8:00 10:30  
 January 3 Jacynda Vargas Grace Reagle  
 10 Holley Douglas Sydney Sheets  
 17 Alex Foreman Kash Sheets  
 24 Bryce Foreman Chloe Powell  
 31 Jacynda Vargas Colby Cessna  
 February 7 Holley Douglas Macy Froetschner  
 Ash Wednesday 10 6:30 Grace Reagle  
 14 Alex Foreman Sydney Sheets

 **PowerPoint** 8:00 10:30  
 January 3 Rachel Foreman Jacob Froetschner  
 10 Bailey Pauley Alexis Powell  
 17 Clara Jackson Grace Reagle  
 24 Alex Foreman Jacob Froetschner  
 31 Rachel Foreman Alexis Powell  
 February 7 Bailey Pauley Grace Reagle  
 Ash Wednesday 10 6:30 Alex Foreman  
 14 Clara Jackson Jacob Froetschner

 **Lectors** 8:00 10:30  
 January 3 Tim Lavrenz Darett Burr  
 10 Rachel Foreman Ron Hall  
 17 Judy Nusser Connor Schultz  
 24 Martin Nusser Leland Jackson  
 31 Buddy Skeie Jay Meyer

 **Nursery** 10:30  
 January 3 Bailey Pauley  
 10 Taylor Schiltz  
 17 ConniJo Bailey  
 24 Brianna Pauley  
 31 Clara Jackson

# 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:

Thanks to all who purchased Christmas Greenery this year. 45 items were sold!

## Kansas District Youth Gathering (DYG)



### Participants Own Words:

*How did God speak to you this weekend?*

>The way our keynote speaker, Jeffrey spoke about Jesus dying on the cross just made me feel all these different emotions. The love God has for us is overwhelming, his grace and mercy crash over us like waves.

*What was your highlight this weekend?*

- > it helped me renew my faith.
- > Reconnect with friends and worship
- > Seeing old friends
- > the prayer walk

## Winter Retreat: Fire on the Mountain

December 28-January 1 at LVR  
Cost: \$25.00

Participants include: Ann Douglas, Jake Froetschner, Clara Jackson, Mitch McKinley, Tzionah Palmer, Alexis Powell, Hannah Schultz, Jaycob Vargas



## 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  
21 have Registered to date including: Mark Estrada, Leland & Kathy Jackson and Kyler Millershaski from Trinity

### Young Adult Ministry! (YAMs)

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



In Christ Alone  
LCMS YOUTH GATHERING

# July 16-20, 2016

### NYG Fundraiser:

Thanks for supporting Trinity's Annual Christmas Cookie Sale which brought in **\$642.50**

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

A Christmas Quilt, created by Trinity ladies, 91 tickets were sold for the quilt.

**\$400** was raised through the ticket sales. Congratulations to Katy Pauley with the winning ticket.

### 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

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!



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

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



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





## A MESSAGE FROM KROGER/DILLONS

Dear Community Rewards Member,

We would like to thank your organization and supporters for participating in Community Rewards this year. We hope that the program was beneficial to your fundraising efforts and helping your progress toward goals and objectives for 2015.

We are happy to announce that once again we have allocated \$2.0 million in 2016 to assist local schools and other non-profits in the communities we serve. Community Rewards is the perfect partner for your organization because customers can easily donate to the charity of their choice; just by doing their normal grocery shopping each week!

As a reminder, your supporters must visit our website below to re-enroll in the program after January 1, 2016 in order for purchases throughout 2016 to credit your organization. The customer will need to sign in, and make their contribution selection using your 5-digit NPO number or search by organization name.

dillons.com/communityrewards  
bakersplus.com/communityrewards  
gerbes.com/communityrewards

Please feel free to contact Karen Chadd with any questions at 620-669-3252 or by email at [dcr@dillonstores.com](mailto:dcr@dillonstores.com). Thank you again for your participation, and we look forward to another fruitful year in 2016!

Sincerely,  
The Dillons Community Rewards Team

## 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, Midweek, 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!

# TLC PRESCHOOL



Happy New Year! Hope everyone had a joyous Christmas! And now it's time for Trinity 3 to learn about the changing seasons that God has blessed us with. We hope we will have some snow while we talk about winter, and we wait for the rains of spring, the HOT summer days and the cool and colorful fall. While Trinity 4 starts to work on their ABC's, we will see what zoo animals we can make from each letter! Don't forget to come down our hallway and see a zoo on our walls. Can you guess what each one is?

We will have our Fun Night on February 21, so mark your calendar and watch for more information to follow.

Growing in Christ,

*Jammy Lampe & Susan Soldner*

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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,  
I have had the privilege to serve on our TLC Stewardship Team the past couple years. I am happy to say I have seen our congregation meet some big goals and would like to say thank you. As our team works on serving each of you in 2016/2017 we ask you to pray for wisdom and guidance.

God gives us gifts and abilities so that we may be equipped to serve others. The start of a new year offers us an opportune time to assess those gifts and see how we can use them for God's glory and the good of His people. The motivation to do this comes from the same One who gives gifts for His service! Just as He was motivated by love for us, giving us, not just our gifts, but His greatest gift, Jesus, so we are motivated by love for Him to serve those He calls us to serve.

Mission statement for 2016 is:

## **EXCEL IN THE GRACE OF GIVING**

Some wise Words for thought:

*Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.*

1 Timothy 6:17-19



Your fellow servant in Christ,  
Cynthia Lavrenz

## College Outreach Ministry

Our church has a generous heart. Thank you to those who have made donations toward the **Agape Closet**. In December, we had 15 GCCC students visit our church to shop at the **Agape Closet**.

John Polson was able to pray with several of the students; Jennifer Froetschner and Dawnne Francis assisted students in finding items they needed, such as pillows, blankets, personal hygiene items, and snacks. Several members of First Christian Church were also available that night to visit with the students.

All of the students went home with a Gospel tract and homemade cookies.

The items most needed right now are men's and women's socks, gloves, and ramen noodles.

College Outreach Ministry looks forward to the new year and an opportunity to build friendships with GCCC students.

If you are interested in helping with the College Outreach Ministry, contact anyone mentioned in this article. Next Agape Closet is Sunday, January 24, 5-7!!!



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First Christian Church*

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Meals and Memories has been growing in every way possible!

We served nearly 30 in November. It sure was nice to see our tables filling up! Also, Jennifer Froetschner was invited to speak to one of the Methodist women's groups. After her visit, Meals and Memories has received \$240 in donations! We will be able to make some good soup with those funds! The donations for the Blessing Bags that are sent home with each family have also started rolling in from Bible Christian Church! Both churches are excited to support this program, and we are thankful they are!



## Meals and Memories

Trinity Lutheran Church  
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Garden City, KS 67846

Join us again January 9 at 5:00 p.m.



## 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

January 2016  
Treasurer's Report

For the 11 Months Ended  
Nov 30, 2015    Nov 30, 2014

Income & Expenses:

General Fund Income:

Offerings	\$435,871	\$347,314
Preschool Tuition & Donations	23,678	24,448
Other Income	<u>3,056</u>	<u>3,877</u>
Total General Fund Income	<u>462,605</u>	<u>375,639</u>

General Fund Expenses:

Missions	42,175	33,111
Education/Family Life	18,062	10,457
Youth Ministry	15,217	5,009
Stewardship	577	707
Lay Ministry	316,022	239,247
ABCD Board-Preschool	34,954	35,110
Church Properties	60,433	55,524
Administrative	<u>16,238</u>	<u>15,121</u>
Total General Fund Expenses	<u>503,677</u>	<u>394,289</u>

General Fund Current Operating Deficit	( 41,072)	( 18,650)
General Fund Surplus as of December 31, 2014	<u>137,087</u>	<u>39,454</u>
TOTAL General Fund Surplus as of Nov. 30, 2015	<u>\$ 96,015</u>	<u>\$ 20,804</u>

Items to Note as of November 30, 2015:

General Fund Offerings were \$435,871 compared to \$347,314 – an increase of \$88,557 or 25.50%  
General Fund Expenses were \$503,677 compared to \$394,289 – an increase of \$109,388 or 27.74%

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	(\$14,204)	\$ 2,033
November	<u>\$ 9,156</u>	<u>\$ 2,753</u>
YTD	<u>(\$ 41,072)</u>	<u>(\$18,650)</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.

As we begin the process of budget preparation and planning for next year, I request that you prayerfully consider the Mission and Vision of Trinity Lutheran Church and become involved in the process, which starts with discussion by the Church Leadership Council. The **budget discussion** meeting is **January 17 at 1:00 pm**; the **Voters' meeting** when the plan for 2016 is voted on is **January 24 at 1:00 pm**.

As always, if you questions or suggestions please let me know.

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

In Christ's Service,  
Loretta Schultz, Treasurer



### What LWML Means to Me:

Over 50 years ago my wonderful mother-in-law invited me, a newlywed, to an LWML meeting. We had Bible studies and a social time. They also met weekly to hand-quilt for people. They had what they called a “Penny Dinner” once a year and served a meal for the community. In this way they made money to make improvements to their little country church.

I made good friends and learned much, working beside those devout women. We are to serve God. This is my way to serve. In this church we serve meals, wedding receptions, funerals. We care for the altar, make sermon tapes for our shut-ins, care of those in the military and away at college, and many other ways. Working together, I have made lifelong friendships.

We meet four times a year; have a Bible study or interesting devotion; discuss ways to serve; contribute to District and National LWML’s that take on really big projects around the world.

My daughter and daughters-in-law are also LWMLers!

Fern Becker

LWML will meet Tuesday, January 5 at 7:00 p.m. All Women of the congregation are invited. Childcare is provided (call Christy Creacy at 620-271-4778 to arrange it), so plan to join us!!



*... 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*



December was a fun month for Pack 109! Magic shows, skits, and science experiments were at the center of all of the fun! The leadership of the Pack wishes to recognize all of the fantastic parents that are taking leadership roles within small groups! Everyone brings something different to the table and the scouts are benefitting from so much participation. We have recruited some of the bilingual parents to provide better communication among Spanish-speaking parents, and we have had tremendous success! New friendships among parents have sprouted up, and that is what scouting is all about – we are one big family!

The older boys in Troop 109 continue to work on their various Eagle projects. They will be heading to Mandan Lodge in January for a Spanish Peaks Scout Ranch staff reunion party. While they are there, they will begin working with camp leadership to plan events for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of Spanish Peaks Scout Ranch (located in southern Colorado) this summer! We are proud to say that it has been a long-standing tradition in Troop 109 for our boys to serve each summer on staff at Spanish Peaks. They are usually there five weeks during the summer; living in tents, and teaching skills to earn merit badges to young campers. They call SPSR their home away from home. Hopefully many of these up-and-coming cubs will cross over into the Troop and continue our staffing tradition.

Please feel free to come join us on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m.  
We usually will not meet on holidays or if school is cancelled.

Best Regards From The Leadership of Unit 109! We are still so grateful for the hospitality Trinity has shown us.

Eric Relp  
Josh Messenger  
Shelby McNutt  
Wendy Dunagan  
Chris Orozco  
Zach Champlin



# Annual Mexico Mission Meal Fundraiser

Beef enchiladas, beans,  
rice, dessert, drink.  
You can build your own taco.

Proceeds offset costs of  
servants going to build homes  
in Mexico over spring break



Sunday, January 17  
12:00 p.m.  
*following 10:30 Worship Service*  
*Stay for budget meeting!!*



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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