



# May

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Perhaps you have wondered how worship services are planned: In the past, the Worship Planning Committee has been made up of the Pastor, the DCE's, the Secretary, an organist and one or two members of Trinity. The challenge for this committee is to make worship meaningful for all ages within the congregation.

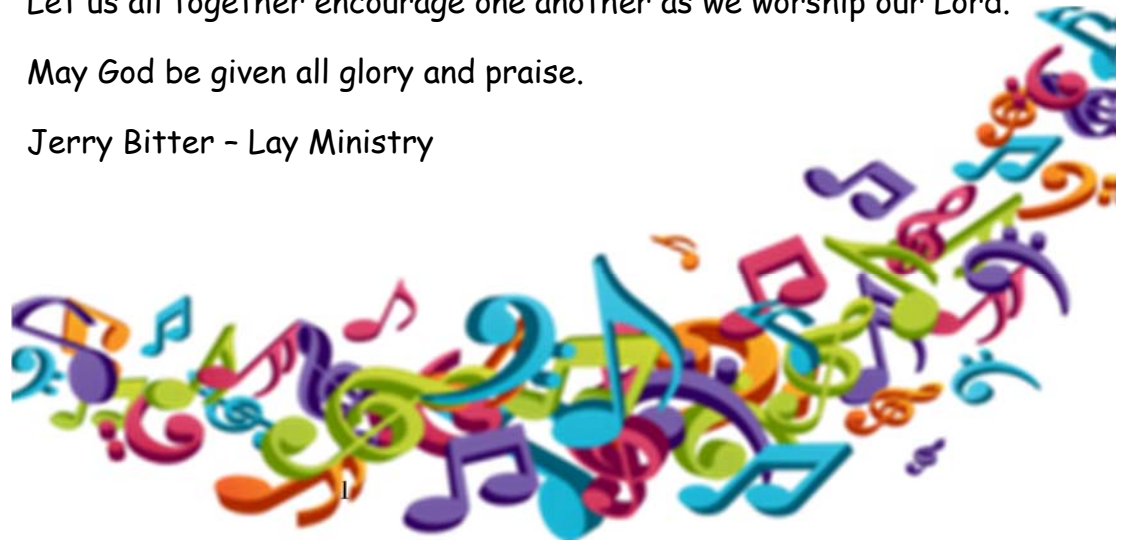
The Committee tries to include a children's song for our young ones who don't read very well. We may add a praise song that can touch the lives of our youth and young adults. And of course we chose songs from the hymnal as a testimony to our Lutheran heritage. Each Sunday a theme runs through the service, and the Committee tries to use songs that convey the theme for that day. The Committee has a list of favorites songs that members have given through two different surveys over the years, and we take that into consideration during worship planning. For over 15 years, Creative Worship has been the foundation for the service and LSB Setting III is frequently used for our Communion services. The 5th Sunday of a month has been designated as a youth Sunday and has been an opportunity for our youth to help lead in song, skit and readings.

It's not easy to plan a service that will touch the lives of all ages, but each service points to the Savior. A definition for worship is "work". We, the committee, plan the service to be meaningful for the worshipers who "work" at giving praise and thanksgiving for all that Jesus has done, and is doing, through the cross and the empty tomb.

Let us all together encourage one another as we worship our Lord.

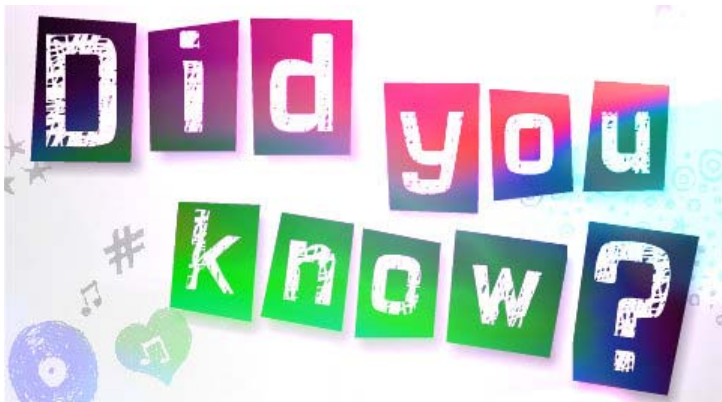
May God be given all glory and praise.

Jerry Bitter - Lay Ministry



### TLC Mission Statement:

KNOW CHRIST  
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SHARE CHRIST  
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SERVE CHRIST



In September 2015, 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. This month, [Tim Lavrenz](#), Trinity's custodian, shares:

I was born in 1959, the fifth of seven children to Ray and Velma Lavrenz. My father was a part time minister/ full time lumberyard manager. My mother was a stay at home mom, whose full time job was keeping us in line.

The first five years of my life was spent living in a small American town, complete with hand pump and out-house. We then moved to another small town that came complete with indoor plumbing. We lived there until 1969, when we moved to yet another small (albeit larger than the previous two) town where my parents spent the remainders of their lives. It was here that I met my yet unknown to everyone but the Lord, wife Cynthia.

Upon graduating in 1977, I began working in a factory that produced living room sofas, hog confinements, and blow mold plastic bottles. Yes, all one factory.

In 1981 I started work in a hog packing plant where I stayed until they closed the doors.

In 1984 I started dating my (yet still unknown to me) wife Cynthia.

Having been raised Lutheran, church was common around our house. My father had started out to become a fully ordained minister, but war brought an end to that idea. He spent the rest of his life filling in for churches who were without pastors due to vacancies, and vacations. When he wasn't doing that, he worked as a manager in the Co-op lumberyards

My mother started playing organ in high school, and upon graduation began playing for our hometown church. She played as organist for the next sixty some years. My oldest brother became a fully ordained minister about 25 years ago. It is his sermons that you've heard me preach while filling in.

My wife and I started dating in 1984 and were married the next year. It only took a couple weeks of watching how much she enjoyed the work she did in our church to finally realize this is who I wanted to spend the rest of my life with. God's patient hand had been steering me along this path for quite a few years. It was only after I let go and let God that I came to this realization. We are now starting our 32<sup>nd</sup> year together.

My main interests and hobbies are oil painting, fishing, hunting, card playing, and raising our boys.

## 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, George Powell, Lillian VonLintel

✠ **Health Concerns:** Gary Kraft, Aspen Phillips, Joyce Kraft, Don Adams, Michelle Lauck, Jim Baker, Jay Holste, Diann Wilken, Kelly Chopp, Gloria Magallan, Lupita Tapia, Pat Bridges, Esther Krug, Don Messenger, Johanna Hall, Loretta Schultz,

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

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



... is one of Trinity's Missions.

From their March newsletter:

The fiscal health of ABC is improving. In December, we were looking at possibly closing the doors, but God has made it very apparent to us that our work is not done. He has been opening doors for us and we feel excited at what He has in store for ABC in the year 2016.

Finances over the years have been a constant struggle. We are solely funded by churches and individuals and do not receive any grants or government funding. This past year, we had a total of 185 donors, 14 of those donor support our satellite office in Ulysses, Precious Beginnings. Of the remaining 171 donors, 112 were one time donors, leaving us with 59 donors who are repeat givers.

Thanks to all for the generous outpouring of gifts, food, cards but most importantly your prayers. Thanks be to God.

Loretta and Gerry Schultz



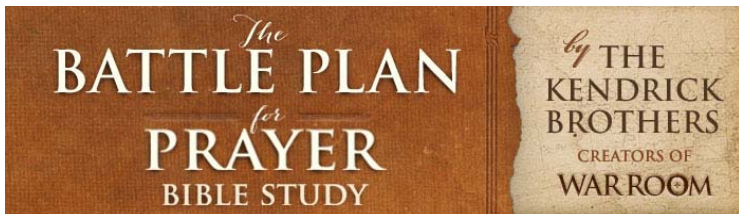
# Christian Education

## Sunday Morning Bible Studies 10:15 a.m.

### **Battle Plan for Prayer**

We believe God is raising up an army of prayer warriors in our generation. We are asking you to go with us on this journey and equip yourself and others to pray more effectively. We will discuss types of prayer, hindrances to prayer, keys to effective prayer, praying strategically for the lost and for believers alike. We will be sharing real stories of answered prayer in our lives and in Christian history and we will be hearing from some of our generation's most respected prayer teachers and trainers and learning from them as well.

Led by DCE Cynthia Lavrenz in the East Wing



### **Resolving Everyday Conflicts**

Everyday life, home, workplace, church

Led by Jay Meyer Meeting Room

### **Weekday Fellowship Opportunities** **The Power of the Praying Husband**

Mondays, 7:00 p.m.— Meeting Room

### **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**

Tuesdays at Noon

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.

### **LifeLight Study on St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans, part II**

Thursdays at 1:15 pm

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

*You'll Get Through*—Meeting Room  
*Lutheran Spirituality*—Across from the Board of Education  
*LifeLight*— next to Cynthia's office

### **Monthly Opportunities—**

The indoor shooting range offered protection from the rain for 10 guys who came out to shoot on Saturday, April 16. A big thank you to Jerry Bitter and Paul Pauley for their expertise and weapons!

**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

Saturday, May 7—Clay Shooting!

## **Next Meeting for Stephen Ministry**



All Active Stephen Ministers:

Meeting Tuesday **May 17 at**

**6:30 pm** in the East Wing;

Supervision Meeting

Sunday, **May 15 at 11:30.**

**Study** the **Bible**  
with us



# May 2016 Servants

Worship Assistants  
Altar Committee

Gary Millershaski & Kyler Millershaski  
Fen Becker

## Acolytes

May	1	Jacynda Vargas & Chloe Powell
	8	Holley Douglas & Macy Froetschner
	15	Colby Cessna & Aaron Unruh
	22	Sydney Jo & Kash Sheets
	29	Grace Reagle & Jacynda Vargas
June	5	Alex & Bryce Foreman
	12	Holley Douglas & Macy Froetschner

## PowerPoint

May	1	Alexis Powell
	8	Grace Reagle
	15	Clara Jackson
	22	Rachel Foreman
	29	Alex Foreman
June	5	Bailey Pauley
	12	Alexis Powell

## Lectors

May	1	Ed Adams
	8	Rachel Foreman
	15	Tim Lavrenz
	22	Judy Nusser
	29	Martin Nusser

## Nursery

May	1	Brianna Pauley
	8	Alexis Powell
	15	Grace Reagle
	22	Jennifer Froetschner
	29	Bailey Pauley

### **Notice to ALL servants:**

This is a very important service to the church. Please take this seriously. If this time does not work for you, it is your responsibility to find a replacement or trade with someone else. You may call Katy at the church office, 276-3110 for suggestions or phone numbers.

### **Worship Assistants**

If you can not find a replacement, please call Jerry Bitter at 272-1237 or Robert Drees at 272-1496.

Paul Pauley, 640-8327 and Kevin Lampe, 521-6227 have agreed to be a substitute if they are not scheduled for work.

# JUST 4 YOUTH!

## Wednesday Youth Activities

7:00—7:45 p.m.



### 10:15 Sunday Morning

National Gathering Bible Study  
In Christ Alone

for 7-12 grades and their parents even  
if you are not planning to attend NYG  
this summer.

## Past Calendar:



### Wild Wild West—April 8-9

50 participated with the Friday night activity and movie. 24 participated with the shoot out.

Trinity members included: Alex & Bryce Foreman, Kash & Syd Sheets, Holley Douglas.



Congratulations to the Trinity's high school graduates:

Peyton Blevins, Marco Esquivel, Rachel Foreman, Brianna Pauley, Lizzy Smith, Katie Southern, Jayce Vargas, Jonathan Welch

## Future Calendar:

Garden City High School 2016 Worship Service  
May 14 at 10:00 a.m. at the GCHS Auditorium.

### Young Adult LVR Servant Event May 26-30

Registered so far are Cameron from Winfield and Elias Esquivel. 2-3 are coming from Wichita State University and 2-3 are coming from North Platte, NE.

### Young Adult Ministry! (YAMs)

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

Kansas District  
Summer Camp at LVR

Registrations

Are due!!!

Only 20 spaces left!!!

June 12-17

Registered so far: Veronica Aguilar, Ann Douglas, Marco & Flavio Esquivel, Alex & Rachel Foreman, Clara Jackson, Abigail Jarmer, Bailey & Brianna Pauley, Grace Reagle, Katelynn Rose, Hannah Schultz, Sydney Jo Sheets. Lizzy Smith,



Rummage  
Sale  
July 8-9



## July 16-20, 2016

**Registered:** Flavio, Marco Esquivel, Jake Froetschner, Clara Jackson Mitch McKinley, Alexis Powell, Grace Reagle, Jaycob & Jacynda Vargas and Hannah Schultz.

**Adults:** Leticia Esquivel, Jennifer Froetschner, Rachelle Powell and Jaclyn Vargas.





# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Bruce Bailey	5/1	Donald Doll	5/18
Carolyn Peebles	5/1	Brynn Wright	5/20
Bernie Reetz	5/1	Jeremy Welch	5/21
Katy Pauley	5/2	Kathleen Kinney	5/22
Nicole Chalmers	5/4	Maurice Miller	5/22
Kash Sheets	5/5	Grace Reagle	5/22
Cheryl Messenger	5/7	Tim Livermore	5/23
Janelle Dugan	5/8	Linda Guhr	5/25
Lila Miller	5/8	Markus Smith	5/25
Angie Schieber	5/8	Marabelle Hoeme	5/26
Jaycob Vargas	5/8	Brandi Walck	5/26
David Colson	5/9	Rianna Wilken	5/27
Mallory Howland	5/9	Michael White	5/28
Brad Kerr	5/9	Betty Bultman	5/29
Emma Nelson	5/9	Carlene Schweer	5/29
Verneta Jones	5/12	Lonnie Creacy	5/30
Jill Hemmert	5/15	Ronald Hall	5/30
Willard Hinkle	5/16	Brent McMillan	5/30
Ricardo Leal	5/17	Jody Kerr	5/31
		Nancy Killion	5/31

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



Wade & Jill Sowers	5/1
Lance & Brandi Walck	5/3
Nathan & Shannon Wyatt	5/8
Michael & Betty White	5/14
Rick & Kimberly Foreman	5/19
Gary & Jennifer Irsik	5/19
Glenn & Jenece Mitchell	5/20
Jerry & Susan Soldner	5/20
Jim & Jill Hemmert	5/21
Ronald & Chris Hall	5/23
Steve & Carol Hamann	5/28
Gordon & Kelly Drees	5/29
Wayne & Sharon Parks	5/29
Bruce & Zossy Algrim	5/30



On April 9th LWML Southwest Zone had their Spring Rally in Dodge City at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. There were 30 ladies in attendance from Southwest Kansas. Mary Jo Schultz gave a demonstration on how to navigate the [lwml.org](http://lwml.org) website.

Bernie Reetz updated us on the happenings from district. We enjoyed a wonderful day of fellowship and fun. Please mark your calendars now ~ Garden City will be hosting the LWML Fall Workshop on October 8th!

Engage, Encourage, Equip, Enjoy,  
Christy Creacy



Sew the Summer Away...

The Piecemakers will begin sewing June 8 at 10 a.m. Bring a sack lunch and a servant heart. Our mission project will be the new Heartland Cancer Center. Ages 8- adult are welcome to join PieceMakers. We will sew from 10-noon, then break for lunch.

Questions: call MaryJo Schultz at 275-0423, or Kathy Jackson 640-6968

3 Year Anniversary

The PieceMakers sewing at the Juvenile Detention Center just celebrated 3 years of Ministry. God is moving among the youth and the guards. It's very exciting to see Him work.

Please continue to pray for our ministry.





NOT AN ACTUAL PROPOSED SIGN!

The outdoor sign committee met again this month with Luminous Neon, Inc., located in Dodge City. We received more facts and updates on erecting the new sign.

Any insights, or ideas from any member of Trinity are greatly appreciated. We also have a new helper on our committee, Tonya Chmielewski, and we welcome her insight as well. Let's work together to have a new sign to welcome a new pastor!

Committee members:

Joanna Boles, Marty Nusser, Buddy Skeie, Kevin Lampe, Tonya Chmielewski

# TLC PRESCHOOL



It's hard to believe that it's SPRING and another school year is about over! It has been a year of learning not only for the children, but also for us teachers! Thank you for all your prayers, words of encouragement and support that you have shown to us this year. We could not do it without you!! Both classes will finish up the year with a trip to the zoo and a water play day! The last day and the program for Trinity-3 will be on May 10, at 7 p.m. The last day for Trinity-4 will be on May 12.

Trinity-4 will have a mini graduation on May 12, at 7 p.m., you are invited to come and hear them review their year! Again THANK YOU for your support, please continue to pray for our preschool and God's blessings on your summer.

Growing in Christ,  
*Jammy Lampe & Susan Soldner*

The College Outreach Ministry would like to thank those who made generous donations to the ministry this year. The committee will be providing healthy snacks to students during finals week, May 9-12. If you would like to bring a donation of fruit please bring it May 8 to the church. The Committee will be evaluating this past year and consider some exciting ideas to implement in the fall.



Thank you to American Implement for the new John Deere mower!!





# Meals and Memories

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Join us again May 21st at 5:00 p.m.

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Unit 109 has enjoyed an eventful spring! Cubmaster Shelby McNutt led a hike through Lee Richardson Zoo on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. We had a great turnout of five Tiger Cubs; four Wolf Cubs; three Webelo Scouts; seven parents; one grandparent; two siblings and two Scout leaders! The boys learned about different kinds of animals, plants and trees. They also enjoyed feeding the ducks and swans!

Scouts in Troop 109 have spent several weeks earning the Automotive Maintenance merit badge led by Scoutmaster Eric Relph. Rafael Diaz has completed his Eagle Scout service project of restoring a neighborhood playground. Rafael appeared for his Board of Review on April 7<sup>th</sup> and passed with flying colors! Austin Randle completed his Eagle Scout service project and submitted his application and project book to the Santa Fe Trail Council office for consideration. His project was to collect at least 1,000 food items and \$1,500 to go towards the cost of perishable foods such as milks, meats, breads, etc. Austin exceeded his initial goals by collecting 2,534 items and \$1,675! Kyle Stevens is in the process of scheduling work days for his Eagle Service project which should begin the first week of June. Ethan Relph will be starting work on his Eagle Service project within the year.

**Unit 109 would like to extend an open invitation to the congregation of Trinity Lutheran to attend an Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony for Rafael Diaz and Austin Randle on May 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. The ceremony will take place in the sanctuary of Trinity Lutheran Church followed by a reception in the fellowship hall.** Only 4% of Boy Scouts earn the rank of Eagle Scout. These boys have worked very hard throughout their scouting careers to achieve such an esteemed honor. It would be our pleasure to have you join us in this sacred celebration.

Troop 109 will hold its spring Court of Honor at Trinity Lutheran Church May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.  
Pack 109 will have its spring awards night at Trinity Lutheran Church May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.  
All are welcome to attend these events.

Your Unit 109 Leadership,

Eric Relph  
Josh Messenger  
Shelby McNutt  
Wendy Dunagan



## Scout Oath

**On my honor I will do my best  
To do my duty to God and my country  
and to obey the Scout Law;  
To help other people at all times;  
To keep myself physically strong,  
mentally awake, and morally straight.**

## Scout Law

**A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly,  
courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty,  
brave, clean, and reverent.**

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH – CHURCH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING 2/18/16 6:30 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Jared Froetschner, Loretta Schultz, Martin Nusser, Jay Meyer, Jerry Bitter, DCE Cynthia Lavrenz, Mike Reagle, Rachelle Powell, Melanie Algrim, Buddy Skeie and Judy Schweer

**ABSENT:** Bob Drees and DCE Leland Jackson

**GUEST:** Katy Pauley

Jay Meyer called the meeting to order.

DCE Cynthia Lavrenz shared the 40 Days Grace Place Day 6 devotion based on Ephesians 4:6

**CONSENSUS APPROVAL ITEMS:** Minutes of the 12/17/15 and 1/21/16 meetings were presented. Jared Froetschner moved the minutes be accepted and Mike Reagle seconded the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

**REPORTS:**

**Questions to and/or Comments from Staff:** Discussion of DCE Leland Jackson's report was focused on the need for storage for mowers and vehicles and the suggestions presented by Leland. Jared Froetschner moved that we set aside \$300.00 per month towards the cost of storage and cleanup of the back lot until we can put together a long plan for that area. Discussion followed. Motion died for the lack of a second. Mike Reagle moved that DCE Leland Jackson work with the Long Range Planning Committee on the plans for the proposed shed and that the Long Range Planning Committee presents CLC with a proposal before any other action is taken. Buddy Skeie seconded the motion and it passed by voice vote. DCE Cynthia Lavrenz reported that Youth Quake was a wonderful event and that she is starting Chaplain Clinical Professional Education training. She and Tim will be attending a Shephard's Canyon retreat at the end of March. The money has been gifted for the Chaplain CPE training and the retreat. Cynthia also reported that the Stephen Ministers are extremely busy and there is a need for more so she and Tammy Lampe will be starting a new training session soon. The Planting Seeds of Faith committee is working on Mission Statement classes and an Outreach project. VBS planning is under way.

**Lay Ministry:** Jay Meyer reported that all services are covered through Easter. Called Staff evaluations are under way. Jay also reported that the ABCD Board are still working on their signage project and will let him know when they are ready to present their proposal to CLC.

**Properties Committee:** Martin Nusser reported that the ad hoc committee for the outdoor sign is still working but not ready to make a recommendation yet. He also reported that Tim Lavrenz has stated a need for a new mower and that he will work on obtaining bids. Buddy Skeie reported that all the Exit Signs have had bulbs installed and are now working. He is recommending that Trinity switch to Pryor for the fire sprinkler inspection and work. Approval was given by CLC. He also reported that the State Inspectors for the Preschool said that the water temperature does not meet state regulations as it could possibly scald someone. Five new faucets with thermostats have been ordered and will be installed to resolve this issue.

**Long Range Planning Committee:** Buddy Skeie reported that R J Plumbing will install the drains for the showers in the basement tomorrow and after that is done the new floor will be poured. Showers will be in next week. He stated that several volunteers have been involved in the installation of the walls, sheet rocking, texturing and painting and that good progress is being made.

**Call Committee:** Jay Meyer reported the Pastoral Candidate List has been received. There are 14 candidates including 5 submitted from Trinity members. The list will be published in the newsletter and the congregation can share any comments and objections that they have regarding any candidate with Jay Meyer. The committee met Monday with Pastor Wehling to review the procedures. The committee will meet next week to begin discussion on the candidates.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

It was determined that there was no old business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**LERT Trailer:** The staff is requesting permission to apply for a grant to purchase a LERT (Lutheran Early Response Team) Trailer. Discussion followed regarding: Contents, Value of Trailer, Committee in Charge of Use, Associated Costs (insurance, repairs, replacement), Guidelines for Usage, etc. CLC requested information regarding these items be E Mailed to the CLC members prior to the next meeting so that a decision can be made at that time.

Next Meeting Date: The CLC meeting will be Thursday, March 17th at 6:30 p.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Katy Pauley reminded everyone that she needs a count by February 22<sup>nd</sup> for those attending Meet the Staff on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at Dodge City.

Jared Froetschner moved that the meeting be adjourned. Jerry Bitter seconded the motion and it passed by voice vote. Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Secretary

Judy Schweer



# Trinity's Vacation Bible School June 20-24, 2016

**GRAB A FRIEND** and dive into **service, games, snacks, songs, Bible stories, and so much more!**

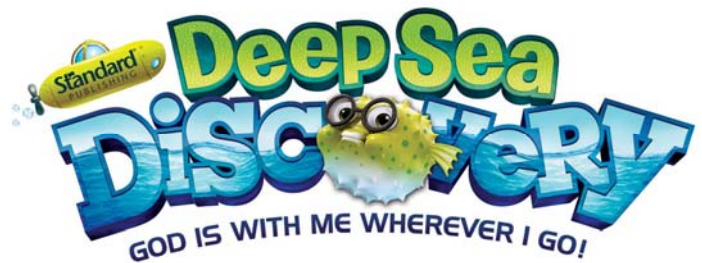
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Trinity Lutheran Church : Vision Statement

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.

**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