

# October

# TRINITY TRANSMITTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
Recently a dear friend shared this with me. Please read this and pray for the Call Committee and the Pastor we will Call.

"Shepherd the church of God, which He purchased with His own blood"  
(Acts 20:28).

**1) Pastors are called by God; they do not volunteer.**

"He will send forth laborers into His harvest" (Matthew 9:38).

"Rise and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to make you a minister and a witness both of the things you have seen and the things which I will yet reveal to you" (Acts 26:16).

Volunteers in the pastoral ministry do not last. Those choosing this as a "nice career" or respectable vocation will either bail out for something more reasonable, more profitable or more doable, or they will twist the pastoral ministry into something more suited to their taste.

The work is impossible. The demands are incessant. The expectations are unending.

Only those called by God stick. Even some of them waver until they learn to do it right.

**2) Pastors are overseers of the church, not hirelings.**

"Be on guard for yourselves, and for all the flock, among whom the Holy Spirit has made you overseers" (Acts 20:28).

The church that sees itself as a Country Club, its leadership as the Board of Directors, and the Pastor as the hired executive answerable to the board, functions as unbiblically and detrimentally to the work of the Gospel as does the operation of the local Jehovah Witnesses kingdom hall.

You do not want a hireling leading your church, friend. "The hireling flees ... because he does not care about the sheep" (John 10:13).

Pastors are called, and never hired.

**3) The Pastor is accountable to God for the souls of his congregation.**

"Obey your leaders, and submit to those who rule over you in the Lord, as those who will give account for your souls; let them do this with joy and not with grief, for that would not be profitable to you" (Hebrews 13:17).

Hebrews 13:17 ranks among the scariest verses in the Bible. It informs church members that they must submit to their leaders, while warning the leaders that they will stand before God and give account for their members. That, as much as anything, is why pastors have to be called.

No one in his right mind would volunteer for such accountability.

Let the pastor take this to heart, and pray daily for his flock. Let him seek God's will for the sermons. And let him do all in his capacity to see that each one is saved and becoming a healthy disciple of the Lord Jesus.

**4) The Pastor leads by serving, not by lording.**

Jesus said, "I am among you as one who serves" (Luke 22:27).

He said, "He who is greatest among you, let him be as the youngest, and he who governs as he who serves" (Luke 22:26).

"Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock" (I Peter 5:2-3).

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**TLC Mission Statement:**

KNOW CHRIST



SHARE CHRIST



SERVE CHRIST

Servant leadership is the plan. In the same way Scripture teaches that a wife should submit to her husband, but he himself should serve her and "give himself for her" (Ephesians 5:22-29) rather than dominate her, the Bible teaches that Pastors are overseers of the congregation and should be followed, but they themselves are to serve the people, not lord it over them.

Paul said, "We do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus as Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake" (2 Corinthians 4:5). The Pastor is not sent to proclaim his philosophy, his opinions or his politics. He was not sent to preach his pet theories. He is to preach Jesus. He is sent to serve the Lord's people, true, but "for Jesus' sake." That means the Pastor does not take orders from God's people as to how to serve them; He takes orders from the Lord as to how to serve God's people.

A Pastor told me that when he was new at his present church, he received a phone call from a woman in his congregation. "Pastor, I have bought some file cabinets for the church. Would you go get them today and bring them to the office?" He said, "No, I won't be able to do that." The woman replied, "What do you mean 'no'?" (That brings to mind the old adage, "What part of 'no' do you not understand?")

The pastor said, "Ma'am, today is my off day. My wife and I are out of town, visiting with friends. My car is not big enough to carry those file cabinets."

The woman replied, "Huh! I didn't know we had hired us a socialite!"

I smiled at the amazing presumption of the woman, and said, "It was good to let her know from the first that you would not be her errand boy. Did she learn from this?" He said, "No, she kept on making demands. Finally, she moved her membership to another church."

I said, "Let's pray for her Pastor."

**5) The Pastor is there to please God, not the congregation.**

"Do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ" (Galatians 1:10).

Once, a small delegation entered my office.

"Pastor, we thought you would like to know that some in the congregation are unhappy with you."

I said, "Oh?" Pause. And then, "So?"

"Well, I should think that would matter to you."

I said, "It does. But not much."

The spokesperson said, "Then we have a misunderstanding. It's our understanding that a Pastor serves at the pleasure of God's people. And if they are unhappy with him, he's not doing his job."

I said, "There is a misunderstanding, but it's yours, not mine. The Pastor is sent, not to make you happy, but to make you holy and healthy. He's sent to make the Lord Jesus happy."

## TLC Family Care Connections

We pray for...

✠ **Shut-Ins:** Bill Bridges, Irene Gestenslager, Eugene & Vada Hurd, Evelyn Kowalke, Dot Merz, Esther McMichael, Karen Mowdy, George Powell, Bob Shackelford, Hellen Strickland, Opal Sroufe, Lillian VonLintel

✠ **Health Concerns:** Jim Baker, Donna Bitter, Jerry Bitter, Pat Bridges, Kelly Chopp, Johanna Hall, Jay Holste, Gary Kraft, Aspen Phillips, Gloria Magallan, Aaron Schiffelbein, Loretta Schultz, Lupita Tapia, Dianne Wilken,

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

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



*...the family of Joyce Kraft, who passed away September 5*

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—Pastors are called by God.

—Pastors are called by God to be the overseers of His church.

—Pastors called as overseers will one day stand before the Lord and give account of their faithfulness.

—Pastors are to serve the Lord's people, but not to take orders from them.

—Pastors are sent, not to make the people happy, but to make them holy and healthy and to make the Lord happy.

Never stop teaching these truths to your people, shepherd of God. Do this, continue loving them and serving them, and in time, the truth will take root and you will be well on your way to having a healthy congregation.

Thanks for reading this and I encourage you to continue praying during this time of vacancy.

Your fellow servant,

*Cynthia*

# Christian Education

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

**“Peter and Paul”** Video series  
*Led by Jim Hewes in the East Wing*

**What’s New in the News**  
Contemporary news stories, with a Biblical response.  
*Led by Cynthia Lavrenz in the Meeting Room*

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## Weekday Fellowship Opportunities **Act Like Men**

Focuses on what Paul meant in 1 Corinthians 16:13 when he said act like men.  
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**  
**Lutheranism 101: The Lord's Supper**  
meet on Tuesdays at noon, bring your lunch!  
Examine what Scripture and the Confessions have to say about the life-giving blessing given by God to the Church: a miracle in bread and wine established by the God-man Jesus Christ— the gift of His true body to eat and His true blood to drink for the forgiveness of sins.

**Galatians Philipians Colossians—LifeLight**  
A 9 week study starting  
Thursdays, at 1:30 p.m.

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## Monthly Opportunities—

First Tuesday of Month, 7:00 p.m.  
**Men's Bible Study—Double Classroom—West Hallway**

## Next Meeting for Stephen Ministry

All Stephen Ministers:  
Meeting Tuesday **October  
11 and 25 at 6:30 pm**  
in the East Wing.



## WEDNESDAY MIDWEEK SCHEDULE

5:45-6:30 Dinner  
6:30-7:30 Midweek Classes

## MIDWEEK CLASSES

6:30-7:30

**Preschool-6th grade Confirmation Preparation.** All students will be fed spiritually and learn the value of God's Word and of their church family

**7th & 8th Grade Confirmation** led by DCE Cynthia Lavrenz

**High School small groups** led by DCE Leland Jackson

## ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

*Before Amen*, written by Max Lucado.

The power of a simple prayer.

Do you struggle to pray?

We aren't the first to struggle with prayer.

Join Max Lucado on a journey to the very heart of Biblical prayer and these six simple lines: Father. You are good. I need help. They need help. Thank you. In Jesus's name, amen.

*Facilitated by Kathy Jackson—in the East Wing*

## Romans—LifeLight

A 9-week Bible study group.

God reveals the way of salvation to us through His Word.

*Led by Ron Thiele—next to Cynthia's office*

## Financial Peace University

Financial Peace University, a 9-week DVD curriculum! It is highly entertaining for everyone, with a unique combination of humor, informative financial advice, and biblical messages.

Cost: Free for members of Trinity!

*Contact Church Office for more information*

Study <sup>the</sup> Bible  
with us



# October 2016 Servants

**Worship Assistants**  
**Altar Committee**

Ed Adams & Lonnie Creacy  
Diann Stone

## **Acolytes**

October	2	Alex Foreman & Bryce Foreman
	9	Grace Reagle & Calista Davis
	16	Colby Cessna & Kaleb Reagle
	23	Jacynda Vargas & Jenna Nelson
	30	Colby Cessna, Calista Davis, Chloe Powell
November	6	Holley Douglas
	13	Bryce Foreman & Braydon Bastin

## **PowerPoint**

October	2	Grace Reagle
	9	Alex Foreman
	16	Bailey Pauley
	23	Grace Reagle
	30	Alexis Powell
November	6	Clara Jackson
	13	Alex Foreman

## **Lectors**

October	2	Martin Nusser
	9	Judy Schweer
	16	Gerry Schultz
	23	Jerry Bitter
	30	Joanna Boles

## **Nursery**

October	2	Taylor Schiltz
	9	Brianna Pauley
	16	ConniJo Bailey
	23	Clara Jackson
	30	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.

# JUST 4 YOUTH!

## Wednesday Youth Activities



Join us Wednesdays for dinner beginning at 5:45 and class/activities at 6:30. In the month of October Brianna Pauley will lead some of the devotional thoughts that she experienced as Staff at LVR Summer Camp.

Each Sunday we will do a Bible study on the theme for worship that morning!



## Past Calendar:

The Nazarene Church hosted Prayer Stations on Wednesday evening, September 28.

## Upcoming Events:

Disney



## Junior High Rally

(Grades 5th—9th)

Rexford, Sept. 30-Oct. 1st

Cost \$10 for members of Trinity plus

\$25 for paintball



Registrations are due for the Annual Kansas District Youth Gathering at the Hyatt Hotel in Wichita November 18-20.

## Mystery Bus Tour—Friday October 21-22

**JOY!** 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.



## Youth Led Service, October 30

## All Saints Eve—Bonfire

7-9 p.m. in the back lot of Trinity!  
Interested in hosting trunk or treat in the parking lot? Contact Leland

## Young Adult Ministry! (YAMs)

Post High School through 30's meet  
Wednesdays from 8-9 p.m. in the church basement!  
For the month of October the group will go through the DVD series "Why Jesus?"

## Future Calendar:

November 1—\$25 Deposit is due for Mexico Mission Trip—March 11-17, 2017 or March 18-24, 2017

November 18-20—Senior High District Youth Gathering in Wichita

December 27-31—Winter Retreat "Fire on the Mountain" \$25

January 27-28—Confirmation Retreat

February 16-19, 2017—Ski Trip  
Wild Wild West April 7 & 8

## Food! Fun!! Fellowship!!!

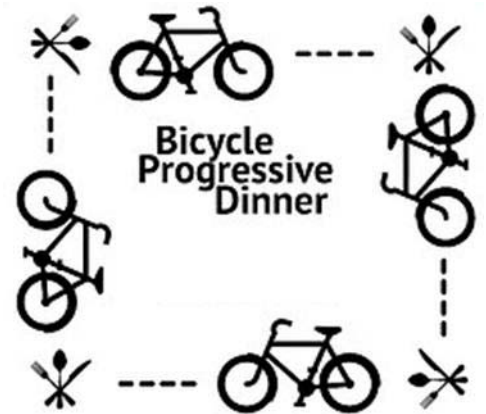
It is time for Trinity's annual progressive bicycle dinner  
(motorized division welcome too)

Sunday, **October 16, 4:00** meet at Trinity,  
should be finished between 7-8.

We will enjoy a four course meal as we travel from house to  
house. No costs! Just bring your bikes, your kids,  
your smile, and your appetite!

Please sign up in Trinity's lobby!

Questions? contact Chris 275-7919 or Lisa, 640-7233



**LWML** Sunday is October 2. We will be handing out LWML items to the ladies of Trinity that day.

Trinity will be hosting the South West LWML Zone Fall Rally on **Saturday, October 8**. Registration is at 9:30 a.m., cost is \$6 which covers lunch and materials for servant event for our "Ingathering".

Opening at 9:50 with singing, followed by a Bible Study led by Pastor Wehling on "A Thankful Heart".

District representative will give a presentation.

A light lunch will be served.

Servant event will be unique and you will want to participate.

Closing should be about 3 p.m.

All ladies of Trinity are invited to this Fall Workshop. Child care available, contact Bernie at 620-290-5929 by **October 6** if you would like child care.

Submitted by Bernie Reetz, VP Trinity LWML

## Please consider this servant opportunity

The Midweek meal sign up sheet is bare. Please consider signing up for a light meal for **50** people sometime in the near future.

It is a real joy to share a meal with family and friends. Would you please consider preparing a meal? You do not have to donate the food, you may use the church credit card to purchase food, just donating your time and talent to create the meal! Your servant heart is greatly appreciated.

Contact the Church office, **276-3110**, if you are willing to cook a meal.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!



Tyler Algrim	10/1	Patricia Bridges	10/18
Susan Wilson	10/2	Leticia Esquivel	10/18
Ed Banning	10/6	Faylene Leal	10/18
Tom Hogan	10/6	Emilia Barr	10/20
Mark Estrada	10/7	Aretemio Rodriguez	10/20
Daven Foreman-Devaney	10/7	Betty Sheets	10/21
Cammie Nelson	10/9	Jeff Hawkins	10/24
Jada Schmale	10/9	Kelsey Scheuerman	10/24
Curtis Harman	10/10	Angie Clark	10/25
Bob Lewis	10/10	Monica Rodriguez	10/25
Gerry Schultz	10/10	Michael Messenger	10/26
Sean Sheets	10/10	Carol Wigner	10/27
Brittney Underwood	10/10	Jenna Nelson	10/30
Roy Cessna	10/13		
Linda Doll	10/13		
Kevin Rever	10/16		
Hellen Strickland	10/16		
Jana Millershaski	10/17		
Robin Schenck	10/17		



# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Frank & Cheryl Schmale	10/3
David & Stacy Gilliland	10/12
Dale & Susan Wilson	10/20
Roger & Bernie Reetz	10/30



## Our Vocation as Stewards

A steward is someone who oversees the affairs for someone else. That person is a caretaker, an administrator, and a manager for an owner.

As God's stewards, we realize that we have been gifted with much. As recipients of God's blessings, we are managers, not owners. As Paul said in 1 Corinthians 4:7, "*What do you have that you did not receive?*" Everything we are, have, and will be are gifts from God. We have been blessed so we can be a blessing to others. Each of us receives varying talents and treasures, but all of us are called to be faithful in the stewardship of what we receive. In the words of Jesus, "*From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked*" (Luke 12:48).

We are all stewards. Some of us are faithful stewards who manage God's blessings in God-pleasing ways, while others mismanage them. Some of us may want to be good stewards but lack wisdom. To illustrate this point Paul Lindholm, in his book *First Fruits*, told the story about a man who on a hot summer day decided to stretch out with his pet monkey under the shade of a large tree. When a fly disturbed him, he ordered his pet monkey which was beside him to keep the fly away. The fly landed on the man's nose and the monkey killed it with a stone badly bruising his master's nose. The monkey was faithful but not wise. We can be stewards who at times will do foolish things, but because of His faithfulness, God will forgive us and give us the wisdom we need to be fruitful and God-pleasing stewards.

As God's stewards, we have a high vocation that requires us to have hearts filled with God's love and minds focused on God's will. As the Apostle Peter wrote in 1 Peter 4:10, "*Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.*"

# TLC PRESCHOOL



SMILE...God loves you! That is what Trinity 3 talked about as we learned that Dentist care for our teeth. We had a special visit from dental hygienist that also talked to us about how to clean our teeth. Then we got to be chefs and make our own pizza, and boy was it was yummy! Trinity 4 has been working on their shapes while learning about how God created the world. They made a creation plate; it was fun to watch it evolve, each day adding something new. Now as God sends us cooler weather along with the changing colors of fall, both classes will be learning our colors.

October will be a busy month; both classes are preparing for Preschool Sunday, on the 16th. Our annual bake sale will also be on that Sunday, so bring your sweet tooth with you I'm sure we will have something for it!

Thank you for all your prayers and support. Trinity is truly blessed, God is in this place. And smile God loves you!

Serving Christ together,

*Tammy Lampe & Brittany Barnhardt*



## Sign News

Since I will be moving to Andover I will be unable to continue on the Sign Project. If you have any ideas, comments, questions or gifts to contribute please contact Marty Nusser, or another member of the committee, as I know they will do a fantastic job.

May this project soon be completed to show God's glory and news of TLC!

In Christ,  
Joanna Boles

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Ballots were passed out. Results are as follows:

CLC: Linda Guhr and James Davis

Lay Ministers: Jay Meyer ( 3yr), Ed Adams (3yr), Mark Nelsen (2yr) and Ron Hall (1yr)

**Treasurer's Position:** Jay Meyer reported that the nominating committee talked to several members, including Cheryl Schmale and James Davis who are currently covering the position and no one agreed to be nominated. The general consensus of those that were asked was that the position involves too many hours for most people to give. Therefore Jay Meyer is requesting that a review of the position be conducted. Discussion followed with several names suggested, all of who had been visited with. Martin Nusser moved and Connie Jo Bailey seconded that CLC investigate the options and present the option they recommend along with the cost to the Voters for their consideration. The motion passed by voice vote.

**Vacancy Provisions:** Jay Meyer requested that the Voters affirmed the Vacancy Provisions as outlined in the By Laws, Martin Nusser so moved. The motion was seconded by Chuck Messenger. Discussion followed. The motion passed by voice vote.

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

Jay Meyer declared the meeting adjourned and we closed with the Doxology.

Respectfully Submitted, Judy Schweer, Secretary



# Don't Miss These Events!!

Invite a friend to these events!!!

Junior High Rally at Rexford  
September 30-October 1 for 5th-9th grades

New Stephen Ministry class begins in October.  
Contact Cynthia Lavrenz or Tammy Lampe if you are interested!!

Progressive Bicycle Dinner, October 16 all are welcome,  
no bike needed!

Mystery Bus Tour, JOY <Jesus-Others-You>  
October 21 8:00 pm-October 22; 8:00 am 5th-9th grades

October 30—Youth led service.

October 31, 7:00 All Saints' Bonfire and Trunk or Treat in parking lot  
hosted by Trinity's Youth



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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