



TRINITY TRANSMITTER

Do you make New Year's Resolutions?

We usually hear people making New Year's Resolutions, I have in the past and the resolutions usually are for those things or activities that will help us. For example they could include losing weight, getting back to the gym, working up a new budget or getting back to God's Word on a regular basis and the list can go on.

If you have made New Year resolutions how long have you been able to keep those resolutions? More than a year? A few months? A few weeks? Or a day or two? Why is that? We all want to do better, be better, and improve our lot in this life. As much as we try, we end up failing. St. Paul had the same issue in Romans 7:18-20 *"I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it"* and then he writes in verse 24 & 25 *"What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!"*

God made a resolution way back in Genesis to send a Savior! Jesus' resolve was to do the will of the Father even though He was tempted to take another way out.

For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

You and I are His Joy! Thanks be to God that He gives us each a new day to live out our lives of faith and that it doesn't depend on our resolutions or resolve but on His Grace and Mercy.

Your fellow servant in Christ,

Leland

P.S.

A New Information Class will be starting on January 8 during the Sunday School hour in the fellowship hall.

A Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University will start in January as well.



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TLC Mission Statement:

KNOW CHRIST



SHARE CHRIST



SERVE CHRIST

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Spring Break Mexico Servant Trip

Why do we do what we do?

1. Jesus came to this earth to be one of us and then took our sins to the cross for our forgiveness. He knew we have no strength/ability to effect our own salvation. And so, by Christ's example, we serve others who cannot by their own strength, ability, or income help themselves.
2. The trip to Mexico (and other servant events i.e., New Orleans, Missouri, Colorado) have opened the eyes of youth and adults to the needs around them and, we pray, also to needs in their own home towns as well.
3. Servants within the Community of Faith have been encouraged, strengthened, challenged to continue to live out their faith.
4. On the way to and from each event, the servants experience God's handiwork, as well as recognize His protection and provision in different ways from within their "preoccupied lifestyles back home".
5. Servants of Christ unable to go on a trip support Servant Events through donations of their treasures and prayers. In a small way we encourage and support the spiritual body of Christ in Mexico. Both families served are members of a Christian Church in Puerta Peñasco.

Why does Satan not want us to go?

1. Satan does not want the body of Christ to grow.
2. He desires all of us to be self-centered; he does not want us to reach beyond our economic or cultural comfort zone to support the body of Christ.
3. He prefers to separate us from one another rather than have us grow together in unified service in the name of Jesus. He doesn't want us to model our life on Jesus' life or to depend on God alone for this life as well as for the next.

Each of us is called to a Journey of Faith through the Work of the Holy Spirit in and through His Word and Sacraments and within the community of faith.

Each of us is called by God to do His Work!

TLC Family Care Connections

We pray for...

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

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

If you have a prayer concern, please call the office

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

From the Amor Ministry website:

When you come build a house with [Amor](#), you impact so much more than their living space. You provide them with the opportunity for a higher quality of life. They are able to feel secure knowing they have a solid roof over their heads protecting them from the outside elements. Funds they may have needed to save for a better house can now go towards education and healthcare for their families.

"Adequate housing" encompasses more than just the four walls of a room and a roof over one's head. Housing is essential for normal healthy living. It fulfills deep-seated psychological needs for privacy and personal space; physical needs for security and protection from inclement weather; and social needs for basic gathering points where important relationships are forged and nurtured" (Excerpt from [Understanding The Right To Housing](#)

from the University of Minnesota module). The gift you leave with a family when you walk off of their property after building is not only a house, but also all of the things listed above! When you give of your time, of your money, and of yourself in participating on an Amor house build, you positively impact not only their physical state, but also their emotional, psychological, and relational state affecting their overall health. Having a space to call their own gives them a sense of freedom and independence - a space where they can let down their hair and be themselves - a space where they can feel some sense of stability and security. Can you imagine living without that?

Help build a home; help keep a family healthy.



for the generosity shown to the church staff this Christmas season

Christian Education

Sunday Morning Bible Studies 10:15 a.m.

What's new in the News

a current news story, with a biblical perspective.
Led by Cynthia Lavrenz in the Meeting Room

We the Church

From immigrant communities of German Christians to a mainline denomination of more than 6,000 congregations, *We the Church: The Priesthood of All Believers* focuses on the origin and development of the LCMS and how the early LCMS met the outreach challenges of its new "American" setting. Also challenges today's church members to embrace their rich heritage as disciples by sharing the message of hope we have in Christ Jesus.
Begins January 8. Led by Jim Hewes in the East Wing

Weekday Fellowship Opportunities

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 Philippians Colossians—LifeLight

Thursdays, at 1:30 p.m.

Monthly Opportunities—

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

Men's Bible Study—Double Classroom—West Hallway



Next Meeting for Stephen Ministry

January 10 and 31 at 6:30
in the East Wing.

WEDNESDAY MIDWEEK SCHEDULE

5:45-6:30	Dinner
6:30-7:30	Midweek Classes
8:00	Young Adult Ministry

MIDWEEK CLASSES

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—Meeting Room

Study ^{the} Bible
with us



January 2017 Servants

Worship Assistants Jerry Bitter & Chuck Messenger
Altar Committee Donna Bitter

Acolytes

January	1	Jenna Nelson
	8	Calista Davis
	15	Holley Douglas
	22	Bryce Foreman
	29	Kaleb Reagle
February	5	Chloe Powell
	12	Colby Cessna

PowerPoint

January	1	Bryce Foreman
	8	Bailey Pauley
	15	Alexis Powell
	22	Chloe Powell
	29	Grace Reagle
February	5	Colby Cessna
	12	Clara Jackson

Lectors

January	1	Judy Nusser
	8	Ed Banning
	15	Judy Schweer
	22	Gerry Schultz
	29	Jerry Bitter

Nursery

January	1	Bailey Pauley
	8	Brianna Pauley
	15	Clara Jackson
	22	Grace Reagle
	29	Alexis Powell

Speaking of Servants of God...

The Congregation is invited:
On January 3rd at 7 pm, Anushka Raje, Volunteer Coordinator with the International Rescue Committee will present information concerning Refugee Resettlement in Garden City. LWML is hosting this event. Refreshments will be served. Anushka's presentation will last about 30 minutes.

Please consider bringing one of the following to help a Refugee settle into their new home: laundry soap, dish soap, dish towels, bath towels, table service, bedding.

If you have questions, please call Kathy Jackson @ 640-6968

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, Youth Ministry at 6:30



Past Calendar:

District Youth Gathering,



November 18-20, 2016

Back: Alex Foreman, Middle: Leland Jackson, Mitch McKinley, Tzionah Palmer, Ann Douglas, Clara Jackson, Ginger Douglas. Front row: Alexis Powell, Hannah Schultz

ICE SKATING—December 11 in Dodge City
17 came out to do some skating!



December 27-31
Winter Retreat
"Fire on the Mountain"



Thank you for supporting the annual Christmas Cookie Sale! \$ was raised!!

Future Calendar:

January 27-28
Confirmation Retreat in Rexford

Junior High Youth Quake—Hyatt, Wichita,
February 3-5
Registered so far: Chloe & Rachele Powell, Mal-
lorie Gonzales



February 16-19, 2017
Ski Trip
Monarch, CO

Travel on Thursday to Salida, CO.
Ski on Friday and Saturday, stay
over and worship with First Luther-
an in Salida.

MEXICO MISSION

Mexico Mission Trip—March 11-17, 2017
or March 17-24, 2017

Due to the Generosity of the LWML of the KS District and others; members of Trinity can go to Mexico for \$100.00. Deposits of only \$25.00 are due. Remaining Funds are due on February 1st. Trinity members who have signed up so far include: Austin Bond, Mark Estrada, Peter Hall, Clara, Paul, Kathy, Leland and Tasha Jackson, Bailey, Brianna, Katy and Paul Pauley, Kyler Millershaksi, The Quintan Nolan Family, and Ed Adams.



Wild Wild West April
7 & 8
Paintball event
in Colby and Rexford.

Young Adult Ministry! (YAMs)

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

The Annual LVR Memoria Day Servant
Event is May 25-29. Cost is \$50

TLC PRESCHOOL



Happy New Year! May the joy of the new born king be in your hearts all year long. And speaking of joy, Trinity preschool is glad to be back from the Christmas break. Trinity-3 is learning about the four seasons. How making snowmen in the WINTER is cold, while watching the flowers bloom in the SPRING is such a pretty sight and swimming in the hot SUMMER sun is always fun, and the colors of the FALL are amazing. Trinity-4 will also talk about WINTER before learning their ABC's. We went to the zoo in December to give the animals our gift of food for snacks or to hide medicine in.

Now the zoo will come to Trinity! Allie alligator, Bubba bear and Catina cat are just a few of the animals visiting! We will also be learning how Angels are God's messengers, and the Bible is the true word of God.

Both classes want to THANK each of you for your prayers for us, we are truly blessed!

Serving Christ together,

Tammy Lampe & Brittany Barnhardt

Congratulations to Debbie Finn winner of the LWML quilt raffle! Here she is pictured on the left with quilt creator Linda Shull on the right. A big thanks for all who donated their time and talent to make this quilt and raffle possible



Christmas PieceMakers

The PieceMakers met for sewing December 27-30, from 10 am - 1 pm. The quilts were given to Hurricane Matthew Relief.

If you have questions please contact: Mary Jo 640-7370, or Kathy 640-6968

ENDOWMENT NEWS:

The regular meeting of the Endowment Board will be February 20, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. at the Meeting Room at Trinity. The Endowment Board last met in August to review current investments. There is a likelihood of funds to be available for ministry from the Endowment Fund following the February 2017 meeting. The Board will receive requests for ministry projects and requests that the same be made in writing and given to any Board member. Such requests can also be submitted electronically to the undersigned at gus@cox.net.

Trinity has been blessed with good stewards of God's Blessings and we, in turn, need to put this Fund to work for to spread the Gospel here on Earth.

Respectfully,

Gerry Schultz
Endowment Board Chairman



Celebrating New Years is a celebration of the past and the future. We take stock of the past with thanksgiving and sometimes even “holiday” relief, and we look to the future (2017) in hope and anticipation and perhaps even worry of what it holds.

The point is that New Year’s celebrations looking back remind us of who we are as opposed to who we would like to be; what we have done in comparison to what we want to do. It reminds us of our accomplishments and reminds us when we have fallen short. It is not so much about what we have done, but rather ‘what are we going to do’? A New Year, some of the same old problems. To whom shall we go?

St. Paul writes: “The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may **abound** in every good work. As it is written, ‘He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.’ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for all your generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God” (2 Corinthians 9:6–15).

So what is the 2017 Trinity Lutheran Plan? Each year we undertake the task of stewardship education at all ages and all levels of a Christian’s development with the concept of faith stepping stones. We have had an intentional program of education. 2017’s stewardship theme is:

Faith in Action.

Here’s some basic points we want you to consider. **First**, attend the Divine Service to receive God’s gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation. If you’ve not been faithful in attending worship to hear the preaching of God’s Word, reconsider past action and put your faith in action to be in fellowship and receive the gifts God freely gives. God doesn’t want your money. He wants you. (Matt 22:20–22).

Second, pray for the Lord’s help. Pray for our church planning, church workers and for our congregation. We need your prayers. Your right as a Christian is to speak with God. Go to the throne of grace and ask for strength and wisdom to follow His bidding faithfully (John 15:1–16).

Third, consider what the Church is and what the Church does. The Church is a mercy place. It inhales the mercy of the Father with His bountiful life-giving gifts. It exhales this mercy in love toward the person sitting next to you or your neighbor at home. You are a member of the Church, of God’s family. Thus, you are not only a recipient of God’s mercy, but a bearer of that mercy for the life of the world. Faith in action does not hold back from demonstrating a desire to do good works.

Fourth, take stock of your current giving in light of the New Testament’s teaching on supporting the work of the Church. Are you trusting in God or trusting in mankind. It is this development of your faith stepping stones that will assist you in reaching your stewardship goals. If you find that it is difficult and you need help, ask a member of the Stewardship Committee to share with you the Biblical teachings reference stewardship. Be watchful and participate in stewardship education opportunities.

So in 2017, create the mindset that stewardship is a part of our mission at Trinity. Stewardship is not simply the act of giving, but the heart and desire to see God’s mission and church reach hearts and souls bringing more persons into a personal relationship with their God and Savior. We are on a mission in 2017. Our stewardship theme is Faith in Action. Embrace the next step. Study God’s Word. Trust God. Your faith is a gift. Care to share it with others?

Stewardship Committee

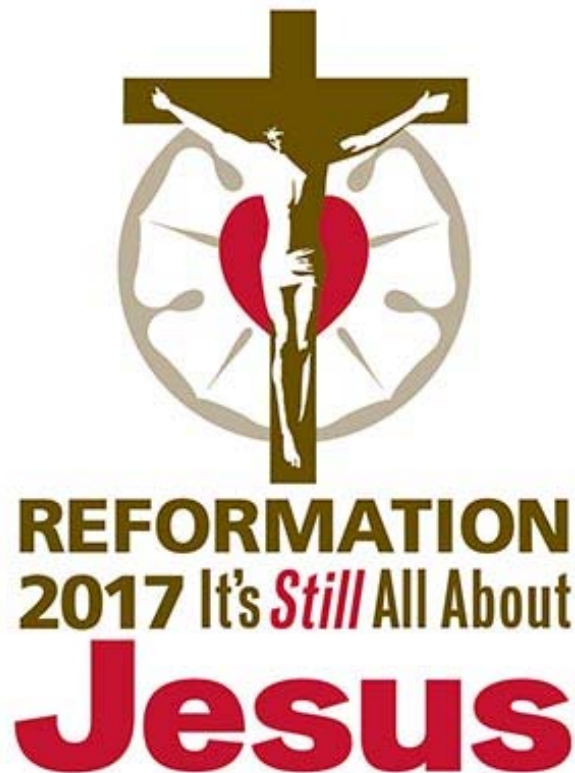
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Interested in being part
of our
TLC Planning Committee
for
2017 Reformation Events?
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Trinity Lutheran Church : Vision Statement

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