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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A new year and already January is almost over. It's hard to believe we are in February. This month we busy ourselves buying just the right Valentine. At times it's hard to find the perfect card. In preparations and business I wonder how often we forget to tell Jesus how much we love Him. During my devotion time I try to always say thank you Jesus for listening and giving me wisdom in words and thoughts, "Jesus I love you!"

I want to share some of the many Scriptures that remind me how much I am loved. I encourage you to take a minute and read through the selected verses and meditate on them and use them as a reminder of the great love OUR God has for you and me.

- ♥ *God's child (John 1:12)*
- ♥ *Christ's friend (John 15:15)*
- ♥ *A member of Christ's body (1 Cor. 12:27)*
- ♥ *Redeemed and forgiven of all your sins (Col. 1:14)*
- ♥ *Complete in Christ, lacking in nothing (Col. 2:10)*
- ♥ *Free from condemnation (Rom. 8:1-2)*
- ♥ *God's coworker (2 Cor. 6:1)*
- ♥ *Seated with Christ in the heavenly realm (Eph. 2:6)*
- ♥ *God's workmanship (Eph. 2:10)*
- ♥ *A citizen of heaven (Phil. 3:20)*
- ♥ *Adopted into God's family (Eph. 1:5)*
- ♥ *Born of God, and the evil one cannot touch you (1 John 5:18)*
- ♥ *You have been bought with a price... you belong to God (1 Cor. 6:20)*
You cannot be separated from the love of God (Rom. 8:35)

So I encourage you my fellow believer to share your love for our Savior regularly. Share why you love Him and the many things He does that makes you a follower and believer.

Your fellow servant,

Cynthia

Loving All People

Jesus said, "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you" (John 15:12). Jesus showed His tremendous love for us by going to the cross to suffer and die for us so that we can be reconciled with our heavenly Father. Christ's love is in us, and He asks us to reflect His love to others. As Christ loved all people, we are called to love all people whether or not they like us.



TLC Mission Statement:

KNOW CHRIST



SHARE CHRIST



SERVE CHRIST



Rosemary Corbett
Bookkeeper

It is my complete honor and pleasure to begin my bookkeeping duties here at Trinity Lutheran Church. Everyone has been so welcoming and kind, especially the members that I knew prior to starting work here.

I have been a lifelong resident of Finney County with a farming background. My family consists of my husband Rick to whom I have been married for 27 years. He frequently gets roped into helping with everything I have a passion for, but is very supportive. I have three children: Audrey (Aaron) Maxwell of Ingalls, Kevin Diehl of GC, Emma Corbett of Manhattan, and three grandchildren. My parents were Martin & Mary Ellen Huschka. I have six siblings, with Bernard and Gerald Huschka and Celeste Petersen living here in Garden City. Last but not least, two mutts, Josie and Bubba, Vladimir the cat who is the size of the dogs and thinks he is one, and a leftover 4-H project, a white Netherland Dwarf rabbit named Bun-Bun.

Memberships & Community Service: St Dominic Parish, Kansas Honor Flight Board of Directors/ Flight Leader/Guardian, 35th Division Association, American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliaries, Veterans of the Battle Of the Bulge Associate, Finney Co Historical Society BOD, Friends of Lee Richardson Zoo, Kansas Explorers, Meals On Wheels, Family and Consumer Sciences Program Development Committee, lifelong participant and supporter of 4-H and Kansas State Extension programs.

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, Shannon McCormick, Jana Horsfall

If you have a prayer concern, please call the office

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



Thank you so much Brandi, Heidi, Suzanne, & Tina; as well as parents and children for the extra work in the TWO attempts to present the Christmas story by our children!!!

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

February 14 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 Meeting Room

Romans—LifeLight

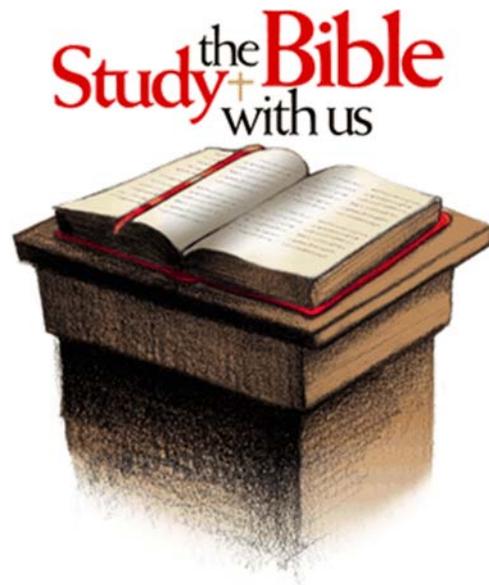
God reveals the way of salvation to us through His Word.
Led by Ron Thiele—across from Cynthia's office

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

If we can have 5-6 people that would make a great class.



February 2017 Servants

Worship Assistants
Altar Committee

Robert Drees & Zachary Schultz
Jill Reagle

Acolytes

February	5	Chloe Powell
	12	Colby Cessna
	19	Calista Davis
	26	Jenna Nelson
March	1 (Ash Wednesday)	Bryce Foreman & Kaleb Reagle
	5	Holley Douglas
	8 Lent	Chloe Powell

PowerPoint

February	5	Colby Cessna
	12	Clara Jackson
	19	Alex Foreman
	26	Bryce Foreman
March	1 (Ash Wednesday)	Grace Reagle
	5	Bailey Pauley
	8 Lent	Alexis Powell

Lectors

February	5	Martin Nusser
	12	Darett Burr
	19	Clara Jackson
	26	Ron Hall

Nursery

February	5	Bailey Pauley
	12	Brianna Pauley
	19	Clara Jackson
	26	Grace Reagle

Please consider this servant opportunity

It is a real joy to share a meal with family and friends on Wednesday nights. 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.



Wednesday Youth Activities

Join us Wednesdays for dinner beginning at 5:45, Youth Ministry at 6:30



Past Calendar:

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

Involved burning piles and removing carpet in the lodge.



such as to reduce flammable fuels, restore ecosystem

Controlled burning is any fire intentionally ignited to meet specific land management objectives,



health, recycle nutrients, or prepare an area for new trees or vegetation.



Future Calendar:

January 27-28
Confirmation Retreat in Rexford

Junior High Youth Quake—Hyatt, Wichita,
February 3-5

Registered so far: Chloe & Rachelle Powell,
Holley Douglas & Mallorie Gonzales

Teen Fellowship Retreat—Hesston, KS
March 4-5



February 16-19, 2017
Ski Trip

27 registered to go

MEXICO MISSION

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

Registered include: Ed Adams, Austin Bond, Mark Estrada, Peter Hall, Clara, Paul, Kathy, Leland and Tasha Jackson, Kyler Millershaksi, The Nolan Family, Ethan Perkins, Bailey, Brianna, Katy and Paul Pauley



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!

Annual Memorial Day Servant Event at LVR:
May 25-29, cost is \$25

TLC PRESCHOOL



You anoint my head with oil: my cup overflows Psalm 23:5b. That is what Trinity-4 has talked about and it is a good reminder for all of us that God has our cups overflowing! It is such a delight to see and hear how these little children of God love to learn about Him. Of course with February being the month for LOVE we will continue to learn how God's love for us never stops! Trinity-4 will continue to work our way through the alphabet, how to write them as well as what sound they make. Trinity-3 is looking for shapes in many ways. We are also busy getting ready for annual FUN NIGHT! Fun night will be on Sunday February 19 at 4 p.m. Come on out and play some games; eat a meal; and enjoy the fellowship with our preschool families and friends.

Serving Christ together,
Tammy Lampe & Brittany Barnhardt



In January, the International Rescue Committee of Garden City made a presentation to LWML. The IRC is in the business of resettling refugees. They are always in need of household and hygiene items. If you are interested in making a donation to the IRC, you may call their office at 805-5350 and ask for Connie.



Mission:
The International Rescue Committee (IRC) offers lifesaving care and life-changing assistance to refugees forced to flee from war, persecution or natural disaster.

Vision:
The people we serve live in societies free from violence and oppression and are empowered to drive their own recovery and development.

From Harm to Home | Rescue.org

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 goss@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



Carlos Alvarez	2/1	Cynthia Lavrenz	2/16
Andrea Burr	2/1	Michael Leal	2/16
Leland Jackson	2/1	Trent McMillan	2/16
Shannon Wyatt	2/1	Kelly Chopp	2/17
Alexis Powell	2/2	Doris Lewis	2/17
Braydon Bastin	2/3	Greyson Wright	2/17
Wauneta Messenger	2/3	Colby Cessna	2/18
Michael Reagle	2/3	Rosemary Colson	2/19
Penny Grauberger	2/5	Seneca Meeks	2/19
Tina Davis	2/6	Cherilyn Alvarez	2/21
Deandra Krug	2/6	Dacoda Davis	2/21
Laurie Bauck	2/7	Hanna Kemper	2/21
Sonya Barton	2/8	Christy Creacy	2/22
Miles Combs	2/8	Johanna Eckert	2/22
Zachary Davis	2/9	Dustin Lampe	2/22
Brian Drees	2/9	Norma Simpson	2/22
Kathy Jackson	2/9	Chris Hall	2/23
Jackson Combs	2/11	Opal Sroufe	2/23
Hannah Nelson	2/11	Linda Wilken	2/23
Kourtney Goss	2/12	Kenneth Grauberger	2/24
Bob Wirth	2/12	Kelli Sowers	2/24
Ethan Ackerman	2/13	Dale Wilson	2/24
James Hewes	2/14	Aspen Phillips	2/25
Jim Baker	2/15	Lauren Sullivan	2/25
Izaiah Claar	2/15	Jaci Welch	2/26
Britta Mae Diehl	2/15	Leslie Schweer	2/27
Xavier Grant	2/15	Darlene Simpson	2/27
Susan Soldner	2/15		



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Steve & Linda Guhr	2/15	
Larry & Linda Wilken		2/19
Carlos & Cherilyn Alvarez	2/21	
Mark & Jamie Schweer		2/23
Monte & Brenda Algrim	2/26	
Heidi Berg & Joe Persinger		2/29

Christ's Love Compels Us

"For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, therefore all died. And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him Who died for them and was raised again" (2 Corinthians 5:14-15).



Some sons disobey their fathers. Others obey unwillingly with arguing and complaining, resentful of their fathers' authority. Still others are compliant, but are there any who would be as submissive as Jesus was to His Father's will? ". . . yet not My will, but Yours be done," Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane (Luke 22:42). Carrying out His Father's will was no easy task, but, because His love for us is as great as the Father's, He was willing to win our salvation for us by carrying out the plan the Triune God had established before the foundations of the world were laid. It was His love for us that caused Christ to give His very life so that we, who were dead in sin, might be alive forevermore in Him.

There is nothing we can do to earn this love; there is nothing we can do to "pay Him back." The Christian life of stewardship is a response to His love. His love compels us to respond by loving Him first and best and loving others as ourselves. His love compels us to provide for our pastors, teachers, and missionaries who work to bring the Gospel to the world for which He died (1 Corinthians 9:9-12). His love compels us to look after the widow and the orphan (James 1:27). His love compels us to feed the hungry, extend hospitality to the homeless, clothe the destitute, and visit the prisoner (Matthew 25:37-40).

Stewardship is the use of life and all of life's resources in response to the grace of God in our lives, poured out in service to others, even as Christ poured out His lifeblood for us. The prophet Micah clarifies to us what God requires of us: *"To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God"* (Micah 6:8b). These are not attitudes we can work up of our own accord. Only as we are renewed daily through Word and Sacrament can we respond to this great love of Christ and respond in joyful service and generous giving that please God.



REFORMATION
2017 It's *Still* All About
Jesus

Interested in being part of our
TLC Planning Committee
for
2017 Reformation Events?

Contact: Cynthia

Stop by the office

Call: 276-3110

Email:

dcecynthia@tlcgck.kscoxmail.com

Third Sunday after the Epiphany (January 22, 2017)

Written by Rev. James T Batchelor, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Manito, IL. Based on 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

St. John's, Buckley, was the host of our last circuit get together, and I had the pleasure of hearing a sermon from their pastor, the Rev. Dr. Daniel Olson. Pastor Olson gave us permission to use his sermon and I asked Pastor Olson to e-mail the manuscript to me. Since Pastor Olson's sermon was based on the reading from the Epistle that we just heard, I thought I would share his sermon with you today.

Pastor Olson began his sermon with the story that you have probably heard about a mother who was trying to get her boy to go to church:

A mother was having trouble getting her son out of bed one Sunday morning. She told him, "It's time to go to church!" Her son said, "I don't want to go to church. Everyone there is mean and I don't think anyone there likes me. Give me three good reasons why I should go to church." His mother said, "Number one, I'm your mother and I said so and you're supposed to be obedient to your parents. Number two, it's the Lord's Day and you're supposed to go to church. Number three, you're the pastor. You have to go."

Pastor Olson then went on to share an experience that he had as a vicar at his first pastors' conference. The pastors were discussing a conflict at one of the congregations. He remembered this so vividly because conflict in a congregation of the LCMS was so rare at that time. He struggled with the concept that there were members in a church who were more interested in getting their own way rather than searching out Christ's way and following it. It was all very confusing to him as a vicar.

Fast forward now some twenty years later to our present time. I can tell you that there is no longer a sense of shock when conflict arises in congregations. In fact, pastors today talk about it as being routine. We speak only in terms of what level of conflict exists in a church. Pastors have grown weary of hearing one account after another about conflict in churches. When I go to pastors' conferences today, the book displays are filled with such titles as Clergy Killers, Pastor Abusers, and Peacemakers. There are business type organizations today that charge churches good amounts of money, money which churches often seem willing to pay, to come in and supposedly tell congregations how to deal with conflict.

Is Christ divided? That's the question that the Apostle Paul asks in our text. Is Christ divided? Can we divide Jesus up into pieces? The idea is obviously ludicrous, and that's Paul's intent. It's quite obvious that Christ is not divided and cannot be divided. The next question then that follows is "Can Christ's Church be divided?" Paul is making it very clear that Christ is not divided and therefore those who confess to be a part of His church ought not be divided either.

Well, why is Paul saying all of this? Well, we see that conflict in the church, sadly, is not something new. Paul was addressing a church that was surrounded by darkness. Corinthian society was known for its immorality. In fact, to call someone a Corinthian was to accuse them of being sexually lewd. Prostitution was rampant in the city, and the local religions of the city made wide use of temple prostitutes. The temple of Aphrodite alone employed one thousand temple prostitutes. Homosexuality was embraced and the city was filled with all kinds of idols. The only thing that was condemned was faithful Christianity. The fact is that Corinthian society in the first century wasn't a whole lot different than the society that the church faces in America today.

This was a tough place to plant a church, but the Apostle Paul did. Now, you would think that the church in Corinth would really be focused on the task before her. Imagine the work that congregation had! It was a small congregation in a massive city that was filled with people who did not have the hope of Jesus Christ. The city was filled with people who did not know Jesus Christ as their savior and were on the road to hell. The city was filled with people who needed the forgiveness of sins and the hope of eternal life that only Jesus could give them. It was an overwhelming task that was before the congregation in Corinth.

Now, you would think that this congregation would really be concerned about the task before her and be trying to bring the light of Jesus Christ into a world filled with so much darkness. But they weren't. What were they doing? They were fighting among themselves. What were they fighting over? Well, we see that the Corinthian church had divided into factions. What were these factions over? Well, one group was saying, "I follow Pastor Apollos!" Others were saying, "I follow Pastor Cephas!" Still others were saying, "I follow Pastor Paul!" And then there was the group that was saying that they weren't following any pastor at all. They were claiming that they followed Christ. What they meant by that is that they didn't need any pastor at all because they were following Jesus directly and claiming some direct spiritual line to Jesus.

But why had these factions developed? Well, you see the members of the church in Corinth had gone pastor shopping. Each group had its agenda on what they wanted to do and how they believed the church should be run. Each group had its ideas on what they wanted to believe and what they wanted to be able to do. What happened if one pastor told them something they didn't want to hear? They went around until they found a pastor that they thought was telling them what they wanted to hear...at least wasn't telling them what they didn't want to hear. You see what they were doing was attaching themselves to different personalities. What they weren't doing was focusing on Christ. Rather than asking what God's Word taught and if what they were being told was in line with Christ's

Word, they were simply focusing on getting someone to tell them what was in line with what they wanted to hear. They were not following Christ. This was causing divisions in the church.

We still see it today, don't we? What causes divisions in churches today? It happens when people do not follow Christ. It happens when people become focused on getting their way and decide that they only want to hear what is in line with what they want to believe and do.

Pastor Olson told us about the church he attended during high school. It had two pastors. The policy for weddings, funerals, baptisms, and anything else was that you got the pastor who was next in the rotation. Both pastors were very clear that people were to be focused on Christ and nothing else. If you requested one pastor for a wedding and he was not up in the rotation it didn't happen. These two pastors wanted to make it very clear that you were to focus on Christ, and not on who was your favorite pastor.

Is Christ divided? No! Therefore, Christ's church is not to be divided either. If Christ's Church is divided, it is because people in the church are not focused on Christ. How do we stay focused on Christ? It is by being firmly grounded in His Word. What does it say if the church has no knowledge of Christ's Word and no interest in learning what Christ's Word says? What does it say if a member of a congregation scolds the pastor and says, (and this has actually happened), "Well pastor, your problem is that you just want everything to go back to a verse in the Bible."?

Pastor Olson went on to preach that the harm from Christ's church being divided is very real. Remember, we talked about how the church in Corinth was failing to bring the light of Christ into a world filled with darkness. We are living in a world filled with darkness. Divisions prevent the church from bringing the light of Christ to a world filled with darkness.

Have you ever watched a three-legged race? That's where two people each place a leg in a sack and then try to run a race. What happens if the two people are pulling in opposite directions? They're not going anywhere.

What is it that brings unity in a church? It is Christ! Pastor Olson remembered a man many years ago who said that the problem with his congregation was that you had a bunch of people with no unifying goal. That's sad because that says that the members of that congregation had taken their eyes off of Christ. They had failed to see what it was that was to unify their church. Do you know what it is that unifies us as a congregation? What is it that holds us together as a church? If you can't immediately answer that question, then the church has real problems. It's not our building. It's not our history. It's not the fact that we have a lot of friends here. It's not the Pastor. What holds us together is Christ.

Paul answers that question at the very beginning of his letter to the Corinthians. He refers to them as those who have been sanctified by Christ. You have been sanctified by Christ! He has suffered and died for your sins on the cross and overcome death for you through His resurrection. He has given you life and salvation. In the waters of Baptism, He joined you together with those around you who have been entered into Christ.

Is Christ divided? No! How does His church remain united? It is by being focused on Christ. The word that Paul uses for agreement here means to speak the same thing. What is it that is to unite? It is by being firmly grounded in Christ's Word and saying the same thing. Paul also tells us how divisions in the church are healed. It is through repentance and forgiveness. We speak the same thing. When we sin, we confess our sins and speak words of forgiveness to those around us.

A pastor was talking to a woman in a congregation one time about a division that had taken place in the church. The pastor was concerned about whether or not the woman would offer forgiveness to another member of the congregation that had said some things about her. He was afraid that the church would be divided because of it. The woman said to the pastor, "How could I not forgive? I couldn't call myself a Christian if I didn't." She understood that Christ is not divided and therefore those who are a part of His church cannot be divided either...if they wish to be a part of His body.

Pastor Olson then ended the sermon with Paul's question: Is Christ divided?

I have a historical note to add to Pastor Olson's sermon. The early Lutherans had divisions. They came together and discussed their differences in light of the Word of God. They very carefully labored on one controversy at a time. Each party stated its position in the controversy. Then they all gathered together and studied what the Bible said. Finally, they wrote down what the Bible said was true and condemned what the Bible said was false. When they were finished with one controversy, they moved on to the next one and did the same thing. We still have the work they did. It's called the Formula of Concord.

The Formula of Concord not only speaks to controversies that continually plague the church, but it also provides a framework for dealing with other controversies as they arise. As long as people insist on having their own way, there will be divisions. Unity will only come as the Holy Spirit leads people to repent of their way and submit to Christ's way as revealed in the Bible. Amen!!!

A new
Worship Opportunity!
The second Saturday of
the month at 5:30 p.m.
First evening service is
February 11; Reverend
Andrew Wehling will
officiate.



Return Service Requested

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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