

# October 2017

# TRINITY TRANSMITTER

## *Keeping Score?*

We Americans are a competitive bunch. We love to keep score. Your team vs. my team. Your grades vs. my grades. Your salary vs. my salary. We might be polite enough not to say it out loud, but inside we're all keeping score one way or the other.

What would happen if God kept score? If God kept a running total of every deed you ever did, good and bad, how would you fare? Every good deed would count in your favor. Every sin would count against you. Would you be ahead right now, or behind? Would you win in the end or would you lose? Most of us like to believe that if God were keeping score, we'd be on the plus side. We like to think that, overall, we're doing more good than evil. We assure ourselves that even if my score isn't as high as I'd like it to be, I can point to plenty of people whose scores are lower than mine.

But the truth is, if God were keeping score, we'd all be in trouble. Every one of us. Psalm 130 says "Lord, if you kept a record of our sins, who could ever survive?" The psalmist is convinced that if God kept score, none of us would come out ahead. Because God sees everything --- not just what's on the outside, but also what's in our hearts. God sees that we are sinners in thought, word, and deed, and we fall far short of the perfection He demands. And even the good things we do are often done for selfish motives, for selfish gain. The truth is, if God were keeping score, we'd lose, and lose big!

But Psalm 130 continues: "Lord, if you kept a record of our sins, who could ever survive? But you offer forgiveness, that we might learn to fear you." That is the great, wonderful message of salvation that Jesus came to share. We're way behind on the score, but God wipes the scorecard clean. God forgives. God is a merciful God who does not hold our sins against us.

Sounds simple, doesn't it? God just forgives my sin — no problem, right? Not quite. Forgiveness is a word that slips off the tongue too easily among us, as if it costs nothing. In fact, 'forgiveness' is the hardest, most expensive word on the planet. That word, 'forgiveness,' cost Jesus Christ, the Son of God, His life. That word sent Him down to earth to be mocked and killed for you. When Jesus cried out from the cross, "It is finished," He paid the price for that word, forgiveness. He was abandoned and stricken by God, so that you would never face that great pain and suffering that He endured. It is in His death that we have God's forgiveness. Confess your sins, and God will nail them to the cross.

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### **TLC Mission Statement:**

**KNOW CHRIST**



**SHARE CHRIST**



**SERVE CHRIST**

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). For heaven's sake, don't trust in your scorecard! Trust in the One who died and rose for the forgiveness of your sins, making you right with God and holy in His sight. In His forgiveness, you'll know true and eternal peace.

The Lord be with you!

Pastor Andrew Wehling  
Vacancy Pastor

### September 2017 Stewardship

We, as Christians, desire the joy of eternal dwellings, but sometimes you would hardly know it. Christian zeal is a desire to spread the Gospel to all the ends of the Earth. But we lack a proper understanding of our commitment to return to God the first fruit of what we have been given. For we have not pursued what we supposedly value (eternity with God) with the same zeal we pursue earthly treasure. We get complacent. Investing in the work of the Church does not have the same luster as investing in the markets. We must admit when we are easily distracted.

We urge you not to pursue the love of money and what it provides, but seek excellence in the use of God's gifts to you and put a portion of them to work in God's House here at Trinity. Use money and possessions, but don't allow them to use and possess you. God in His grace and mercy gives you many things. You are stewards over what He gives into your hands. You control them. Don't let them control you. Use what you have been given to serve your neighbor, those who are part of your family, your community, and your church.

What a beautiful time of year. The harvest, this 'special' time of year, creates an attitude of plenty. Sometimes the wind stops and the hint of fall invades our psyche. But don't let

## TLC Family Care Connections

We pray for...

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

✠ **Health Concerns:** Jim Baker, Pat Bridges, Kelly Chopp, Johanna Hall, Jay Holste, Loretta Schultz, Shannon McCormick, Jana Horsfall, Valerie Stewart, Aaron Schiffelbein

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

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

the changing of the seasons create complacency. Be aware of the needs of your church and the ministry projects that have been undertaken. Put the 'wind' of the Holy Spirit to work to create the opportunity to volunteer for something new or create an opportunity for others to hear, share and proclaim the saving Good News of the gospel of our Lord.

By faith, trusting in the promise that God will never leave you, forsake you and will provide everything that you need, you demonstrate what is of the highest value to you: the eternal dwellings of heaven. The growth in faith will be the impetus for action. Prayer is a powerful tool. Thus, on a cool late summer evening, when the sun has gone down, the work of the day completed and you are sitting outside, ask God how your time, your talents and your treasures can be used to help others. For Christ is the one Son of light who is the most zealous, the most single-minded. He gave everything for your benefit. He lavishes the grace and mercy of God upon you without price, without charging you a cent, without keeping any books, without demanding any accounting of you. You have been given in abundance. And the treasures He gives never run out, never fade away, but are stored where nothing on Earth can destroy. They are eternal. They never end. And all need to know this message of redemption.

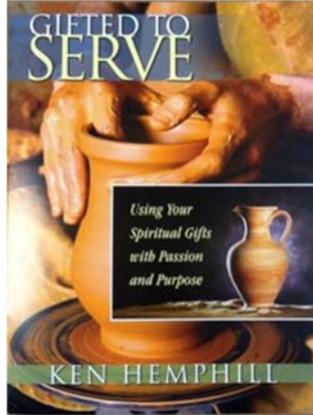
Putting 'faith in action', 'seeking excellence' and 'giving glory to God' are not just catchy phrases, but rather your duty. God loves a cheerful person. We know, share and serve Christ.

# Christian Education

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

### Spiritual Gifts

During this time we will focus on what each of us have as a passion gifted from God. Giving thought to our earthly purpose and building up our tool boxes for what our Master has designed us to do. *Led by Cynthia in the Meeting Room*



### "A Man Named Martin: Part 1" *Led by Jay Meyer 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

Begins Sept 12 @ Noon in the Meeting Room

Balanced "Christ Filled Living"  
By Kay Meyer



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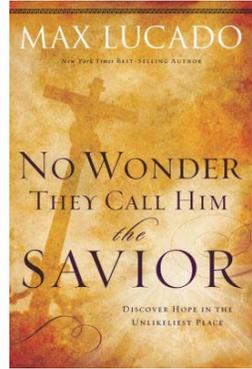
- Knowing Jesus gives my life balance
- Prayer gives my life balance
- Balance when life seems overwhelming
- My life has balance because God keeps His promises
- Encouragement and contentment give my life balance
- Serving and sharing Christ gives my life balance

## Wednesday Evening Bible Studies 6:30 p.m.

### No Wonder They Call Him The Savior

Meets in the Meeting Room.

The cross.  
It rests on the time line of history.  
Like a compelling diamond ...  
Its tragedy summons all the sufferers ...  
Its absurdity attracts all cynics ...  
Its hope lures all searchers.  
Far more than a gold-plated symbol of religious belief, the cross is the centerpiece of the Christian faith -- the meeting place of time and eternity.  
Where God and man encounter each other.  
Max Lucado takes you through the drama of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ -- bringing to life Peter's denial, Pilate's hesitancy, and John's loyalty. Relive the events leading up to Jesus' crucifixion, from the foggy garden of Gethsemane to the incandescent room of the resurrection.  
*No Wonder They Call Him the Savior* leads you up the hill of mankind's highest hope and reminds you why he deserves to be called our Savior.



### God's Word for Today

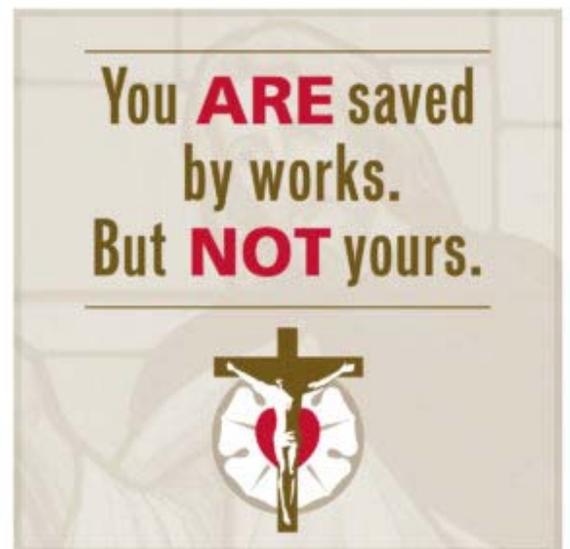
Meets in the Library  
Led by Ron Thiele

## Next Meeting for Stephen Ministry

October 24  
at 6:30  
in the East Wing.

New Class  
Mondays at 6:30  
in the East Wing.

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



# October 2017 Servants

**Worship Assistants** Ed Adams & Lonnie Creacy  
**Altar Committee** Diann Stone

## **Acolytes**

October	1	Chloe Powell & Jenna &
	8	Colby Cessna & Brady Cessna
	14	Jenna Nelson
	15	Calista Davis & Michael Nelson
	22	Holley Douglas
	28	Bryce Foreman
	29	Kaleb Reagle
November	5	Michael Nelson
	11 (6:00 p.m.)	Brady Cessna
	12	Chloe Powell

## **PowerPoint**

October	1	Grace Reagle
	8	Chloe Powell
	14	Colby Cessna
	15	Alex Foreman
	22	Bryce Foreman
	28	Bailey Pauley
	29	Grace Reagle
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## **Lectors**

October	1	Alice Banning
	8	Ed Adams
	14	Tim Lavrenz
	15	Judy Nusser
	22	Ed Banning
	28	Judy Schweer
	29	Gerry Schultz

## **Nursery**

October	1	Grace Reagle
		1:00 pm Voters' Meeting Bailey Pauley
	8	Brianna Pauley
	14	Jody Kerr
	15	Tonya Chmielewski
	22	Bailey Pauley
	28	Jody Kerr
	29	Tonya Chmielewski

A message regarding the October schedule:

We will offer Holy Communion on Sunday, October 1; October 15; October 29; and Saturday, October 14 and October 28.

This accommodates our celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation with an Ordained Minister on October 1st.

### **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.

**Sunday Mornings** we will delve to answer those questions you have always had! "I have always wondered..." about church, Lutheranism, Christianity, God.  
 Parents and older youth are offering leadership, The first unit will be lead Nancy Foreman & Brianna Pauley

**Wednesday Evenings**, Tonya Chmielewski will be leading Bible Study and Fellowship.

### Future Calendar:



**Kansas District  
 Youth Gathering  
 (KDYG)  
 November 17-19,  
 2017 | Topeka**



**Trinity's Youth Mission Statement:  
 Trinity has Waffles for their youth ministry!**

- W**arm
- A**ccepting
- F**un
- F**riendly
- L**oving
- E**ncouraging
- S**afe



## JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH PARENT MEETING

When: September 27th 7:30 PM  
 (following Midweek)  
 Where: Meeting Room

Bring Your Ideas & Calendars

# TLC PRESCHOOL



Trinity-4 has learned how wonderful our 5 senses are. They found out that we can not see in the darkness but that God can, and if we listen really hard we can hear sounds far and near, but God hears us no matter where we are! We also found out that when we pop popcorn we can use ALL 5 senses and it was a yummy treat to taste! We talked about how the manna and the quail had to taste good to Gods' people as they traveled across the desert following Moses. It is wonderful how God knows, and gives us what we need.

If you have not been down our hallway, walk down it, I'm sure it will bring a smile to your face as you look at the faces we have made.

Trinity-3 has been busy also, learning new names and faces, including Mrs. Lampe's and Mrs. Barnhardt's. They are like little buzzing bees going from one end of the room to the other finding new toys everywhere to play with, the big question is: "what do I want to play with first?"

Serving Christ together,

*Jammy Lampe & Brittany Barnhardt*



Tyler Algrim	10/1		Kevin Rever	10/16
Susan Wilson		10/2	Hellen Strickland	10/16
Alyson Algrim	10/6		Jana Millershaski	10/17
Ed Banning	10/6		Robin Schenck	10/17
Tom Hogan	10/6		Patricia Bridges	10/18
Mark Estrada		10/7	Leticia Esquivel	10/18
Daven Foreman-Devaney		10/7	Faylene Leal	10/18
Camarynn Nelson	10/9		Emilia Barr	10/20
Jada Schmale	10/9		Aretemio Rodriguez	10/20
Curtis Harman		10/10	Betty Sheets	10/21
Bob Lewis		10/10	MaeLoni Beneke	10/22
Gerry Schultz		10/10	Kelsey Scheuerman	10/24
Sean Sheets		10/10	Monica Rodriguez	10/25
Brittney Underwood		10/10	Michael Messenger	10/26
Vernon Schweer	10/11		Carol Wigner	10/27
Roy Cessna		10/13	Marcus Bazan	10/29
Linda Doll		10/13	Jenna Nelson	10/30



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Frank & Cheryl Schmale	10/3	
Daniel & Sandra Dubbs		10/15
Dale & Susan Wilson	10/20	
Roger & Bernie Reetz		10/30

**October 1**

**Reformation-themed Worship with special music**

**11:30 Banquet Meal, please bring side dishes  
(meat and dessert will be provided).**

**Be ready to "nail your Bible reading  
commitment to the door"!**

**October 15 3:00 pm**

**Movie Matinee!**

**Watch "The Luther Movie"**

**enjoy popcorn and German Chocolate Cake**



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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