

TRINITY TRANSMITTER

Expect the Unexpected

Why is it that we are caught off-guard by unexpected events in our lives? In our fallen and broken world, we should expect the unexpected; but often we don't. No one anticipates sickness, death or loss of a career. Life changing events are often unexpected and catch us off guard.

But, not all unexpected events are negative. A surprise gift, a bonus at work, a kind word from an enemy or the news of a pregnancy are positive and joy-filled, although often, unexpected events.

God has a solution to the unexpected, His Steadfast Love. In Malachi 3:6 we read: "I the Lord do not change". Likewise in Hebrews 13:8: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." Our God is faithful and does not change. That's good news for those of us who have been caught off guard by the unexpected. We can rest in the knowledge that when the unexpected happens, we still have God who is constant in love. Romans 8:38-39 reads: "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

On June 30 I will no longer be your DCE at Trinity Lutheran Church. My family and I have enjoyed ministry with you for the past 25 years. You have watched our children grow up and we have created many eternal friendships. Transitions will no doubt occur and I want to encourage you not to be caught off guard by the unexpected. There will be change in the church-but remember that our God does not change. Be patient with those who come forward to volunteer to keep ministries going. And be fervent in prayer as the Call Committee explores a new list of candidates for a Pastor. Most of all, "Fix your eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of your faith" Hebrews 12:2.

For some people, when the unexpected comes, they distance themselves from others. Perhaps someone has made a careless remark, or an act of service went unnoticed; and now you find yourself not wanting to come to church anymore. Don't let the unexpected keep you from worshipping God. If you were surprised by the unexpected then church is the exact place you need to be so that you can hear God's Word, receive forgiveness for your sins and encourage fellow believers.

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TLC Mission Statement:

KNOW CHRIST

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SHARE CHRIST

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SERVE CHRIST

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Like I mentioned before, the unexpected is not always negative. I would not expect God to put his own Son to death so that I might live.

That's unexpected.

May God grant that we give the same unexpected love to one another; Philippians 2:5: "In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus".

God's Faithful Servant,

Leland

TLC Family Care Connections We pray for...

The Shut-Ins: Bill Bridges, Evelyn Kowalke, Irene Gestenslager, Eugene & Vada Hurd, Esther McMichael, George Powell, 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, Heather Gashler-Gilbert

If you have a prayer concern, please call the office
** always obtain permission before sharing another's concerns

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If you need help, please feel free to come in or call Katy, she can help you with this!

Check your receipts, ensure it reads this!



In 2016 Trinity received \$1156.13 from Kroger



MINISTRY**SPOTLIGHT**

Because every Child deserves a camp experience...

Lutheran Valley Retreat offers camps throughout the summer: 8-13 Yr old \$375/camper (Trinity's Endowment is offering scholarship for members!)

June 18-23**
July 2-7
July 9-14
July 23-28
July 30 - August 4

Register at www.lvr.org Contact the church office for help and for scholarship information.

Christian Education

Sunday Morning Bible Studies 10:15 a.m.

Ephesians The Church: God's Servant

Paul's letter to the Ephesians is about the church and about the fellowship of believers. It is about us. We are part of God's family—a family united in Christ and sustained by the Holy Spirit.

Led by Cynthia in the Meeting Room

The Challenge of Islam

Led by Jim Hewes in the East Wing

Keep your eyes on Jesus



The author and perfecter of your faith

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!

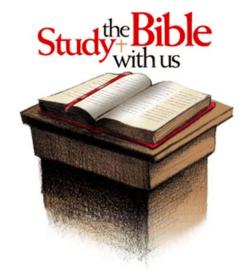
Ladies Summer Bible Study The Book of James

meet on Wednesdays; 6:30-8:00 at 1001 Fleming Began May 31, hosted by Kathy Jackson



Next Meeting for Stephen Ministry

April 11 and 25 at 6:30 in the East Wing.





Summer PieceMakers

May 31-August 2 10:00-12:30 Bring a sack lunch and a servant heart! Mission Project: International Rescue Committee of Garden City

Monthly Opportunities—

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

Men's Bible Study—Meeting Room

Thank you to all our volunteers for a great week of Vacation Bible School!
Thank you for your generosity!
Thank you for hosting a special event for our 4-6 grade class on the closing day at the water park in Garden City!

Our five days of sharing that we are all built for a purpose and loved by God were terrific!



June 2017 Servants

Worship Assistants Altar Committee		Robert Drees & Bob Lewis Doris Lewis				
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June	4 10 11 18 25	Calista Davis Holley Douglas Bryce Foreman Kaleb Reagle Chloe Powell				
July	2 9	Colby Cessna Jenna Nelson				
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June	4 10 11 18 25	Alice Banning Ed Adams Tim Lavrenz Judy Nusser Ed Banning				
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June ,	4 10 11 18 25	Clara Jackson Bailey Pauley Alexis Powell Grace Reagle Clara Jackson				

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.



Wednesday Summer Youth Activities

Youth Ministry at 6:30 through the month of June.



June 7—Slip and Slide June 14- Rummage Sale Set up June 21—Movie Night #1 June 28—Movie Night #2

July and August have not been planned at this time due to fact that we had limited attendance at the parents planning meeting in May. Otherwise have a great summer and hope to see you in worship on Sunday mornings.

Past Calendar:

May 13-10:00 a.m. The 2017 GCHS Baccalaureate Service brought out 66 people with 14 GCHS graduates. A big thank you to Zack McVey for pulling the event together along with Elijah Murrison, Nolen Ulrich, Brandon Smith and Clara Jackson.

Future Calendar:



June 2-3 Bread of Stone in Concert at Holy Cross in Wichita. Cost: \$20 Sleep over night, shopping at the mall and Saturday at the Air Trampoline Park Leave TLC at 1:00 on June 2

Young Adult Ministry! (YAMs)
Post High School through 30's will meet twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month right after Saturday evening worship services.

The Annual Canoe Trip is August 2-5 Cost is \$140 but for members of Trinity the cost is only \$80.00 which covers meals, transportation, camping and rental.



Camp for younger elementary ages:

Cindy Messenger and Leland will work to help you get to camp this summer. June 18-23 at LVR is the camp being considered since Colton Obregon is signed up.

Summer Camp Senior High at LVR—July 16-21.

Registered: Holley Douglas, Alex Foreman, Clara Jackson, Mitch McKinley, Bailey Pauley, Ethan Perkins, Grace Reagle, Hannah Schultz, Jacynda & Jaycob Vargas. Other youth will be traveling with us to Colby to pick up the charter buss. Three from Liberal, 4 from Dodge City and picking up two in Scott on the way.



Vacancy Pastor Update

The Lay Ministers have worked out a formal arrangement with Pastor Andrew Wehling, Grace Lutheran Church, Liberal, to become our official vacancy pastor effective June 1st. Funding for this arrangement (approximately \$900/month) has been approved by CLC for June and July, and will be included in CLC's budget proposal for the 2nd half of 2017 when it is presented for approval at the next voters' meeting on June 25th. Pastor Wehling, as vacancy pastor, agrees to the following:

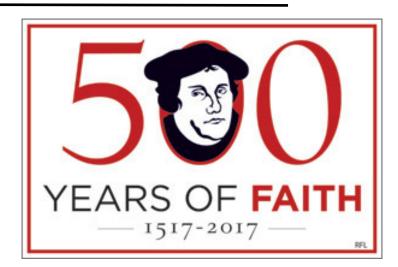
Lead a communion service on the Saturday evening before the 2nd Sunday of each month; Coordinate with other LCMS pastors to lead a communion service on the Saturday before the 4th Sunday of each month;

Attend monthly meetings of the Lay Ministers and CLC;

Be available in the office at TLC by 3 pm on CLC meeting days, for visits with members and/ or staff;

Conduct funerals and weddings for members only (or coordinate with other LCMS pastors).

Please contact a Lay Minister if you have any questions about this arrangement. Jay Meyer, Chairman



You ARE saved by works.

You are saved by works. But not yours. Jesus did more than die for you. He lived for you. Salvation is not merely the forgiveness of sins. It is the gift of righteousness, received by faith. This Good News is the focus of the Scriptures. You do nothing. God works. And His works are very good.

Your good works are done in response to salvation. Justification by grace through faith does not mean good works are bad, but puts them in their proper role. We live according to God's will out of thankfulness to His love.

If you are interested in participating please contact Cynthia 276-3110



Skip Crist		6/23
Alice Morris		6/23
Ron Phillis		6/23
Abigail Bailey	6/24	
Gary Millershaski		6/25
Masha Smith	6/26	
Robert Glunt		6/27
Kaleb Reagle		6/27
Kevin Lampe	6/28	
Clifford Lightcap	6/28	
Krista Scheuerman		6/29
Tim Lavrenz	6/30	
Esther McMichael	6/30	
Richard Wright	6/30	

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



Richard & Debby Wright 6/16 John & Dana Polson 6/2 Jonathan & ConniJo Bailey 6/23	AZ L J S B D	had & Cheryl Messenger lvin & Mary Jo Schultz achary & Ashley Schultz eland & Kathy Jackson im & Suzanne Hewes kip & Karen Crist ob & Kathy Leavitt-Wirth arett & Andrea Burr	6/1 6/5 6/7 6/9	6/3 6/6 6/8 6/11
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Worshiping the Lord

The old man was bedridden, victim of a stroke. His eyes gleamed mistily as we talked of our little church, its rapid growth, its new building. "Pastor," he murmured, "I'd give anything to be able to come to church one Sunday, but I know I'll never get out of this bed."

Smiling, he went on, "There was a time when I could have come to church every Sunday—but then I preferred to stay in bed."

It is ironic how our sense of values can change. Fortunate is the man who awakens in time to the worth of worship and work in the house of the Lord. (Henry B. Luffberry)

There is the story of a pastor who announced one Sunday to his congregation: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is that we have enough money to pay for our ministry. The bad new is the money is still in your pockets."



As stewards, we have the responsibility to be knowledgeable and wise. In order to be effective in our stewardship, we need to seek God's wisdom. "For the Lord gives wisdom and from His mouth comes knowledge and understanding" (Proverbs 2:6).

God's Word illustrates the poor consequences that result when we think and act foolishly. For example, in Matthew 6:26-27, we read of the man who built his house on the sand, and, when the rain came, the house came crashing down. Wisdom teaches us to build our houses on solid ground.

Yet another example of not acting with wisdom is the Parable of the Ten Virgins. Five virgins did not remember to bring enough oil so they missed the wedding celebration. By not thinking ahead, they missed the festivities. Jesus didn't condemn these people for their wickedness but rather their lack of preparedness.

Jesus uses the Parable of the Rich Fool to point out more foolishness. In this parable, Jesus tells us about a successful farmer who built bigger barns for the purpose of becoming wealthier. Jesus called him foolish because he didn't acknowledge God as the provider of all that he had. When God took his life, his wealth was meaningless.

Just as Jesus is critical of foolish thoughts and activities, He praises those who act wisely. In the Parable of the Shrewd Manager, Jesus praises the dishonest steward for how quickly and astutely he handled things when he was told that his job was coming to

an end. Although the Shrewd Manager was dishonest, Jesus said there are even things that unbelievers do that we as believers can learn from and do. After the master told the Shrewd Manager his job would be ending, he became very wise, creative, and alert with his master's money, and he assured himself of his temporary earthly future. In the same way, we can use the money God has given us to make friends who will welcome us into eternal dwellings.

As God's stewards, we can best fulfill our calling when we seek and use His wisdom. With God's wisdom, we will build on solid ground; we will acknowledge God as our source of all things, and we will be prepared for Christ's coming again. Because God grants us His wisdom, we can be God-pleasing stewards.

Our Attitude toward Money

Lord, loose

my grip on money.

Money is what we make it. Money can own us or be owned by us. Money can be our servant or our master. It depends entirely on our attitude. And this is why the Bible says that it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter God's kingdom (Matthew 19:24). It is not the rich man's money, but the rich man's attitude toward money that turns him away from God, away from other people, toward himself and his money. Likewise, it is not the poor man's poverty, but the poor man's attitude toward money that turns him away from God, away from other people, and makes him covetous, grasping, and every bit as selfish in his poverty as the wealthy man.

Much of Jesus' teaching focused on money so we need to develop the right attitude toward it and be concerned about its use and misuse. Whether God gives us little or much money, we need to be faithful stewards of it and learn an attitude of contentment. According to the Apostle Paul, we are very rich if we are satisfied with what we have. In 1 Timothy 6:6-10 he wrote, "But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves withy many griefs."

Unfortunately, so many people have become so eager to have money and the things that money can buy that they have lost much of life's real value and life's real purpose. Poverty is a problem, not only with those who have no money, but also with those who have much. There are many who don't lack money but lack satisfaction because no amount of money satisfies.

As we examine our attitudes toward money, we need to remember that money can do many things, but it can't buy happiness or heaven.

Trinity's Annual Rummage Sale June 9-10

Need Youth to help **set up** the Rummage Sale: Tuesday —Thursday, June 6-8 at 1:00-5:00

Work the Sale:

Friday, June 9 at 1:00-7:00 Saturday, June 10 at 8:00-1:00 **TLC Members ONLY—Early Sales: Thursday, June 8; 5:00-8:00

Clean Up:

Saturday, June 10 at 1:00

Interested in helping contact: Leland Jackson, 620-272-7003 Bernie Reetz, 620-290-5929





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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.

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

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