

# TRINITY TRANSMITTER

## December 2019



Have you ever noticed how children emulate their parents? Children watch their parents and they do what they see them doing. This is how they learn to speak. They watch the shape and form of their parents' mouths and try to make the same shape so that they can make the same sounds.

But children copy their parents even on a more mundane level. They watch how their parents cross their legs, how they fold their hands, how they stand and sit and walk, how they do and say most everything: and children try to copy it. This can be quite humorous when caught in the act. They do this even when parents don't want them to. Everyone has been in the uncomfortable, and sometimes rather embarrassing, situation where a child does or says what one of their parent's have done or said...something that is not too flattering! Sitcoms thrive on this sort of thing. And it only works because of the truth that children emulate their parents. And they do it because they want to be like them.

We are the children of God by grace, through faith. In Holy Baptism, God the Father declares of us what He declared of Jesus at His Baptism in the Jordan, "You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." God the Father claims us as His own. We are sons of God in Christ, through Baptism. And since we are sons, we are heirs; heirs who share in the glory of the Son of God. The inheritance is ours because of the Father's grace and mercy, because of His generosity in sending His Son in time to save us for all eternity.

And this is why we give generously of our income to the work of the church. Through the working of the Holy Spirit, we are enabled to lead holy lives. We are strengthened to emulate the generosity of our heavenly Father by being generous ourselves. We give to the work of the church because we have witnessed the generous giving of our Father in heaven. More than that, we are recipients of it. It is because we have received God our Father's gifts that we desire to give ourselves. And His gifts are not just spiritual. They are temporal and earthly as well. As the Small Catechism teaches in the Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer:

"Give us this day our daily bread. What does this mean? God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving. What is meant by daily bread? Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good

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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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friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.”

In other words, he gives us everything that we need for the care of both body and soul. His generosity knows no bounds. Therefore we sit down at the beginning of the year, the beginning of the month, or the beginning of the week, and set aside a generous portion of God’s daily bread for His work in the church. Not because He has commanded to do so. But rather because we, as His children by grace, want to emulate His generosity in our own lives. He is our Father; we are His children. And children want to be like their parents.

*Pastor Mike*



## TLC Family Care Connections

We pray for...

† **Shut-Ins:** Bill Bridges, Irene Gestenslager, Johanna Hall, Evelyn Kowalke, Bernice Robinson

† **Health Concerns:** Kelly Chopp, George Dugan, Sandy Fine, Lila Miller, Terri Schweer, Aaron Schiffelbein, Shane Trentman, Steve Hamann, Tim Lavrenz, Wauneta Messenger

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

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

Following is a comparison of our current offerings to the prior year’s offerings and how the current offerings relate to the 2019 budget. As you can see offerings as of 10/31/19 are \$9,929 behind the offerings from 10/31/18. Based on the 2019 budget, offerings as of 10/31/19 are \$137,552 short of meeting the budgeted obligations.

Offerings as of 10/31/19: \$259,589

Offerings as of 10/31/18: \$269,518

Budgeted expenses as of 10/31/19: \$397,141

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LWM Advent Brunch at Saturday, December 7, 10:00 to Noon,

All ladies of Trinity are invited! Program is "Lighting the Advent Wreath, Meaning of Chrismsons"

Opening Devotion 10, Brunch 10:15 and Program at 10:45, Closing at Noon. Bring a friend!!

January 7, regular planning meeting at 7 p.m.

Sign up for the Chili Cook off on Saturday, February 8 at 1 p.m. The Chili will be judged by the Garden City Fire Department.

Bernie Reetz, Contact for Lutheran Women in Missions (LWM)



# Christian Education

## 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*  
Tuesdays at noon  
*Victorious*

## STEPHEN MINISTRY



### Next Meeting for Stephen Ministry

Monday, December 9 at 6:30 in  
Matthew's Place

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



## Weekly Bible Studies

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

*Core Values Bible Study*

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

*Hosea—Disciples Nest*

*Living a Chocolate Life—Lion's Den*  
*(S)Hebrews—Pastor's Office*



## Children's Christmas Service Sunday, December 15 at 9:00 am

**ALL** children, 3 years old through 12th grades  
are encouraged to attend rehearsals and  
participate in the service.

Rehearsals will be during Sunday School  
opening on Dec 1 and 8  
&

at Midweek in place of class time.  
from 7:15-7:45 Wednesday, Dec 4 and 11

If you are interested in helping, please contact  
Cynthia!

## Christmas Bazaar 2019

Many thanks to the 43 registered vendors and to all our shoppers who made this a lovely event.

Soups smelled wonderful and the sounds of Christmas music set the mood for the festivities. Our parking lot also had aroma of brats and kettle corn to put us in the mood for shopping.

The youth had great sales in the garage and the inside was a busy place.

Thanks to our Family Life team for the donations and time spent!



Kansas Honor Flight #78, October 30-November 1, was blessed with four fun loving servants from Western Kansas!

And they were blessed to serve our nation's heroes!!

Pictured are the *Spicy Girls of Trinity!*  
(what else are you going to do for a banquet on Halloween??)





# TLC PRESCHOOL



The Mayflower has landed, and the Pilgrims and Indians have made friends and had a Thanksgiving meal to thank God for the bountiful harvest. The preschoolers have also thanked God for our many blessings, our families, our friends, and all of you. Trinity-4 put on a small Thanksgiving skit for their families and of course they did an excellent job telling the story. Trinity-3 gained a new friend and we are very excited to welcome him into our preschool family and tell him about the love that Jesus has for him and his family. We have finished up our career unit and are ready to learn about other new things.

Both classes will be hearing about the birth of Jesus. They won't only be hearing it, but they will also be retelling it and doing many actives to help celebrate it. Trinity-4 will be collecting food items and taking them to the zoo for the animals as our community Christmas. We will learn how the zoo uses those items to help the animals. We will have our Christmas program on the 19th at 7pm. You are invited to come and see the preschools version of the Christmas story. We will be on break December 20 -January 6, 2020.

We pray that you have a very Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year!

Serving Christ together,  
Tammy Lampe & Tina Davis



**Lay Ministers Serving Trinity** – Be on the lookout for your Lay Minister's picture on a bulletin board in the church. The Lay Ministers want to be in better communication with all the members of the congregation and want you to feel open to contact them in regards to spiritual matters. Therefore, each Lay Minister has been assigned to serve a range of people according to their last names. They may be contacting you in order to ask you some questions about your spiritual life. The following are the Lay Ministers and who they will be serving. Please do not hesitate to contact them or Pastor Mike for any spiritual needs. You can get their number from the office or our Member Directory.

**Ed Adams: A-B;**  
**Ron Thiele: C-E;**  
**Jay Meyer: F-I;**  
**Robert Drees: J-M;**  
**Roy Cessna: N-R;**  
**John Polson: S;**  
**Jerry Bitter T-Z**



# Youth Activities!

Youth Group Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 pm

Sunday School at 10:30 am

Come for Spiritual and relational growth!



Annual Christmas Cookie Sale  
 Wednesday, December 18  
 5:00 pm

Youth will hand out pans beginning December 1!  
 Funds raised go toward Youth Ministry



## Poinsettia Order Form

Would you like to order poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary for the Christmas Services?  
 Poinsettias are available through the Church Office for \$15.00  
 These are ordered locally, and are the size needed for our sanctuary .

We ask you to...  
 a) Fill out and return order form by **Sunday, December 16**  
 b) Remit your check along with this form to the church office

Checks should be payable to *Trinity Lutheran Church*  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Order Form \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Poinsettias: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ to the glory of God

\_\_\_ in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ in love and thankfulness for \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I will leave my poinsettia to be adopted after the Christmas Eve Worship



## December 2019

**Worship Assistants** Saturdays: Ron Hall  
Sundays: Jay Meyer & Ron Thiele  
**Altar Committee** Saturdays: Fern Becker  
Sundays: Gloria Martinez



### **Acolytes**

Dec	1	9:00	Trista Smith & Lindsay Nelson
	4	6:30	Abbi Smith
	7	5:30	Preston McMillan
	8	9:00	Michael Nelson
	11	6:30	Calista Davis & Kade Davis
	14	5:30	Jenna Nelson
	15	9:00	Brady Cessna
	18	6:30	Trista Smith
	21	5:30	Marin Kerr
	22	9:00	Lindsay Nelson
	24	6:30	Preston Miller & Brady Cessna
	28	5:30	Kaleb Reagle
	29	9:00	Trista Smith & Lindsay Nelson
	31	6:30	Abbi Smith
Jan	4	5:30	Preston McMillan
	5	9:00	Michael Nelson

### **PowerPoint**

Dec	1	9:00	Calista Davis
	4	6:30	Dacoda Davis
	7	5:30	Alex Foreman
	8	9:00	Jenna Nelson
	11	6:30	Bryce Foreman
	14	5:30	Michael Nelson
	15	9:00	Colby Cessna
	18	6:30	Chloe Powell
	21	5:30	Selah Hageman
	22	9:00	Kaleb Reagle
	24	6:30	Colby Cessna
	28	5:30	Kiera Hageman
	29	9:00	Jenna Nelson
	31	6:30	Calista Davis
Jan	4	5:30	Alex Foreman
	5	9:00	Colby Cessna

### **Lectors**

	1	9:00	Alex Foreman
	7	5:30	Judy Nusser
	8	9:00	Ed Banning
	14	5:30	Judy Schweer
	15	9:00	Gerry Schultz
	21	5:30	Martin Nusser
	22	9:00	Jerry Bitter
	24	6:30	Darett Burr
	28	5:30	Cynthia Lavrenz
	29	9:00	Jay Meyer
	31	6:30	John Polson



Kelly Langdon	12/1	
Keith Erichsen		12/4
Liz Meyer		12/4
Jacya Vargas		12/4
Gordon Drees	12/6	
Dixie Beery		12/7
Oliver Gonzalez		12/7
Brian Odneal		12/7
Tonya Chmielewski	12/9	
Michael Hageman	12/9	
Ashley Schultz		12/11
Austin Ackerman	12/12	
Roger Reetz		12/13
Renee Algrim	12/14	
Lois Hinkle	12/14	
Mark Petersen	12/14	
Heidi Berg		12/15
Kaye Kuhlman		12/15
Statler Kerr	12/16	

Kellee Odneal	12/17	
Jacynda Vargas		12/18
Warren Schwab	12/19	
Johanna Hall		12/20
Carly Davis	12/22	
Curt Kinney		12/23
Betty White	12/24	
Zossy Algrim		12/26
Timothy Cruz		12/26
Jayce Vargas	12/27	
Judy Schweer		12/28
Ainsley Beery	12/29	
Kay Petersen		12/30
Don Bohl	12/31	
Irene Gestenslager	12/31	
Marin Kerr	12/31	



Emil & Deandra Krug	12/5	
Brian & Kristina Odneal	12/5	
Bob & Doris Lewis		12/8
Curt & Kathy Kinney	12/9	
Daniel & Nancy McMillan		12/10
Gordon & Stephanie Wright	12/13	
Tom & Lisa Hogan		12/15
Brad & Jody Kerr	12/18	
Grady & Kaye Kuhlman		12/21
Lowell & Dorothy Mueller	12/22	
Cammie & Adam Nelson		12/23
Shane & Rona Trentman	12/29	



## Monthly Birthday Celebrations

The first Sunday of each month we celebrate Trinity members birthdays! Their birthdates, baptism dates, and special scriptures are shared and a special prayer said for the group.

Photo is of those present for the November celebration!





# *Christmas Worship Times*

**Saturday, December 14**

6:30 pm Congregation Caroling

**Sunday, December 15**

9:00 am Children's Christmas Worship

**Tuesday, December 24**

6:30 pm Christmas Eve Worship (HC)

**Tuesday, December 31**

6:30 pm New Years' Eve Worship



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