



# TRINITY TRANSMITTER

## February 2020

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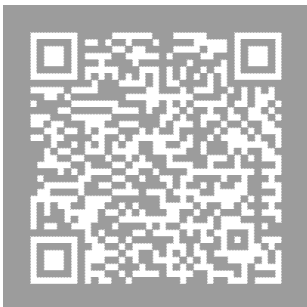
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Last month was Sanctity of Human Life Month. And if you are like me, you might have been embedded with your own problems that caused you to de-sanctify life by thinking, “Why doesn’t God just take me home? I’d be better off dead.”

During the season of winter, life can seem to be a burden. I don’t know if it’s the cold, the lack of light or being cooped up in the house all the time. It’s during this time that life can be depressing and we begin to think “de-sanctifying” things.

We’ve all thought it, “He’d be better off dead.” It’s a response that our society is saying more and more. A response directed toward those who are getting older or just can’t do much anymore. So, is it true? Would we be better off dead?

Surprisingly from a Scriptural point of view, the answer is Yes. We as disciples of Christ would all be better off dead, for it was the apostle Paul himself who wrote “I desire to depart and be with Christ which is better by far” (Philippians 1:23). Paul can say this for it was true. Paul knew because of what Christ had done on the cross that he was going to a better place with Christ when his earthly life ended. We can also say this for it is Christ’s presence in our death that comforts, and gives us patience as we wait for this day. But, Paul does not stop there and neither should we.

Death is not the only possibility for Paul. In fact Paul says that it is “more necessary” to keep living, for God has additional plans. These additional plans require for us to live. Paul says “to live is Christ” (Phil. 1:21). Therefore living is required for the additional plans of our Lord, which Paul will later describe as “fruitful labor”.

This is also true for you. No matter how young or old you may feel. No matter if you are ill or even unconscious, God is keeping you alive. Whether life or death, as long as our Lord gives life, He gives “fruitful labor” for us to accomplish. This “fruitful labor” causes others great joy which overflows in Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:26).

It is a tragedy to think that the Lord is unable to do anything great or even minimal in our lives. But we as sinners often think this way and forget that it is God and His presence in our life that accomplishes “fruitful labor.” We often limit the power of God and say, “God can only

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work in young and healthy people.” To this silly thought I proclaim to you that “He’s God! Let Him be!”

Better off Dead? Yes... but, let Christ be exalted by letting Him work in us until our day is done. It is better off by far for the Christian to depart and be with Christ. But for right now it is more necessary that you go on living. Go on living for the Lord!

*Pastor Mike*



Sincere thanks to Larry Wilken for all the projects he does around Trinity. Most recently Larry built this lectern using one of the half pews that had been removed from the sanctuary!



## TLC Family Care Connections

We pray for...

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

† **Health Concerns:** Kelly Chopp, Sandy Fine, Lila Miller, Terri Schweer, Aaron Schiffelbein, Steve Hamann, Tim Lavrenz, Shirley Frost

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

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

### Notice:

Due to budget constraints, Trinity will no longer provide the *Lutheran Witness* for our members. We do encourage you to subscribe to the *Lutheran Witness* at [www.cph.org](http://www.cph.org). We have also reduced the number of *Portals of Prayer* that we provide.



LWML will meet Tuesday, February 4 at 7:00 pm.

Sign up by February 6 for the Chili Cook off on Saturday, **February 8** at 1 p.m. The chili will be judged by the Garden City Fire Department. You can sign up in the lobby. \$10 entry fee, prizes for best tasting!



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  
New for 2020 time to improve our personal  
Worship skills  
Life Lessons the Book of Psalm

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## STEPHEN MINISTRY



### Next Meeting for Stephen Ministry

Monday, February 10  
at 6:30 and Monday,  
February 24 at 6:30  
In Matthew's Place

Information Meeting for Stephen  
Ministry Training is May 31 at 5:00 pm  
In Matthew's Place

**Circuit Festival  
at Trinity  
Saturday, April 25  
9:00 am**

***Perspectives on  
Lutheranism***

**More information  
to come!!**

## 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*

**Prayer Team???** What's this in the bulletin?  
What is happening in the Disciples Nest before church  
on Sunday mornings?

We are praying special prayers for:  
our Pastor and family;  
our church family and friends that they keep  
their eyes on God;  
that we will focus on not taking a step apart  
from God's leading;  
people suffering from pain and illness;  
mental health and broken people.  
our church staff and their devoted service to our  
church family.

We are a small group of people that love the joy of  
prayer and opportunity to come together and share our  
prayers before we each head off to worship our Lord.

Please join us Sunday at 8:30 am in the Disciples Nest.

**New Member Class!!**  
**Mondays beginning on February 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**at 6:30p.m.**  
In Pastor's office  
The class will run for 6 weeks.

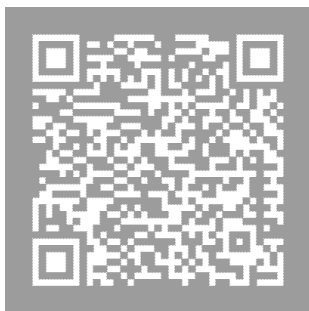
Blessings as we close the books on 2019 and look forward to a prosperous 2020. Trinity entered the month of November with offerings trailing 2018's total by \$5,986. With your love and commitment to serving Christ, November and December offerings reversed this negative trend resulting in 2019 total offerings of \$371,923, an increase of \$27,428 from 2018 total offerings. THANK YOU!



There are a few adjustments to be made before final figures are available, but Trinity finished the year with approximately a \$40,000 deficit compared to 2018's \$42,000 deficit. Progress has been made, but I ask that you continue to prayerfully consider accepting the giving challenge for all 12 months of 2020. The year-end outstanding debt on the newly named operating note was roughly \$39,000.

I ask that the congregation join me in thanking Tammy Lampe for her seven years of service as Trinity's Financial Secretary. Often times these positions go unnoticed, but play a very important role in the functions of the Church. Thank you Tammy for your dedication to the position and your continued assistance in training our new Financial Secretary, Nancy Briggeman. Thank you Nancy for being willing to step into this role.

James A. Davis  
Treasurer



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# TLC PRESCHOOL



It's February and you know what that means, YES, it's time for the preschool annual FUN NIGHT! On the afternoon of Sunday, February 23rd, the Fellowship Hall will be set up for games and food. Come out and eat and play with the preschool, bring your kids, your grandkids and your neighbor's kids, all are welcome! If you would like to help with the games or by donating a raffle item, please let us know soon. This is one way that the preschool and Trinity reach out to our community.

On February 16th we will be celebrating 4 more families as God's Little Lambs. I pray that you will join us in letting these families know how much they are loved. Another way to let these families know that they are welcome at Trinity is to come out and visit, eat and play with them at Fun Night.

Trinity-4 is working on their alphabet. We are continuing to learn the sound each letter makes and then see what we can make from each letter. It might be a gorilla, it might be a grape, there could be an inch worm or maybe something else. Come down our hallway and see what it is!

Trinity-3 has finished up the seasons and have begun to learn about the shapes that surround us everywhere. Both classes continue to learn everyday about how much God loves them and protects them. We have been singing about how we love to learn from God's true words in the B-I-B-L-E and how God writes us "love letters"! They are printed all throughout the Bible. We have talked about how God closed the mouths of the lions when Daniel was in a den with them, and how we are to be fishers of men for God's kingdom.

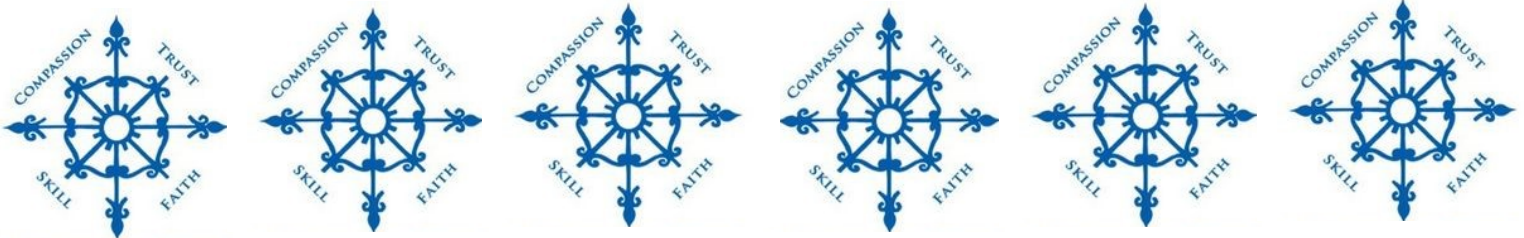
In March we will start enrollment for the 2020-21 classes. You can let your friends know now and we will have more information coming soon, or they can call Tammy Lampe or Tina Davis at the church for more details.

Serving Christ together,  
Tammy Lampe & Tina Davis





2020 Vacation Bible School  
Mon-Fri, June 22-26  
9:00-Noon



**Save These Dates:**  
**Informational Meeting**  
**May 31 at 5:00**  
**First Class June 15 at 6:30**



# Youth Activities!

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

Sunday School at 10:30 am

Come for Spiritual and Relational Growth!



**Sing-A-Grams  
for Shut-Ins or Loved Ones**

February 14

Ask any Pastor for more information!

**Spring Break Skiing???**

March 15-18

Monarch Ski Resort

Seeking interest at this time.

\$225

See Pastor for more information!

**Western Kansas Confirmation Retreat**

The Sacrament of the Altar

April 3-4, 2020

\$35

Expectation of Confirmation Students.

Forms and funds due March 29

## A word from the President:

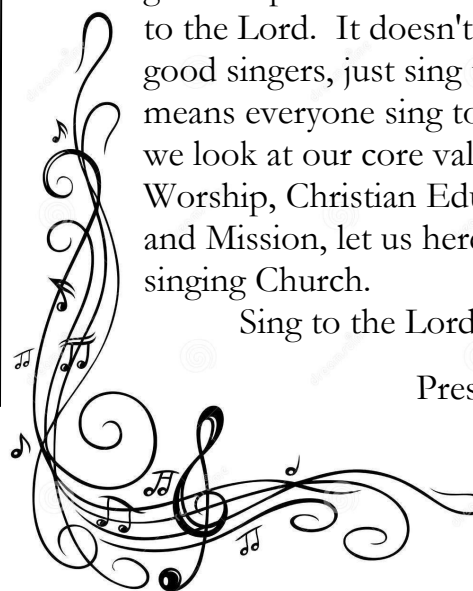
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I enjoy singing hymns at church and at home, that was instilled in me at an early age, when we got to spend the night with Grandma and Grandpa. We would eat supper and then Grandpa would start playing the piano and singing hymns so I would join in. Fond memories!

In Psalm 66, starting at verse one, "Shout for joy to God, all the earth sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!" In scripture it says sing to the Lord. It doesn't say only the real good singers, just sing to the Lord. It means everyone sing to the Lord. So as we look at our core values: Scripture, Worship, Christian Education, Family, and Mission, let us here at Trinity be the singing Church.

Sing to the Lord a new song.

President Mark Nelsen



## ***Kansas District Summer Camp***

***July 19-24***

***Lutheran Valley Retreat, Woodland Park, Colorado***

***www.kslcms.org***

### **Who is eligible to attend?**

- Youth in the class of 2020-2024

### **What is the fee to participate?**

The fee is \$450. Fee covers transportation, camp fees, meals at camp, spiritual life programming.

Forms are available from Pastor or the church office.<sup>6</sup>

Registration opens March 1, with 100 spots available.

Must register through church.



## February 2020

**Worship Assistants** Saturdays: Robert Drees  
 Sundays: Robert Drees & Zach Schultz  
**Altar Committee** Saturdays: Brenda Drees  
 Sundays: Brenda Drees

### Acolytes

Feb	1	5:30	Kaleb Reagle
	2	9:00	Calista Davis & Kade Davis
	8	5:30	Michael Nelson & Lindsay Nelson
	9	9:00	Brady Cessna
	15	5:30	Preston McMillan
	16	9:00	Jenna Nelson
	22	5:30	Kaleb Reagle
	23	9:00	Calista Davis & Kade Davis
	16	6:30	Jenna Nelson
	29	5:30	Michael Nelson
Mar	1	9:00	Brady Cessna
	7	5:30	Preston McMillan
	8	9:00	Lindsay Nelson

### PowerPoint

Feb	1	5:30	Jenna Nelson
	2	9:00	Dacoda Davis
	8	5:30	Kaleb Reagle
	9	9:00	Colby Cessna
	15	5:30	Alex Foreman
	16	9:00	Brady Cessna
	22	5:30	Bryce Foreman
	23	9:00	Michael Nelson
	26	6:30	Chloe Powell
	29	5:30	Selah Hageman
Mar	1	9:00	Kiera Hageman
	7	5:30	Jenna Nelson
	8	9:00	Calista Davis

### Lectors

Feb	1	5:30	Martin Nusser
	2	9:00	Darett Burr
	8	5:30	Cynthia Lavrenz
	9	9:00	Jay Meyer
	15	5:30	Ed Adams
	16	9:00	Alice Banning
	22	5:30	Alex Foreman
	23	9:00	Ed Banning
	29	5:30	Judy Nusser

French Toast Casserole from January 19, 2020 Brunch

1 loaf French Bread  
 8 large eggs  
 1 can Sweetened Condensed Milk  
 1 tsp Vanilla  
 1/4 tsp cinnamon  
 1/4 tsp nutmeg  
 Dash of salt

Layer bread in 9X13 pan. Mix remaining ingredients, pour over bread so all pieces covered. Cover and refrigerate overnight.

Spread praline on top, bake at 350 for 40 minutes

Praline:  
 1/2 lb margarine  
 1 cup packed brown sugar  
 1 cup chopped pecans  
 2 T light corn syrup  
 1/2 tsp cinnamon  
 1/2 tsp nutmeg

Mix, heat in microwave until dissolved and blended.



Andrea Burr	2/1	Cynthia Lavrenz	2/16
Leland Jackson	2/1	Trent McMillan	2/16
Seth Kristalyn	2/1	Charlotte Chmielewski	2/17
Alexis Powell	2/2	Kelly Chopp	2/17
Wauneta Messenger	2/3	Doris Lewis	2/17
Michael Reagle	2/3	Greyson Wright	2/17
Penny Grauberger	2/5	Colby Cessna	2/18
Tina Davis	2/6	Cherilyn Alvarez	2/21
Deandra Krug	2/6	Dacoda Davis	2/21
Miles Combs	2/8	Christy Creacy	2/22
Brian Drees	2/9	Dustin Lampe	2/22
Kathy Jackson	2/9	Norma Simpson	2/22
Jackson Combs	2/11	Chris Hall	2/23
Hannah Nelson	2/11	Linda Wilken	2/23
Kourtney Goss	2/12	Kenny Grauberger	2/24
Ethan Ackerman	2/13	Dale Wilson	2/24
James Hewes	2/14	Lauren Sullivan	2/25
		Ethan Thomas	2/26
		Jacqueline Welch	2/26
		Darlene Simpson	2/27



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



## 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 January Celebration:  
 Brian Foreman, Jenna Nelson, Kimberly Nelson,  
 Donna Bitter, Debby Wright





Preschool Fun Night is Sunday, February 23 at 4:00 and the Fun Night Committee is reaching out to members of Trinity for donations to our raffle and silent auction. Our theme is:

***Macho Nacho Night: Be Strong in the Lord!***

Thank you for helping the preschool!



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