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Intentional Disciple Formation

By Pastor Mark Schulz

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One of the key aspects of our individual and collective lives as God's people is growing as disciples of Jesus and helping others to do the same. We have labeled this process "Intentional Disciple Formation." We aim to develop intentional pathways for each of us and for all of us at Trinity to be growing disciples. While there have been growing disciples at Trinity for all of her 77 years, I believe that an intentional and specific focus on disciple formation will be a great blessing to our "Community Following Jesus." Whether you're new to the faith, or have been following Jesus for longer than Trinity has been around, each of us are called to follow Jesus and grow in our discipleship.

Here are two exciting developments in the process of intentional disciple formation:

1 Life Measures Assessment. At the January congregational assembly, we introduced our customized assessment. The purpose is to help us think about and measure growth as disciples of Jesus in areas such as worship, Bible study, application of grace, service to others, etc. Anonymous data from the assessment will also help ministry leaders determine whether the pathways to discipleship growth we are using are effective. If you haven't already done so, please sign in to Trinity Cloud and take the assessment today!

Additional resources will be added to the assessment site as time goes along that will help you develop a personal plan for growth in discipleship.

2 Pastor Phil, Vicar Ben and I have been researching and discussing new ways to reach those that the Christian Church is largely not reaching. As you are likely aware, there is a whole segment of people "out there" who are very unlikely to come to either of our worship centers. How do we impact their lives with the Gospel of Jesus?

We are convinced that the best way to do this is by establishing what are called "missional communities." Missional communities can be described as the "church deployed." Instead of expecting people to come to us, we go out to the communities and neighborhoods God has called us to serve and provide opportunities for relationships and spiritual conversations to happen.

Watch for much more information about the strat-

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Discipleship (continued)

By Pastor Phil Cook

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egy we will be using to launch missional communities at Trinity! In the meantime, take advantage of the existing, intentional pathways to discipleship: regularly (weekly!) attending a worship service to hear the Word proclaimed and receive the Sacrament, participating in a Bible study, daily reading God's Word on your own, utilizing one of the special Lenten devotionals. God has such rich gifts to give us as we follow him; don't miss out on that relationship!

Midweek Lenten Services - The Way of Grace

The Way of Grace Lent

Wednesdays, March 8 - April 5

Mission: Noon and 7pm

Shawnee: 7pm - Holden Evening Prayer – a contemporary setting of an ancient evening prayer liturgy. A Lenten dinner will precede each Lenten service beginning at 5:30pm.

March 22: **Baptism** based on Romans 6:3-11
March 29: **The Lord's Supper** based on Isaiah 25:6-8
April 5: **The Lord's Supper** based on 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 9

Mission: 8:30 and 11am - Festival Services with Trinity Choir
Shawnee: 8:30 and 11am - Special Music

Maundy Thursday, April 13

Mission: Noon and 7pm - Traditional Middle-eastern fare preceding each service
Shawnee: 7pm - Middle-eastern potluck incorporated into a communion service

Good Friday, April 14

Theme: The Passion according to St. Matthew
Mission: Noon and 7pm
Shawnee: 7pm

Holy Saturday, April 15

Mission: 5:30 pm Easter Vigil Service

Easter Sunday, April 16

Mission: 8:30, 9:45, 11am - Festival Services with Trinity Choir, Brass, and Percussion; Communion at 11am
Shawnee: 8:30 and 11am - Special Music and Communion

Call Committee Requests Nominations

By Pastor Phil Cook

For the last two months, our Call Committee has been in frequent contact with a variety of representatives from our Concordia University system, trying to determine if one of the nine schools might have an intern or a recent graduate who could possibly be the right person to be called as our new Shawnee Campus Worship Leader/Family Life Ministry Coordinator. We interviewed several good candidates. We recently learned that all of those candidates have been placed at different churches. Unless something unexpected happens, we are starting this process over again, looking for a new list of potential candidates. Again, we request that you pass on to us any names of people you think might be a good fit for this position. An online nomination form can be found at tlcms.org. And again, we ask for your continued prayers in this process, that God would lead us to the right person. This is His Church; we are in His hands.

Vicar Ben's Call Service—April 7

By Pastor Mark Schulz

Vicar Ben will receive a Call to be Trinity's SMP Pastor at morning chapel at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, on Friday, April 7. A group from Trinity is planning to attend to celebrate this milestone. Are you interested in attending? Contact Pastor Mark at mark@tlcms.org by April 2.

Prayer Team Members Wanted

By Gretchen Hollman

"And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him."

1 John 5:14-15 (ESV)

For years Trinity has had a prayer ministry that reaches out to our members and the community. We send out prayers to the members of the prayer team. We pray in every worship service for those in our midst. We publish a weekly prayer list and include a prayer list in every *Messenger*. Did you know that we also have prayer team members who come into the prayer chapel each week and bring the prayers of the congregation brought in on prayer cards and through the website to our heavenly Father? Members find this regular time of prayer in the chapel to be very uplifting and fulfilling. However, there are not very many participating right now. Would you like to participate in this ministry? If you are interested, please contact Stan Knocke.

LIFE MEASURES

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DID YOU KNOW?

There are 32 people who have taken the Life Measures Assessment so far.

Have you?

Login to Trinity Cloud and get started!

Call Gretchen for assistance.

Saint John's Bible Exhibit and Events

By Dr. Lara West

The Saint John's Bible is the first handwritten and illuminated Bible commissioned by a Benedictine monastery in more than 500 years. Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas, is hosting an exhibition of 25 archival prints from this inspiring book, along with several special events:

The exhibit will be open March 13-April 16, Wednesdays from 2-8pm, Saturdays, 12:30-4:30pm, and Sundays, 12:30-4:30pm, or by appointment (contact Lara West, info below). Galleries are the McCarthy Gallery of Art in Bishop Fink Hall, the Abbey Gallery in the basement of the Abbey Church, and the front foyer of the dining hall.

On Sunday, March 26, at 3pm in the Abbey Church, the Benedictine Music Department is presenting "Illuminations in Concert," a concert of music inspired by some of the same scripture passages seen in the illuminations in the exhibit. Performers include the Benedictine College Chamber Singers, soprano Dr. Kristin Newbegin, flutists Richard Yeager and Miriam Johll, and organists Sister Susan Barber, OSB, Dr. Ruth Krusemark, Tess Schuck, and Dr. Lara West.

During the week of April 9-15, a full-scale replica volume of the Gospels will be on display in the Benedictine College Library lobby during library hours. Read more at http://www.benedictine.edu/press-room/news/2017/the-saint-johns-bible, or contact Lara West with questions, lara@tlcms.org, 913-367-6486.

Spire Presents Kipling Passion

By Ben A. Spalding

But Who Shall Return Us Our Children?
- A KIPLING PASSION by John Muehleisen

Presented by the Spire Chamber Ensemble and Chamber Orchestra in collaboration with the National World War I Museum

Saturday, April 29, 7:30pm
J.C. Nichols Auditorium
National World War I Museum
Sunday, April 30, 3pm
Village Presbyterian Church

Journalist, poet, novelist, and Nobel Prize winner Rudyard Kipling is best known for works of fiction like "The Jungle Book," "Kim," and his many short stories. Less well known is the impact the First World War had on Kipling and how it irrevocably changed his family. In this new oratorio, American composer John Muehleisen explores the costs of war from the point of view of the families left behind. Weaving letters, prose and poetry into a one-hour passion setting, the work explores how the devastated Kiplings find peace in the wake of son John's September 1915 death at the Battle of Loos at age 18. Scored for soprano, tenor, and bass soloists with choir and chamber orchestra, this moving world premiere shines a new spotlight on the sacrifice of not only our warriors, but their families.

Tickets available at SpireChamberEnsemble.org

Easter Lily Orders – Mission Campus

By Gretchen Hollman

$6.50 each
Order in Foyer

It is time once again to sign up to purchase Easter lilies for the Mission campus. Please sign up on the poster in the foyer. The lilies are $6.50 each and will be donated to homebound members after Easter.

"The spiritual principle held here is that true repentance is the beginning of beauty. A mark of purity and grace throughout the ages, the regal white lily is a fitting symbol of the greater meaning of Easter. Gracing millions of homes and churches, the flowers embody joy, hope and life." Taken from http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/archives/parsons/publications/lily/lily.html.

Spring Ladies Luncheon—May 7

By Marilyn Wilkinson

Calling all ladies of Trinity! Mark your calendars for the Spring Ladies Luncheon on May 7 at 12:30pm. Join us for a catered lunch with a presentation by Chyleen Pauesick. Sign up starts March 25 at the Welcome Center. The price is $ 12 per person. More information will come soon.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near."

Matthew 24:32

Lenten Evening Meals

By Vicar Ben Vineyard

We will continue Lenten meals at the Shawnee campus this year. Meals will be led by various groups at the Shawnee campus and will go from 5:30 till 6:45pm each Wednesday night. Thank you to all the groups hosting these meals!

Menus

March 22—TBD

March 29—TBD

April 5—Pulled Pork Sandwiches

First of all I want to thank our Heavenly Father for being with Lyle and guiding the doctors for a successful surgery. Thank you, Pastor Mark, for being with me at the hospital. Also, thank you, children of Trinity, for the nice Valentine cards and all my friends for phone calls and support. God's Blessings to all!

Paulette Thornton

The women of Abigail Circle would like to thank both Trinity campuses for all the books that were donated for the Reach Out and Read KC program. This was a new project and the response was overwhelming. A truckload of children's books were delivered to KU Med Center last week. Thank you for your generosity!

Whimsical Mystery Dinner, March 25

By Tom Perry

Sat., March 25, 3-5pm
Mission Fellowship Hall

Join us on March 25 as Linda and Bill Guerry will help host a mystery dinner. All Trinity people age sixty or better are invited. A mystery dinner is a delicious meal served in a different and often a surprising manner. There is no cost, but we do need to have a close idea as to how many will be coming. The 3-5pm time on Saturday will allow those wishing to then go to the Saturday 5:30 service. It should be a very enjoyable time.

Lutheran High Spring Musical Tour

By Lutheran High School of Kansas City

CHOIR Tour

Lutheran High School of Kansas City Thursday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m. 12411 Wornall Road, Kansas City, Missouri 64145

Lutheran High School of Kansas City Announces its Spring Music tour 2017. The Concert Choir, Concert Band, and Resounding Joy Handbell students will be touring in Missouri and Illinois. They will complete their tour with a home concert. Be My Witness "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8

Bethany College Choirs and Handbell Concert

By Dr. Lara West

The Bethany College Choirs and Handbell Ensemble will be performing in the area as a part of their 2017 tour. The concert will be at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, Broadway and 13th Street in Kansas City, Missouri, on Sunday, March 19. There will be an evensong worship service at 5pm with the concert following at 6pm. Come and hear an excellent performance from Dr. Lara West's alma mater.

Hope Lutheran School Spades Tournament

By Nancy Jankowski, Principal

HOPE

Tenth Annual Spades Tournament

Saturday, March 25, 5-9:30pm in the lunch room area of the school,
6308 Quivira Road in Shawnee

This will be a fun family event with food and babysitting provided by the eighth graders. No experience required! If you do not have a partner, we will team you up with one. Proceeds from the tournament help fund the eighth grade class trip to Washington D.C. Email the school office if you are interested in participating at school.office@ hopeluther-an.org.

St. Luke's Annual Charity Golf Classic

Want to have fun and help St. Luke's Lutheran Church and her partners provide services to their community? Sign up for their Charity Golf Classic to be held at Painted Hills Golf Course, 7101 Parallel Parkway, Kansas City, KS (a spikeless course), on Friday, May 5. There will be prizes and a Post-Classic Party with dinner immediately following. Download entry forms, format, and rules from tlcms.org. Entry deadline is May 1.

Therefore encourage one another...

1 Thessalonians 5:11 ESV

Birthdays

March 22 – Kristen Davidson, Darlene Limback, Joshua Peters, Johnny Shreve, Chris Vetter
March 23 – Charlene Millsap, Mindy Prichard, Bobby Tilghman
March 24 – Anna Cicero, Jacob Unger
March 25 – Mark Glad, Michael Keith, Abel Mojica, Laura Pace, Elin Rishel, Karen Winegarner
March 26 – Abbie Barker, Shelby Moore, Joshua Wampler, Kaci Wenzel, Natalie Williams
March 27 – Mike Billings, Erin Fuchs, Nathan Jaime, John Sullivan, Aidan Veal, Mayumi Wagner
March 28 – Blake Aerni, Tyler Harvey, Keerstin McNeely, Dawn Wilson
March 29 – Kenda Arendt, Pat Chapman, Samantha Haugen, Mary O'Connell
March 30 – Phil Bollinger, Kimberly Gardner, Curt Katterhenry, Don Littell, Kaitlyn Miner, Edith Wenzel
March 31 – Deb Justin, Ezra Pastine, Marianna Schulte
April 1 – Mary Everhart, Travis Schram, Doug Wilkinson
April 2 – Vicki Dorsch, Chris Henson, Suman Konidana, Ethan Pilchard, Ken Porter, Ralph Tinnin, George Vetter
April 3 – Rachel Miller, Kristen Schau, Carol Schwartz
April 4 – Hope Barker, Tim Dunker, Jenni Hall, Quintyn Hendrich, Robert Pearson, Peggy Schildberg, Debra Strohm
April 5 – Henry Mojica, August Rice, Amy Theiss, Brandi Wilson
April 6 – Mary Haas, Shantelle Jackson, Dee Quick, Chris Wagner, Myrna Wells
April 7 – Amy Andrejack, Daniel Domsch, Bryce Kohl, Chris Shifflett, Carol Shreve
April 8 – Robb Aerni, Cheryl Gleissner
April 9 – Alan Brockman, Marc Nelson
April 10 – MaKenzie Barker, Henry Tanner
April 11 – Leticia Porter, Anastasia Schultze

Anniversaries

John & Julie Sullivan ..... March 22 (14th)
Andy & Jaime Tanner ..... March 23 (4th)
Bryson & Angela Lightle ..... March 23 (15th)
Ray & Margaret Fessler ..... March 24 (55th)
Larry & Ruth Hanusch ..... March 29 (48th)
Steven & Diana Alexander ..... March 31 (17th)
Greg & Chelsea McBride ..... April 2 (6th)
Eric & Deb Justin ..... April 5 (31st)
Paul & Becky Stephens ..... April 6 (26th)
Denny & Gwen Hixson ..... April 7 (44th)
Bill & Krista Rittmann ..... April 7 (34th)
Larry & Elaine Conrad ..... April 9 (29th)

Prayers

Retirement Facility/Homebound

Rita Bartlett, *Good Samaritan*
Norma Brock, *at home*
Ray Buckley, *Healthcare Resort of Shawnee Mission*
Phyllis Corthon, *Victory Hills*
Ted Dahl, *at home*
Bob Ebel, *Bickford Place*
Conrad Fassold, *Lakeview Village*
Allene Gantz, *Addington Place*
Ona Jean Harvey, *at home*
Lois Haubein, *Overland Park Place*
Phyllis Henderson, *at home*
Lois Klausen, *Delmar Gardens of OP*
Jean Klemp, *McCrites Plaza Asst. Living*
Ruth Kroenke, *at home*
Bertha Lefebvre, *Evergreen Communities*
Bob Mann, *Vintage Park, Gardner*
Betty Peppers, *Park Meadows*
Garry and Joanne Schottman, *at home*
Jerry and Mary Ellen Stephenson, *at home*
Jeanne Stevenson, *Kingswood*
Helen Wendlandt, *at home*
George Zschoche, *at home*

Member Prayers-Mission

Jackie Burger
Tom Dempsey
Lee Glasnapp
Quintyn Hendrich
Charlene Millsap
Marty Quick

Member Prayers-Shawnee

Karen Winter

Memory Verse

God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Romans 5:8

Anniversaries and birthdays are listed from March 22-April 11. If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please contact the church office.

VBS Registration Opens Soon!

Text courtesy of www.concordiasupply.com

Jaw-Dropping Experiences

Kids discover they're lovingly crafted by God. On this interactive adventure, curious kids become hands-on inventors and experience God-the ultimate Maker-in new and wildly creative ways!

Easy-to-Learn Bible Truths

Kids discover important truths-and dive right into the Bible. At Maker Fun Factory VBS, kids learn one important Bible Point each day, and it's reinforced often through Bible adventures, key Bible verses, songs, snacks, and hands-on explorations that help children know they were created by God and built for a purpose!

Interconnected Lessons

Like gears in a machine, every part of Maker Fun Factory VBS works together to produce an experience that really connects kids with Jesus. It's a finely tuned engineering masterpiece that involves every member of your team and every experience to change kids' lives forever!

Shawnee Campus
June 19-23

Mission Campus
July 10-14

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The next deadline is April 4 at noon.

Mission Campus

5601 West 62nd Street, Mission, Kansas 66202

Saturday Evening
5:30pm Communion Service
Sunday Mornings
8:30am Family-focused Worship with Communion
9:45am Praise Service with Communion
9:45am Sunday School
11am Family-focused Worship with Communion

Shawnee Campus

21320 Midland Drive, Shawnee, Kansas 66218
Sunday Mornings
8:30am Family-focused Worship with Communion
9:45am Sunday School
11am Family-focused Worship with Communion

Nursery

A professionally staffed nursery for ages six months to three years is available during most worship services and Sunday School.