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Following Jesus

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The Messenger

Plays Well with Others

By Jo Ann Emerson



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When you ask early childhood educators why children should attend preschool, you will hear something like this, “It helps your child socially and emotionally. In preschool, your child learns the art of cooperation, how to be respectful towards others, and how to solve problems. Preschool is a place where kids can gain confidence, explore, and play with friends.” In other words, preschool allows young children a safe place to learn how to play well with others.

I think we can all agree that God wants us to play well with others. But I know I find myself reverting back to solitary play – having the attitude that I can do it alone, no one understands what I’m going through, or I simply can’t care about anyone else right now. Unlike my child self, I can read God’s Word for guidance. And what will I find? A God who wants me to play well with others!

Stages of Play

Unoccupied Play:

Children watch others rather than play.

John 15:4-5: Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

Lesson: We can do nothing without God!

Solitary Play: *Children pursue their own activities within speaking distance of others.*

Proverbs 3:5: Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.

Lesson: Lean on Him!

Parallel Play: *Children play beside rather than with others.*

1 Corinthians 14:26: What is the outcome then, brethren? When you come together,

each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up.

Lesson: Worship together, encouraging each other!

Associative Play: *Children play with other children, converse about the activity, and borrow and loan play materials without organization or a common goal.*

Romans 15:5-6: May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Elizabeth Stephens Installation

By Pastor Mark Schulz

Beth Stephens has accepted the Call to be Trinity's Youth Family Minister! Her installation will take place on October 7 in the 8:30am service at the Shawnee

campus and the 11am service at the Mission campus. Please pray with thanksgiving to God for providing a new worker for our ministry, and pray also

for a smooth transition for Beth as she concludes her ministry in Battle Creek, MI, and begins at Trinity.

Mentor Orientation at Mission Campus

By Rhonda Synovec

September 30

9:35am

Mission Campus

There will be a mentor orientation meeting on September 30 at 9:35am in room 108. This meeting is for all children from second to fifth grade, their youth

or adult mentor, and parents. Mentor partnership is crucial to forming relationships at Trinity. Each mentor volunteers his or her time to make connections with each child. It is important that children come for Sunday School by

9:35am so that they can spend the full ten minutes with their mentor. Children two years through first grade will spend this first 10 minutes participating in classroom activities.



Stewardship Corner

By Pastor Mark Schulz



We have completed the first two months of our fiscal year, and thus far contributions are running slightly behind our projections. We know that statistics only tell a part of the story. Trinity has such an impact on the lives of our members as well as the community. This impact will grow as we welcome our new Youth Family Minister, Beth Stephens, to our staff. We believe that engagement fosters generosity as well as the flip side that generosity fosters engagement. As we keep the big picture in mind, we also need to focus on taking the

small steps that move us toward our goals. For you, perhaps that is committing to joining a Sunday Adult Bible Study, getting involved with a Life Group, intentionally and actively avoiding those Sunday morning events that compete with your time to worship our God, or considering setting up an automatic contribution plan. We know that life happens and sometimes you are unable to attend worship. An automatic contribution plan is a small step that will help you keep your giving commitment. Several options are availa-

ble: Bank bill-pay, Give+ phone app, on-line at www.tlcms.org or auto drafting set up via the church office. If you want to get started or have questions, please connect with our Administrator, Larry Conrad in the church office. We will continue to face financial challenges this year as our ministry continues to expand, but we have faith that God can do more than we can imagine. Please keep Trinity in your prayers, and faithfully consider how your gifts to God are reflective of His presence and generosity to you. God's Blessings!

Sermon Series Coming Soon: “Disciples Living as Grace-filled Stewards”

By Pastor Mark Schulz

How do you answer the question, “Who are you?” Most often we identify ourselves by our relationships—I’m a father or mother, son or daughter, husband or wife—or our profession—I’m a carpenter or teacher or businessperson or work in another of the myriad of available professions. As believers our identity is in Jesus. The Holy Spirit has called us by the Gospel, and we believe. Through God’s gracious gift of Baptism, the Holy Spirit works faith in our hearts so that we believe that Jesus is the Son of God

who came to earth to save us from sin, death, and the devil.

On September 30 we will begin a four-week sermon series titled “Disciples Living as Grace-filled Stewards,” focusing on our identity as disciples and stewards. It is humbling to realize that God has created us and redeemed us through His Son, Jesus, and sustains us, calls us, and gives us the privilege of being His disciples and stewards. The definitions of disciple and steward are different, but the ultimate purpose of both is

to serve God by helping all people come to faith in Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Through Word and Sacraments, the Holy Spirit changes and molds us to be disciples and stewards. It is not by own power or intellect that we fill these two different roles. By grace, God enables us to grow in faith and service to Him. Submitting our will to His, we are led and guided in our service.

Disciple: A disciple is identified as a “follower” and a “learner.” Jesus has chosen us to be His followers.



Steward: A steward is a manager of someone else’s property according to the desire and wishes of the owner. Because God has created and owns all things, we are God’s stewards.

We pray that God will bless our stewardship sermon series and that He will continually empower us to be used as His tools to help extend His kingdom.

Noisy Collection

By Julie Messbarger

On September 30 Trinity’s noisy collection will benefit the Adopt-a-Family

program at Rushton Elementary School. Bring your noisy (and not-so-

noisy) donations to church that Sunday.



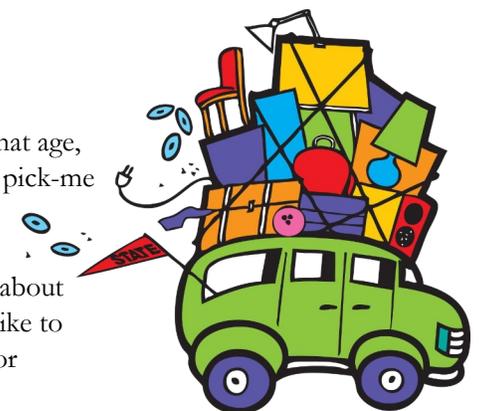
Caring Ministry College Student Adoption

By Tom Perry

Senior Ministry is wanting to team up this year with Rhonda Synovec and the youth ministry with cards and well wishes for our college students. We have approximately 24 students from Trinity who have gone

off to college and we want to give them some encouragement from home. What this entails is writing a card on their birthday and sending them well wishes at other pivotal times of their year. If you remember back

to when you were that age, it was always a neat pick-me-up to know that someone from home was thinking about you. If you would like to help, contact Tom or Rhonda.



LWML Sunday

By Elfriede Mobling



October 6-7

LWML Sunday is being celebrated October 6-7 at the Mission campus and October 7 at the Shawnee campus. We invite members of the

congregation to celebrate LWML Sunday with us by enjoying the quilts for Lutheran World Relief and Metro Lutheran Ministry on the pews at Mission and on the chairs at the Shawnee

campus, by browsing the display in the Mission campus foyer, and enjoying light refreshments at the reception between services at the Mission campus.

Soap Donations for Lutheran World Relief and Disaster Relief

By Elfriede Mobling



Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) is collecting 4-ounce or 5-ounce bars of individually wrapped soap for Lutheran

World Relief. Collection boxes will be available at both campuses September 16 through October 7. Please bring your donations

to the Soap Box located at either campus.

Plays Well with Others (continued)



Lesson: Live in harmony with the common goal of glorifying God!

Cooperative Play: *Children play in an organized group for the same purpose and common goal; a division of labor is evident with members of the group taking on different roles.*

Romans 12:4-8: For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given

to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Lesson: We have been given different talents, yet we are all part of the body of Christ!

Throughout the 2018-19 school year, the preschool staff will see the children they teach growing by leaps

and bounds. We pray that you, too, will grow – working together with fellow brethren, lifting each other up, having the common purpose of glorifying God. May you play well with others!

In His love,

Jo Ann Emerson

Preschool Director

Cancer Bag Service Project

By Tom Perry

Collection September and October

Assembly November 14

This fall Trinity will be collecting items for the assembly and distribution of cancer bags. We are trying to get the whole congregation involved at both campuses. During the months of September and October we will have places for you to drop off items that will help those who are undergoing cancer treatment. The Preschool has volunteered to help, and

we are looking for the best way for our Sunday school and youth to help.

The seniors will be assembling the bags on November 14th after a light lunch following the 50+ Bible class. We will take the bags to cancer treatment centers to be distributed. I invite you to be a part of this caring service project.

The Cancer Center hands out hats and they have plenty of knit style hats so they



are asking for ball cap style hats. They also provide puzzles for the chemo patients and have asked for puzzles that have no more than 500 pieces.

Bountiful Blessings Gift and Craft Festival

By Bonnie Gasaway

November 3

Bethany Lutheran Church

**9101 Lamar Avenue
Overland Park, KS**

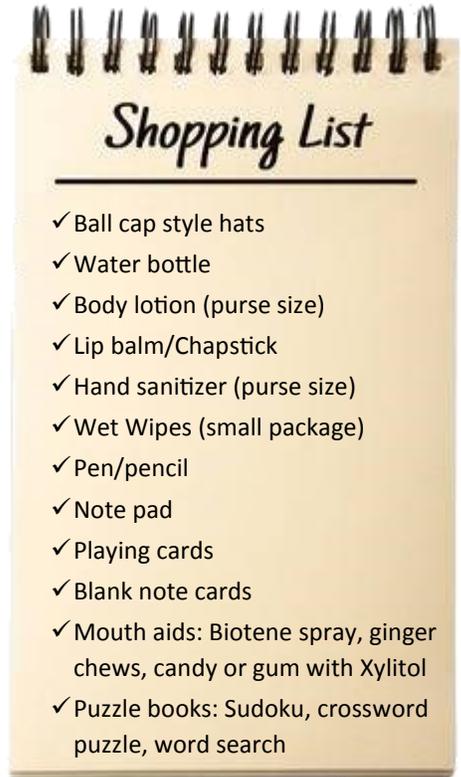
Gift and Craft Fair

9am-3pm

The Craft Fair is sponsored

by the eighth grade classes from Christ Lutheran School and Bethany Lutheran School, with proceeds going to their class trips. It is held at Bethany Lutheran Church and School, 9101 Lamar Avenue, Overland Park, KS. Over 50 vendors will be open for early

Christmas shopping from 9am – 3pm. Live entertainment and concessions will be featured, too! For vendor booth information, contact Christ Lutheran School, 913-754-5888.



- ### Shopping List
- ✓ Ball cap style hats
 - ✓ Water bottle
 - ✓ Body lotion (purse size)
 - ✓ Lip balm/Chapstick
 - ✓ Hand sanitizer (purse size)
 - ✓ Wet Wipes (small package)
 - ✓ Pen/pencil
 - ✓ Note pad
 - ✓ Playing cards
 - ✓ Blank note cards
 - ✓ Mouth aids: Biotene spray, ginger chews, candy or gum with Xylitol
 - ✓ Puzzle books: Sudoku, crossword puzzle, word search

Memory Verse

A word aptly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver.
Proverbs 25: 11



Hollis Renewal Center Events

By Erin Tiemann



Hollis 30th Anniversary Celebration - Pathways to our Future

October 13 | 5:30-9:30pm
Children's Mercy Park in the Ivy Investments Lounge

We invite you to join the Hollis community for an evening of fun and fellowship, as we celebrate the paths we have taken so far, and imagine the pathways yet to cultivate that will guide our next 30 years. Tickets are available at www.hollis30.eventbrite.com. www.holliscenter.org/hollis-30th-anniversary-celebration---pathways-to-our-future.html.



Storytelling: Uses in preaching, teaching, and congregational life

October 2, 2018 | 9:30am – 2pm
Hollis Lodge

Hollis welcomes Dr. Tracy Radosevic, Adjunct Professor at the Ecumenical Institute of Theology in Baltimore, Maryland, for a special learning event. Tracy is a featured speaker across the country, author of many articles, and produces a monthly podcast called "Faith in Focus: Movies that People of Faith Should See." For complete information about the event, visit www.holliscenter.org/education-events.html.



Hollis Ninth Annual Winter Art Fair

December 1-2, 2018

Now accepting artist applications! Each year Hollis has the privilege of hosting local artisans in the Hollis lodge for a two-day Art Fair. Mediums include pottery, photography, handmade jewelry, hand-turned woodworking, and more. Join us again by the warmth of the fire for our Ninth Annual Hollis Winter Art Fair. Visit www.holliscenter.org/hollis-winter-art-fair.html.

Therefore encourage one another...

1 Thessalonians 5:11 ESV

Birthdays



- September 26** – Audrey Garrelts, Donna Johnson, Michelle Steffens
- September 27** – Samantha Haas, Daniel Mojica, Cindy Scherb, Bill Simon
- September 28** – Nate Peterson, Elaine Steve, Debbie Unger, Laurie Wondersek, Reid Zelinko
- September 29** – Andrew Moore, Kinsley Pingel
- September 30** – Alice Baslee, Anthony Iezzi, Leighton Schroeder, Darrel Thomssen, Bill Weigel
- October 1** – Rex Garrelts, Betsy Kimball, Tim Oestmann, Courtney Quick, Amy Schlatter, Leah Theiss, McKinnon Walsh
- October 2** – John Barry, Katie Barta, Isabelle Conkling, Brett Duitsman, Pam Gieseke-Becker, Sloane Guerry, Jacob Mall, Logan Mall, Alaina McHugh, Al O’Connell, Debbie Quast, Jan Waugh
- October 3** – Ranae Hampton, Patti Loveall, Meryl McBride, Erin Rittmann, Arik Stenstrom, Zack Stephens
- October 4** – Susan Bartlett, Noree Cook, Sophia DeCamp, Molly Holderness, Linda Hoskins, Marilyn Kubler
- October 5** – Paulette Blunt, Bill Brownrigg, Josh Lehl, Jim Pattison, Cindy Shedor, Chris Zarda
- October 6** – Anderson Callies, Matt Eckelman, Bill Olson, Heath Wessling
- October 7** – Dave Crume, Haylee Hurt, Janet Jamison, Kate Schau, David Schnackenberg
- October 8** – Harper Hawk, Larry Jones, Ralph Ohlde
- October 9** – Abby Ford, Bob Killingsworth, Jeffrey Phelps, Jeff Unger

Anniversaries



- Steve & Judi Berg.....September 28 (**53rd**)
- Richard & Marianne Sloop.....September 28 (**64th**)
- Pete & Hannah Froehlich.....September 29 (11th)
- Drew & Sarah Keller.....October 1 (13th)
- Dick & Dee Pfeiffer.....October 4 (38th)
- Mark & Amy Savageau.....October 5 (**5th**)
- Doug & Theresa Behrens.....October 6 (**40th**)
- John & Jenny Peimann.....October 6 (17th)
- Jason & Emily Davis.....October 7 (18th)
- Dave & Toni Lehl.....October 8 (**30th**)
- Earl & Janet Jamison.....October 9 (17th)
- Al & Mary O’Connell.....October 9 (**58th**)
- Chris & Laura Pace.....October 9 (14th)
- David & Janet Stern.....October 9 (42nd)

Anniversaries and birthdays are listed from September 26—October 9. If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please contact the church office.

Prayers



Births

Luella Lalyn Prevo, great-granddaughter of Al and Mary O’Connell

Deaths

Melvin Alms, 9/8, Ruth Hanusch’s brother-in-law
David, son of Mary Welch and brother of Margie Galloway

Retirement Facility/Homebound

- Betty Becker, *Park Meadows*
- Don and Glenda Bischoff, *at home*
- Norma Brock, *at home*
- Phyllis Corthon, *Victory Hills*
- Ted Dahl, *at home*
- Walter and Donna Erickson, *at Garden Terrace*
- Conrad and Marjorie Fassold, *Lakeview Village*
- Allene Gantz, *Rose Estates*
- Ona Jean Harvey, *at home*
- Robert and Shirley Hemenway, *at home*
- Phyllis Henderson, *at home*
- Dick and Audrey Humes, *Santa Marta*
- Lois Klausen, *Delmar Gardens of OP*
- Jean Klemp, *McCrites Plaza Assisted Living*
- Ruth Kroenke, *at home*
- Richard Krueger, *Shawnee Post Acute and Rehabilitation Center*
- Betty Kueker, *Rose Estates*
- Evelyn Lauber, *Westchester Village*
- Pauline Mowder, *Shawnee Hills*
- Jerry and Lillian Mueller, *Westchester Village*
- Betty Peppers, *Bickford*
- Robert Reese, *The Sheridan at Overland Park*
- Garry and Joanne Schottman, *at home*
- Rose Seifferlein, *at home*
- Jerry and Mary Ellen Stephenson, *at Santa Marta*
- Jeanne Stevenson, *Kingswood*
- Helen Wendlandt, *at home*
- George Zschoche, *Aberdeen Village*

Member Prayers-Mission

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| Tom Dempsey | Al O’Connell |
| Quintyn Hendrich | Karen Phipps |
| Bill and Charlene Millsap | Marcie Scharnhorst |
| Ann Ninneman | Don Unger |

Member Prayers-Shawnee

- Marc Nelson
- Elaine Pattison
- Linda Winter

50+ Oktoberfest Party

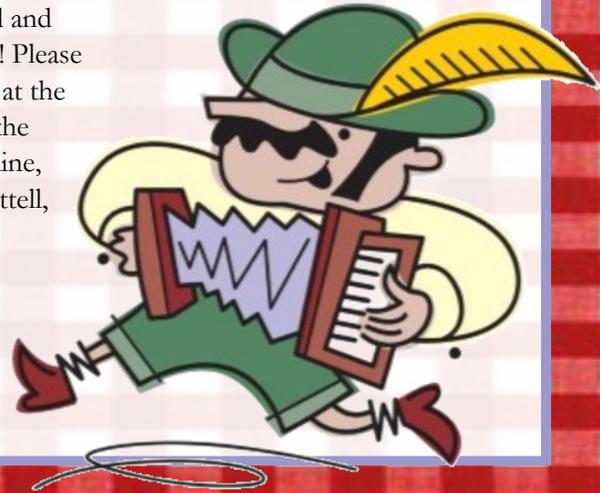
By Iva Schlatter and Barb Littell

11:30 am, October 10

Mission Campus

50+ is hosting their annual Oktoberfest on October 10 at 11:30am in the fellowship hall following the 10:15 Bible study in the Faith Factory. Your mouth will water for the traditional German meal of brats, sauerkraut, German potato salad, and apple crisp with ice cream. Members of both

campuses are invited and encouraged to come! Please RSVP by October 3 at the Welcome Center at the Mission campus, online, or by calling Barb Littell, 897-2292, or Iva Schlatter, 333-0981.



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The next deadline is Oct. 2 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.