

A Community

Following Jesus

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The Messenger

Have you taken your Life Measures Assessment? Login to Trinity Cloud and get started! Call Gretchen for help.

Senior Ministry 2017

By Tom Perry

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Dates to remember:

- February 12, Heart-to-Heart Breakfast, 8am-noon at Mission campus, between services at Shawnee campus
- February 12, LWR Coffee and Tea Sale, between services, Mission Campus
- February 12, 4pm, Luther Presentation, Hope Lutheran Church
- February 14, noon, Messenger deadline
- February 22, 11:30am, 50+ Chili Luncheon, Mission campus fellowship hall

What a wonderful group of fun-loving, motivated, and active children of God Trinity has! Our members sixty and older give freely of their time and treasure. Did you know that at least 21 of our weekend readers and communion servers, and 33 of our greeters and welcome center people are seniors? This number does not include members who count money, usher, work on the altar committee, volunteer in the office, and work on the property committee. We as a congregation are blessed by the work God has done through our seniors. Though we are gladened to see this involve-

ment, we should not be surprised by it. Neither should we look at this with boastful eyes.

You see this is what it means to be a "Community Following Jesus." Perhaps pride should be replaced with humble gratitude in knowing that the Creator has chosen us to be effective "tools" in His toolbox. Last July I attended the national convention of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in Milwaukee. It was quite a learning experience.

One of the surprising things I learned was that North America was the third largest Mission field for the advancement of Christianity. Our Synod is starting programs

to address this challenge. There are pushes to get deeper into the urban core, advance Hispanic and minority ministry, and expand missionary-type programs to take place right here in our own country. I applaud these desires but believe that the Synod is ignoring the church's greatest asset: you, the Christian senior community. The seniors of Trinity have demonstrated that spreading God's love is both meaningful and enjoyable. By volunteering their time and using the gifts God has given them, other people take notice. When they see you living a life of purpose, they look to see how they can capture some of that as well. Giving of your-

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TOOL INSTRUCTION MANUALS

February 24

Speaker Series Talk

**What do you want to do with
the rest of your life?**

Rev. Lee Hovel

2pm | Mission Sanctuary

March 10

Speaker Series Talk

All about Hospice

2pm | Mission Sanctuary

May TBA

**Newly and Soon to be Retired
Workshop**

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self has a positive effect in at least three different ways: 1) When you give to others food, service, or care they are helped in a real physical way. 2) When you have been noticed serving, others want to do the same. This opens the heart for the Holy Spirit to do His work. 3) When you see how God is working through you it increases your sense of fulfillment and purpose. We are the tools in God's "toolbox." We are the tools He uses to spread the Gospel message of love and salvation. What greater privilege can we have than to be a tool used by the Master craftsman to build up His kingdom? Do you know what kind of tool you are? Are you being well used? In 2017 we are focusing on being well used and cared for tools. God's workshop here will be an enjoyable place, an innovative place, a meaningful place. It is a place where we work to further the Master's design. We want to help you be the best tool possible. Not all of us are hammers, some of us are planes. Some of us may be plows and some pruners. Have you ever mused about a project or ministry you wanted to pursue, but didn't know how

to get started? We are here to help you find a way to "give it a go." Our goal is to help you realize your God-given gifts and purpose. I pray God's work through you will be fun, exciting, and rewarding.

Senior Bodies

A poem by Roselea Nellis

We really don't care to admit it,
But our bodies have seen better days.
Much of our get up and go is gone.
With our youth, we have now parted ways.

Perhaps we've had some awakenings
When we have felt more dead than alive,
But, alas, we are all gathered here,
For by the grace of God, we survived!

Take a look around at the tables,
There is another body we see.
A body made up of believers,
The likes of you and of me.

On Wednesdays we all come together,
It is here that we gather each week.
We seem to have so much in common,
Yet each person is truly unique.

We come as friends, and come as family,
Our concern for each other is clear.
We share in a special bond of faith,
Words of love and truth are spoken here.

I thank God that through this ministry,
We can be nurtured and still growing,
With increased faith and understanding
Of the one true God, all-knowing.

May God richly bless all the leaders,
And all those hidden behind the scenes,
I can not find the words to express,
Just how much this ministry means.

I pray this body will outlast mine,
May it continue to thrive and excel,
May the God of love and of mercy,
Bless it, and keep it, alive and well!



TOOL ACCESSORIES

Legacy Interview DVD

Legacy Diary

Gift Inventory

Life Measures Assessment

My Reasons

A poem by Roselea Nellis

Why do I come here, week after week?
What am I after? What do I seek?
Is it the welcome I get at the door?
Is it the treats that I know are in store?
Is it the joke I know Iva will share,
Or Tom's announcements that make me
aware?

Is it the fellowship I know I will find,
Or all the dear faces, familiar and kind?
Is it to learn from our dear Pastor Ron,
Or to gain strength as I journey on?
Is it the sharing, the caring, the love?
THANKS BE TO GOD!
It is all the above.

50+ Chili Luncheon, February 22

By Iva Schlatter and Barb Littell

50+ will be having their annual Chili Luncheon on Wednesday, February 22, at approximately 11:30am following their normal Bible study at 10:15am at the Mission campus. Bible Study will be in the lounge with

the lunch following in the fellowship hall. All members who are of the "golden" age are invited to attend this fun and delicious event. Reservations are requested by February 15. There is a signup sheet at the Mission

Welcome Center. Contact Iva Schlatter, 913-530-9264, or Barb Littell, 913-897-2292 with any questions. The cost is \$6 per person. Come and enjoy delicious chili, cornbread, and desserts!



Senior Ministry Presentation

By Tom Perry

On February 24 at 2pm in the Mission campus sanctuary, Trinity Pastor Emeritus Lee Hovel will be speaking. Though recently retired, he will be talking to us about

the question, "What do you want to do with the rest of your life?" We all come in contact with a variety of people everyday and what we do and how we act can

have a lasting influence on them. We encourage you and your friends to join us. All are welcome and the afternoon is at no charge. I hope to see you there.



Whimsical Mystery Dinner

By Tom Perry

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

The weather may hinder us, but we are persistent in our efforts to have fun! The Mystery Dinner was originally scheduled for January 14, but the ice storm forced a rescheduling. 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. Rumor has it that Bill Millsap will be

serenading us as we dine. 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.



Office Help Needed

By Gretchen Hollman

Due to some turnover in volunteer staff, the church office is in great need of help. Office volunteers are a significant asset to the church office in helping things run efficiently. The main job of an office volunteer is to answer phones and greet incoming visitors. Other volunteer duties are given based on the skills and

willingness of the volunteer. The office volunteers provide significant relief to Gretchen, allowing her to attend meetings, concentrate on detailed work, visit the Shawnee campus, run errands, and occasionally attend to her children's events. Each office volunteer is scheduled typically for a half day once a week.

The most needed times are Monday afternoons, Wednesday mornings, Wednesday afternoons, and Thursday mornings. Other possible tasks include entering Shawnee worship attendance records each week, making photocopies, helping with mailings, and recording memorial contributions. In return, the volun-

teer gets free coffee, daily hugs, Christian camaraderie, and the knowledge that he or she is serving the Lord in a very tangible way. If you are interested in helping, please contact Gretchen: Gretchen@tlcms.org, 913-432-5441. Thank you for considering this important task!

Guatemala Mission 2017

By Vicar Ben Vineyard



Trinity will be returning to Guatemala this summer, July 15-22. We ask for your prayers for this mission. I pray that God might gather from us another wonderful group to be a blessing of grace to the people we'll meet there. Our time will include relational presence, working on homes for Guatemalan families in need, and visiting the village of

Chuchipaca to distribute donated shoes and sweaters. A Vacation Bible School may also be part of the activities. For more information please email Vicar Ben at Benjamin@tlcms.org.

Last Sunday, there was information available about Trinity's Guatemala mission at the Shawnee campus and this Sunday, February 5,

there will be information available at the Mission campus. Members of last year's mission team will be present with the displays after the 8:30 service through before the 11am service in the foyer. Come learn what we've seen God doing among the people of Panajachel and Chuchipaca!

Lutheran World Relief Coffee and Tea Sale

By Elfriede Mohling



Lutheran World Relief coffee and tea sale will be held between worship services at the Mission Campus on Sunday, **February 12**. Be sure to stop by the table to select from the wide variety of flavors available, including two new flavors. Selected varieties are available for purchase in the gift shop

between sale dates. The large purple and white mite box will be available on the coffee table to deposit your loose change. One of the many mission projects being supported by your donation is Lutheran Families Services Centers. Learn more about this project from the poster behind the mite box.

Thank you for your support! Great News! The cost of the Recipes for the Soul cookbook has been reduced to \$5 each and will be available for purchase at the coffee table. These make great gifts for weddings or any other occasion.

Choir Resumes

By Ben A. Spalding



The Trinity Choir will resume rehearsals starting Wednesday, March 1, with the 7pm Ash Wednesday service. The choir sings for the 8:30 and 11am Sunday worship services. Rehearsals are Wednesdays, March-May from 7-8:30pm, (7:30

in Lent). The choir is open to all including new members without audition. In addition to Sunday services, the choir presents concerts each season. We work together to develop a collective sense of community—musically and spiritually—

that enables us to share God's love with one another and with our congregation. Many people find the experience of singing in choir to be a place where they feel most connected to others, to their faith, and to God.

Preschool Enrollment Now Open

By Jo Ann Emerson

Trinity Lutheran Church Preschool begins open enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year on February 3 at 8am. The preschool serves children age 3 and potty trained through pre-kindergarten. Trinity's preschool is accredited by the National Lutheran Schools Accreditation and by the

Christian Early Childhood Association. Here are some of the glowing remarks that parents say about the preschool: "Trinity Lutheran Church Preschool provides the perfect balance of social, academic, and spiritual growth for my child."

"My son has been excited each day to go, which I at-

tribute to the teaching and school environment."

"Communication has been great. I would recommend it to anyone."

If you or anyone you know is interested in a great preschool, contact director Jo Ann Emerson, joann@tlcms.org, or visit tlcms.org.



Abigail Circle Book Drive

By Janai Tisdale

The Abigail Circle of Trinity's active Lutheran Women's Missionary League is collecting books during the months of January and February to benefit children in the Kansas City metro area through Reach Out and

Read KC. To donate, drop books off at the marked receptacles at each campus.

New books are preferred, please see the list at tlcms.org. Gently used children's books that are clean,

readable, and with intact covers and pages are also appreciated.

No adult or religious books, please. See tlcms.org for book suggestions.



House of Tudors

By Ben A. Spalding

Friday, February 24
7:30 pm

St. Cecilia Cathedral
Omaha, NE

Saturday, February 25
7:30 pm

Visitation Church
Kansas City, MO

Sunday, February 26
4:00 pm

Grace Cathedral
Topeka, KS

For more than a century, the Kingdoms of England and Ireland were united under the rule of the Tudor dynasty. Henry VIII's break with the Catholic Church, Queen Mary's return to the Roman faith of her mother, and Elizabeth's union of England under the Anglican Church were the backdrop for what was England's golden age of musical composition – one which saw



both tumult and glory. Spire traces the stunning musical legacy of England's most memorable first family by featuring the works of Thomas Tallis, William

Byrd, and Sheppard, plus modern descendants of the Tudor dynasty, including Britten, Vaughan Williams, and more.

For tickets visit spirechamberensemble.org.

Thank You from Blessings Abound!

By Tony Whitter, Executive Director



Thank you, Trinity family, for the honor you bestowed on me as Pastor Emeritus. I will treasure the memory and the honor. I am thankful to God as I watch Trinity invest itself as a "Community Following Jesus," serving its members and community in bold and new ways. Susan and I pray daily for Trinity, its staff, lay leaders, and ministry. I remain "wide-eyed on tip toe" excited to see what great things God will accomplish through Trinity, a "Community Following Jesus."

God bless!
Pastor Lee



On behalf of the Board and 150+ Blessings Abound volunteers, thank you for your support in 2016! We had a fantastic year and the ministry continues to grow. Because of your generosity, 2016 was a year of tremendous growth in our mission to help those in need through the resale and redistribution of donated items. Our ministry supports food distributions, permanent housing for homeless individuals, cross-cultural ministry, annual Christmas stores, home repair and numerous other poverty-relief ministries through the KC Metro. Blessings Abound has many local partnerships, including Safehome, Ozanam Pathways, Kim Wilson Housing, Happy Bottoms and others. BA also continued our sup-

port of MLM's 32 housing units for individuals with disabilities, as well as the furnishing needs of Learning to Earning and MLM case management clients. We value these ministry partnerships and look for continued growth in 2017. Our donations and store traffic grew significantly in 2016 and with it, more volunteers from all walks of life. As a result of this increased support, our financial contributions to MLM and LUMA grew significantly. I'm confident that 2017 will bring an increased awareness as to the needs of those around us, and BA volunteers will respond ready to serve as called. Thank you for your generosity and continued support! As always, we accept gently

used furniture, clothing, housewares, linens, decor, collectibles, toys, electronics, sporting goods, seasonal decorations, and small office items. Call 913-648-0700 or email blessingsaboundkc@gmail.com for large item pick-ups. Want to be a part of this ministry to Kansas City? We NEED your help. Please contact Maryann Grace, Volunteer Coordinator, at Maryann.Blessings@gmail.com or 913-247-8207. Consider shopping at Blessings Abound. BA strives to be the best thrift store in KC. We have a wide selection of (very inexpensive) items. It's great stewardship! Have a blessed 2017!

"Luther and the Reformation" Presentation

Sunday, February 12
4pm
Hope Lutheran Church
6308 Quivira Road
Shawnee, KS

The observance of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation in 2017 will get underway at Hope with a presentation on "Luther and the Reformation" on Sunday, February 12, at 4:00 p.m. The guest lecturer will be Dr. Mary Jane Haemig, Professor of Church History at Luther Seminary in St.

Paul, Minnesota. The topic of her lecture will be "Luther and the Reformation... Why It Still Matters." Prof. Haemig is a specialist in the study of the Lutheran Reformation, serving as the Director of Reformation Research Program at Luther Seminary. She appeared in the Lutheran Hour Ministries video, "A Man Named Martin." This past fall Dr. Haemig was a guest presenter at the Theological Symposium of Con-

cordia Seminary, St. Louis. Dr. Haemig's presentation will be followed by a fellowship meal in Concord Hall. The day will conclude with an evening setting of worship featuring hymns of Dr. Martin Luther. Plan to attend what promises to be an informative and inspiring evening. Spread the word to others who might be interested and invite them to join us for this Reformation 500 event.



Therefore encourage one another...
1 Thessalonians 5:11 ESV

Birthdays



- February 8** – Forrest Henslee, Hillary Henslee, Debbie Kimbell, Annette Kramer, Bob Wilson
- February 9** – Lana Hansen, Sophie Mitra, Brad Veal
- February 11** – Bill Kuehn, Kristy Lamus, Lindy Lindhorst, Addison Stewart
- February 12** – Emily Lehl, Paul Pearce, Jason Pennewell, Dean Schempp
- February 13** – Arabella McNeely, Kayla Smith, Adam Stroker
- February 14** – Joshua Gantz
- February 15** – Susan Boehnke, Sarah Loos, Gage Prothe
- February 16** – Amber Brown, Linda Dodson, Noah Kemper
- February 17** – Andrew Fruehling, Diane Lauber, Sheryl Schlatter
- February 18** – Brian Chansky, Colton Jenkins, Sylvia Metiva, Jolynne Moore, Megan Press, Charles Schlatter, Sam Williams
- February 19** – Julie Bitter, Margie Gallaway, Denise Jarrett
- February 20** – Nathanael Adams, Jann Fowler, Mark Webster, Ken Wells, Rob Williams
- February 21** – Gary Akers, Brandon Pittenger, Kristen Schnackenberg, Colton Small

Anniversaries



- Marty & Dee QuickFebruary 12 (40th)
- Rich & Laurie WondersekFebruary 12 (18th)
- Leo & Jean Schlesselman.....February 14 (8th)
- Joshua & Becky PetersFebruary 16 (9th)
- Dave & Debbie Dearth.....February 18 (45th)
- Gene & Darlene LimbackFebruary 20 (52nd)
- Wayne & Nancy Meyer.....February 21 (36th)

Memory Verse

*...let your light shine before men,
 that they may see your good deeds
 and praise your Father in heaven.*

Matthew 5:16

Prayers

Deaths

David Andrist, 1/13

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, *Johnson County Nursing Center*
- 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

- Bert Corpeny
- Tom Dempsey
- Kathy Ellwein
- Quintyn Hendrich
- Betty Kueker
- Charlene Millsap
- Jane Musgrove
- Marty Quick
- Bob Riebel

Member Prayers-Shawnee

Erin Tieman

Heart-to-Heart Pancake Breakfast February 12

**9:30 - 11am
Shawnee Campus
Lower Level**

**8am - noon
Mission Campus
Fellowship Hall**

Everyone in the congregation is invited to the annual Heart-to-Heart pancake breakfast on February 12, 8am – noon, in the Mission campus fellowship hall and 9:30-11am at the Shawnee Campus in the lower level. A freewill offering will be taken to benefit the Heart-to-Heart assistance fund. Proceeds go toward supporting those in need of assistance.

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The next deadline is Feb. 14 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.