

A Community

Following Jesus

Volume 32, Issue 22

The Messenger

Advent 2017: "Songs of the Savior"

By Ben A. Spalding

Inside this issue:

<i>Advent Devotionals</i>	4-5
<i>Christmas Decorating</i>	6
<i>Christmas Store</i>	7
<i>50+ Christmas Party</i>	9
<i>Handel's Messiah</i>	11
<i>A Season of Giving</i>	13



Dates to remember:

- November 22, 7pm, Thanksgiving Eve Services, p. 2
- November 28, noon, *Messenger* deadline
- December 1, Christmas Decorating, p. 6
- December 8, 1pm, Christmas Caroling, p. 7
- December 9, Advent Lessons and Carols, p. 9
- December 13, 50+ Christmas Party, p. 9

“Oh Sing to the Lord. . .for he comes. . .!” (Psalm 96:1, 13) “Advent - He comes! Prepare to meet him!”

The beginning of a new church year is a time for earnest reflection and penitent preparation for the coming of the Lord, in vivid contrast to the world’s frenzied frivolity of greed and materialism. The color is blue, the color of hope, hope that is never completely fulfilled in this life, but confidently assured

by the coming of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. He has come to dwell among us (John 1:14) as flesh of our flesh, deeply involved in every facet of our lives, redeeming us for new life with God. He will come at the end of time to raise us to God and to make all things right again in the “new heavens and new earth.” What else can we do but sing?

So often, the most exacting and precise response to

God’s great acts of deliverance in the coming of our Lord is poetic expression. So we join in the “Songs of the Savior” this Advent season, beginning with our service of Advent Lessons and Carols on Saturday, December 9 at 5:30 p.m., continuing with the Sundays in Advent and with joy unbounded on Christmas Eve. Will you join us for the “Songs of the Savior?”



November 19

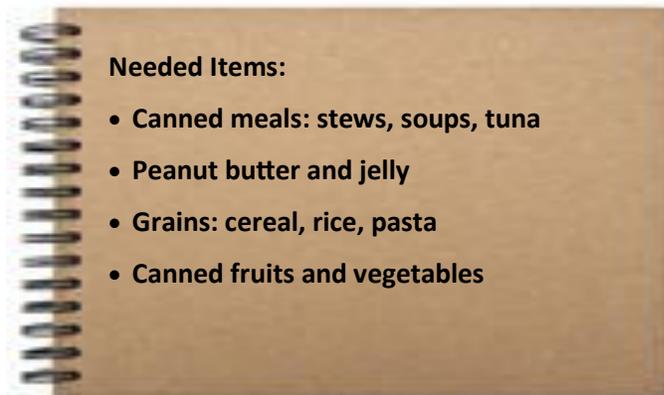
MLM Thanksgiving Food Drive Due Date

By Susie Sebram



The holidays are coming! Please bring food to help others through Metro Lutheran Ministry.

Grocery sacks were distributed on Sunday November 5. Please use these sacks to bring food to church by Sunday, November 19.



Needed Items:

- Canned meals: stews, soups, tuna
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Grains: cereal, rice, pasta
- Canned fruits and vegetables



November 22

Thanksgiving Eve Services

By Ben A. Spalding and Pastor Phil Cook



**7pm, Wednesday
November 22
Both Campuses**

Mission Campus: Worship with Praise Reports

Think about what you are thankful for and enjoy a

time of sharing these praise reports during the service.

Shawnee Campus: “Pie and Praise”

Come join us for a less formal time of worship as we give thanks to God for all his blessings. We'll sing a few songs, take time to

intentionally reflect on God's blessings, enjoy just being with our church family, and of course, EAT PIE! This year, we'll end with a simple family bedtime devotion. Bring your favorite pie to share!



Memory Verse: Psalm 107:1

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.*

November 26

Poinsettia Orders Due

By Connie Koetting and Gretchen Hollman

\$5.50 per plant

Mission Campus

Poinsettia orders are now being taken to beautify the Mission sanctuary for Christmas. The poinsettia, also known as the Christmas Star or Christmas Flower, originated in Mexico and was named after Joel Roberts Poinsett, the first US ambassador to Mexico

and an amateur botanist. The beautiful flower has long been associated with Christmas. It symbolizes good cheer, mirth, and celebration.

If you are interested in helping to beautify the sanctuary with this meaningful flower, please see the signup on the easel in the foyer. Orders are due by November 26.



The Festival of Christ the King

By the Worship Committee

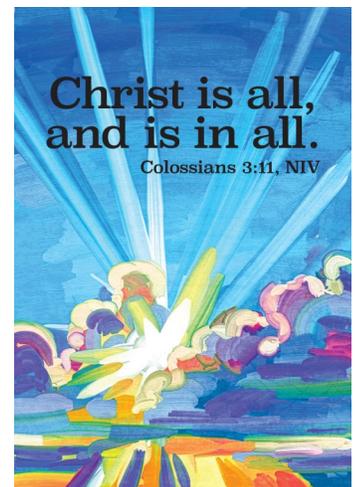
On November 26 we celebrate Christ the King Sunday as the last Sunday of the church year. The color is festival white. We acknowledge joyfully that Jesus Christ is King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He is King over all. And he will return as our King in glory.

The festival of Christ the King is a relatively recent addition to the liturgical calendar, having been first instituted by Pope Pius XI. It was first celebrated in

1925, in the midst of the European political turmoil of the 1920s and 1930s. It was intended to proclaim God's reign over a world wracked by one world war and facing another. That truth can still be proclaimed today. No human system is forever. None can claim absolute allegiance. Only Christ is sovereign.

On this last Sunday of the church year, come and worship with us! The 8:30 and 11am services at the Mission campus will

captivate you with triumphant music and rousing hymn arrangements. All the services are centered around the eternal reign of our Savior and his final judgment on the last day. We rejoice that Jesus Christ is our King and that his kingdom will have no end.



November 27

Abide and Listen to God: An Advent Journey in Community Reading

By Pastor Ben Vineyard

Invitation

When I found your words,
I devoured them;

They became my joy and
the happiness of my heart.

– *Jeremiah 15:16*

Abide and Listen to God

An Advent Journey
in Community Reading

Let us get up then, at long last, for the Scriptures awaken us when they say, “It is high time for us to arise from sleep” (Romans 13:11). Let us open our

eyes to the light that comes from God, and our ears to the voice from the heavens that every day calls out this word: “If you hear God’s voice today, do not harden your hearts” (Psalm 95:8).

– *Benedict of Nursia,
Sixth Century*

There’s a picture of Jesus on my wall where Jesus is holding an open Bible (photo at right). His eyes are warm and present. The Bible pages read: “I am the Living Bread. Come to me you who labor and are burdened and I will refresh you.”

It does me good to sit in front of that picture now and then, to be still for a moment. To hear for myself that written invitation: Come to me...

“Come to me.” The words echo in my heart’s deepest chambers and my heart responds. I find a Bible and begin to read. *Tolle Lege*, (“take and read”) are the words St. Augustine heard in a dream. They also fill my heart.

“Take and read.”

“Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have become to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God” (John 6:68-69).

Will you read with me? Will you listen for the voice of God, the voice of Life in this season of Advent? I want to hear the Word of God. I want my cavernous heart to be filled with the Presence of Christ and the Spirit of God. I want the same for you, for all of us, all ages and stages among us.

Follow me in these readings, these questions, these prompts toward prayer. Let’s listen every day and know that we are not alone in this pursuit of God but know that God pursues us and that we, together, are listening with one common attention.

The steps of this journey are arranged so that, “the strong have something to yearn for and the weak nothing to run from” (Benedict of Nursia). If a journey like this is new to you, you will find

accessible steps. If this is familiar, I hope you will find an energizing challenge.

Each day will have a shorter reading and a longer reading. You decide which is best for you and I challenge you to stretch for the longer, that the roots of your soul might be soaked longer in the waters of the Word.



Questions will follow the readings. These are prompts for thinking,

journaling, and conversation—whatever you are disposed to. Allow the questions to take you back to the Scriptures. The Scriptures will be the Living and Active Word that they are and will call your heart to prayer.

That's all there is to it. From this springs forth new life. As you journey through your days, words that you read will come to mind. The Spirit of God will guide your steps through the day. Attend to the Word that you might attend to the Spirit. Both lead you to walk with the Father and within the Father's love.

Attend. Listen. Be still and know...

I have found great benefit in setting aside a dedicated space and time for such practices. I have a worn out green recliner with a small table beside it. There are stacks of books all over with a candle free of the books. The candle is ready for light and a pocket cross sits below it. My young boys sometimes come downstairs and find me there in the early morning. They puff at the candle. Sometimes the youngest climbs onto my lap. My reading stops and I

hold him like Christ holds me. The Word just takes a different form then.

Find your place and your time. Set them aside with whatever might nurture attention and intentionality. And receive whatever comes your way as a gift. Receive the Word. Receive the contemplation of the Spirit. Receive the interruptions. Dwell forever in the grace of God that intends to fill your heart with faith, with peace, with hope. The Lord is reading you as much as you are reading the Lord.

Tolle Lege

(Take and Read)

Oremus Pro Invicem

(Let us pray for one another)

Your happy brother in the faith,

Pastor Ben

P.S. This journey will work well for individuals, for families, or for other groups. Simply journey the road together: Read, think, pray, and live.

In addition to the above advent devotional, another resource will be available for young families at Trinity and Trinity's preschool families. We will have these all available the Sunday before Advent begins (November 26).

Advent 1

*Songs of the Savior: Nunc Dimittis**By the Worship Committee*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,

Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

—Luke 2:29-32 (KJV)

From LCMS.org:

Another Lutheran contribution to the church's liturgy is the use of the Nunc Dimittis as the post-communion canticle. At first glance it appears that we're taking the words of Simeon completely out of context. After all, what does his experience have to do with ours?

How can Holy Communion ever compare

to Simeon's unique honor of holding the infant Jesus in his arms during the child's first visit to the temple at the tender age of 40 days (Luke 2:25-38)?

Of course, we would love to have been in the temple and shared in the experience with Simeon. For that matter, we would give anything to have been the first — along with the shepherds — to see the infant Jesus, or to have been with the Magi as they offered their gifts to him.

But, as Luther so insightfully taught, we don't find Christ in those places. Through the events of his incarnation, birth, crucifixion, and resurrection our Lord has accomplished our salvation.

But the benefits of his saving work — forgiveness, life, and salvation — are

distributed to us through his means of grace, his Word and Sacraments. We can't go back to stand with Simeon in the temple. The good news is that we don't have to.

So when, following our reception of the Lord's Supper, we sing Simeon's ancient song of faith — “Lord, now let your servant depart in peace” — nothing could be more appropriate. Indeed, our eyes have seen his salvation. Better yet, we have tasted and seen that the Lord is good (Ps. 34:8).

So, what could be better than holding the infant Jesus in our arms? How about eating and drinking his body and blood given for the forgiveness of our sins? This truly is heaven on earth, because here we have Jesus and all his benefits.

*Christmas Decorating at Mission Campus**By Julie Mohling***Friday, December 1, 5pm**

Come help us decorate for Christmas! It is that time of year again to decorate the church for the holidays on Friday, December 1, starting at 5pm (but you can come at

any time). We will decorate and have dinner, finishing around 9pm. Any and all are welcome to come help, with many different levels of jobs to be done. It is a joyful time of preparation and being with our church com-

munity to prepare for this joyful Advent and Christmas season. If you have any questions you may contact Julie Mohling at 913-541-2059 or jmohl4@yahoo.com.



MLM Christmas Store: Donations Due December 3

By Metro Lutheran Ministry

The MLM Christmas Store makes Christmas a little merrier for needy families in December. Since the MLM Christmas Store serves close to 1,000 disadvantaged families, the

need is great! Bring your unwrapped gifts to church and place under the Christmas tree. Gifts for teenage boys and girls are always needed such as make-up kits, jewelry, wallets,

team gear, and sports equipment. Suggestions for other needed gifts are in baskets by the Christmas tree. Questions? Please contact Susan Schram, 913-492-5334.



Christmas Caroling—December 8

By Tom Perry

When: December 8, 1pm, Mission campus

What: Caroling at assisted living facilities

Who: All ages are encouraged to come

Transportation: Carpool from Mission campus, return before 4pm

On Friday, December 8, members from Trinity will again go Christmas caroling to some assisted living facilities where Trinity members are residents.

Last year this was well received by both the carolers and those being caroled to. The range in age of those caroling was from 4 to 90+ years old. For some, this was how they were able to enjoy Christmas. It does not matter if you are a concert soloist or have trouble carrying a tune in a bucket. You are needed and wanted. We will meet in the foyer at the Mission campus at 1pm, perhaps have a cup of cider,

maybe warm up, then off we go. We will carpool as best we can. We will first sing at the Healthcare Resort of Shawnee Mission (76th and Antioch) and are scheduled to sing at 1:30pm. From there we will travel to Addington Place (79th and Somerset) and sing at the memory unit and then to the rest of the residents. Then it is back to church. If you have any questions or suggestions, let Tom know, Tom@tlcms.org. Noel!



MLM Christmas Store Volunteers Needed

By Metro Lutheran Ministry

Metro Lutheran Ministry staff and volunteers are busy preparing for the 2017 Christmas Store! With your help, MLM will serve over 850 families at this special event.

Christmas Store Elves (most needed!)

When: Wednesday, December 6 – Saturday, December 9

Where: Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1700 Westport Road, Kansas City, MO 64109

What: Walk through the store with guests and help

them shop, assist with other Christmas Store needs.

Christmas Store Set-up

When: Sunday, December 3 – Tuesday, December 5

Where: Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1700 Westport Road, Kansas City, MO



Advent 2

*Songs of the Savior: Benedictus**By Gretchen Hollman*

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people,

And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David;

As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began:

That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us;

To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant;

The oath which he swore to our father Abraham,

That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear,

In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins,

Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us,

To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

—Luke 1:68-79 (KJV)

The Benedictus, also called the Song of Zechariah, is the song that Zechariah sang on the occasion of his son's circumcision, his son being John the Baptist.

Benedictus means “good word” in Latin, thus the song gets its name from the first line: “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel.”

Zechariah was overjoyed for many reasons, including the fact that he could once again speak after being struck mute because of his doubt.

The song or canticle has two parts. The first gives thanks to God for the realization that God is following through on his messianic hope for a savior. Zechariah knows that Mary's son, his relative, will be the savior. The second portion is proclaiming his son John's future role as a prophet foretelling Jesus' ministry.

Join us in the second week of Advent as we sing joyfully along with Zechariah.



Advent Lessons and Carols

By Ben A. Spalding

**Saturday, December 9
5:30pm**

Mission Campus

**Featuring the Störling
Dance Theater**

Join us for a uniquely profound version of a service of Lessons and Carols with the theme "Come Now, Prince of

Peace." This festival assumes the pattern of a service of Lessons and Carols incorporating readings from scripture, congregational Advent hymns, and choir anthems. In addition, we will be treated to liturgical dance incorporated into the service by the Störling Dance Theater.

"Let them praise his name with dancing,
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!"

—Psalm 149:3



50+ Christmas Party

By Iva Schlatter and Barb Littell

**Wednesday
December 13, 11:30am**

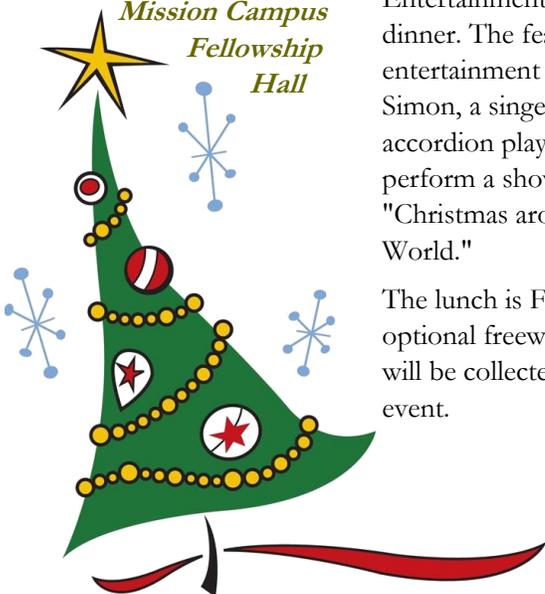
**Mission Campus
Fellowship
Hall**

Enjoy a catered turkey dinner with all the fixings! Entertainment will follow dinner. The featured entertainment is Betty Jo Simon, a singer and accordion player who will perform a show entitled "Christmas around the World."

The lunch is FREE. An optional freewill offering will be collected at the event.

Please RSVP by December 6 in one of four ways:

1. By calling Iva Schlatter, 913-333-0981, or Barb Littell, 913-897-2292
2. By calling the church office at 913-432-5441
3. At the 50+ Bible study
4. Or online at tlcms.org.



Advent 3

Songs of the Savior: Magnificat

By Gretchen Hollman



And Mary said,
 “My soul magnifies the
 Lord, and my spirit rejoices
 in God my Savior,

for he has looked on the
 humble estate of his
 servant.

For behold, from now on
 all generations will call me
 blessed;

for he who is mighty has
 done great things for me,
 and holy is his name.

And his mercy is for those
 who fear him from
 generation to generation.

He has shown strength
 with his arm; he has
 scattered the proud in the

thoughts of their hearts;
 he has brought down the
 mighty from their thrones
 and exalted those of humble
 estate;

he has filled the hungry with
 good things, and the rich he
 has sent away empty.

He has helped his servant
 Israel, in remembrance of
 his mercy,

as he spoke to our fathers,
 to Abraham and to his
 offspring forever.”

—Luke 1:46-55 (ESV)

Imagine being visited by an
 angel as a young girl and
 told that you were expecting
 a child. Not only that, but

that your child will be the
 savior of the world! The
 Magnificat, also called the
 Song of Mary, is the song
 that Mary sang on this very
 occasion. Imagine her fear
 and wonderment upon
 being chosen for one of the
 greatest honors that could
 ever be given to a human
 being. However, even at
 that tender age, the virgin
 Mary speaks a profound
 message of humility and
 God’s mercy. She is God’s
 servant who willingly
 accepts the responsibility.

Join us in the third week of
 Advent as we sing in
 humble awe along with
 Mary.

Children’s Christmas Worship

By Rhonda Synovec

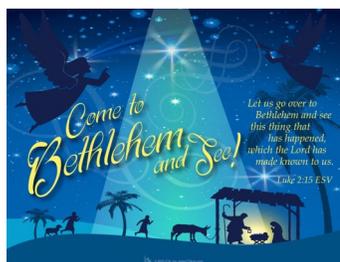
Sunday, December 17
11am Services
Both Campuses

Children's Christmas
 Rehearsal for K-5th grades
 has already begun in
 preparation for Children’s
 Christmas Worship on
 December 17. Rehearsals
 continue during the Sunday
 school hour 9:45 -
 10:45am.

Our worship is called
 “Come to Bethlehem and
 See!” The children will lead
 worship as they share the
 story of what happened that
 Christmas night in
 Bethlehem.

We also will have special
 Christmas-focused lessons
 each week before we begin
 rehearsals. This year we will
 be digging into “Songs of
 the Christmas Story!”

Christmas hymns and carols
 tell the true story of Jesus’
 birth. These lessons will
 share the Christmas story
 from Isaiah and Luke and
 also share the history of
 four special hymns through
 Scripture, hands-on
 experiences, and hymn
 history. They even provide a
 family take-home sheet each
 week so you can continue
 the discussion/lesson at
 home together.



Handel's Messiah: A Christmas Tradition

By Ben A. Spalding



Messiah has rendered audiences breathless since its 1743 debut, and Spire's annual performance in Helzberg Hall has become a Kansas City tradition for the whole family. Let the glorious voices of Spire,

and the virtuoso playing of the Spire Baroque Orchestra on original period instruments be your guide to this indisputable masterpiece of Classical music.

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE: Messiah Sing-Along

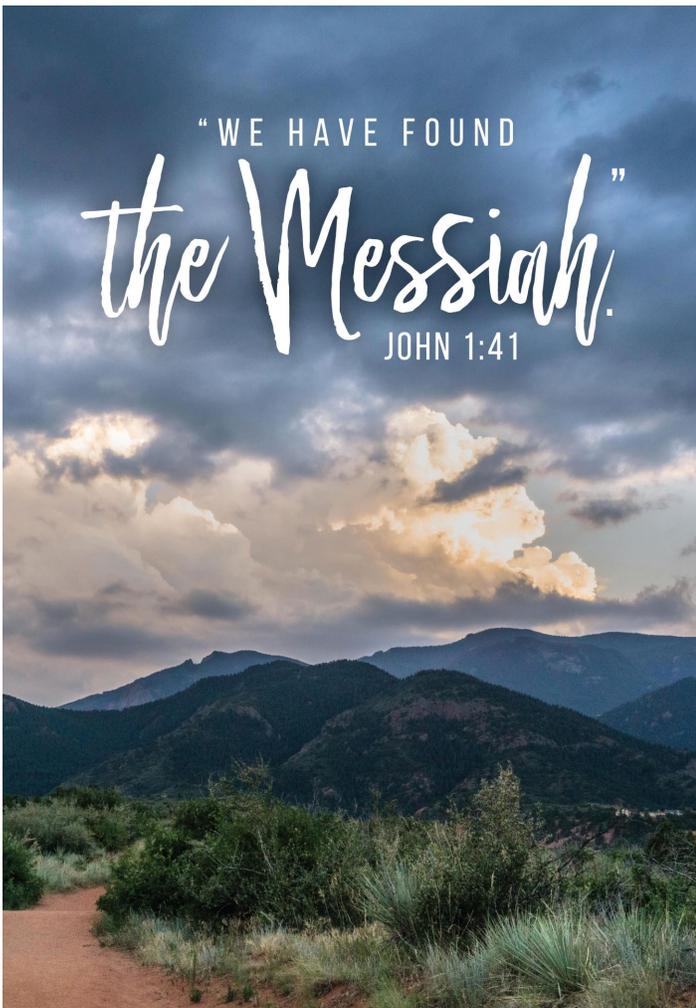
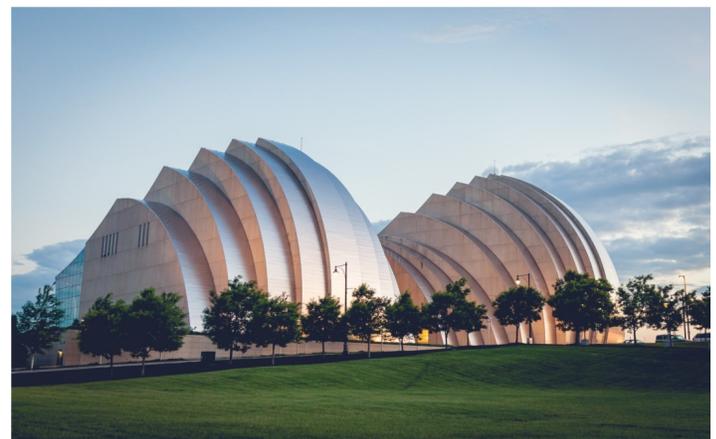
Monday, December 18, 2017, 7:30 pm
United Methodist Church of the Resurrection
13720 Roe Avenue
Leawood, KS 66224

The audience is the chorus with Spire Soloists!



PERFORMANCE: Messiah

Wednesday, December 20, 2017, 7 pm
Helzberg Hall
Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts
1601 Broadway Boulevard
Kansas City, MO 64108



Christmas Eve

Songs of the Savior: Gloria

By the Worship Committee



And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

—Luke 2:13-14 (ESV)

From lcms.org:

On the night of Jesus’ birth, the angels let loose their earth-shattering song of praise: “Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.”

On that specific occasion, their praise gave utterance to the good news that the Son of God had come in the flesh. Heaven had come down to earth! And ever since, the Church has continued to rejoice in this miracle of our salvation.

The opening words of the Gloria in Excelsis are typically followed by a hymn of praise to the Triune God. One can imagine the faithful singing these words in heaven: “We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your

great glory.”

Our focus is on the incarnate Son of God, the only-begotten Son, the Lamb of God, and only Son of the Father. And if that isn’t enough to name this One who is the object of our worship and praise, twice we sing, “you take away the sin of the world.”

There it is, the heart and substance of the Christian faith. In heaven we will be gathered around the throne and the Lamb, confessing that he alone is holy, he alone is the Lord.

Christmas Worship Schedule

By Ben A. Spalding

Christmas Eve Worship with Children, Youth, and Families

4pm | Mission Campus

4pm and 6pm | Shawnee Campus

Jesus, the Light of the World arrived on that wonderful Christmas night. The light of a special star appeared over his birth place in Bethlehem. The radiance of God’s glory surrounded the shepherds as the angel of the Lord announced his birth. Jesus

came to save us from sin and darkness, and he continues to shine his light upon this world until he returns as promised. These special worship services offer family friendly elements woven within our worship.

Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols

6pm | Mission Campus

This annual celebration on Christmas Eve is designed for people who are looking for a traditional Lessons and Carols service. Music is provided by the Trinity Choir and Festival Brass with numerous Christmas carols and hymns sung by the congregation. No sermon will be given.

Christmas Eve by Candlelight with Communion

9:30pm | Mission Campus

This traditional late evening service on Christmas Eve begins with a 30-minute prelude of choral music and congregational carols led by the Trinity Chamber Artists. A sermon, candles, and Holy Communion are included.

A Season of Giving



Photo courtesy of David Everett Strickler, Unsplash.com

Support Trinity through Amazon Smile

By Larry Conrad

Let Amazon contribute to Trinity Lutheran Church while you shop.

The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of your purchase price to charitable organizations you select. Trinity Lutheran Church is now regis-

tered! Go shopping and Trinity benefits. It's simple, with no added cost to you. As you shop, be wise and compare before you buy, but let AmazonSmile contribute to Trinity. Visit tlcms.org/Give for a quick link to shopping.



Trinity Gift Shop

By Gretchen Hollman

Don't forget as you are shopping that Trinity's gift shop at the Mission campus is full of plenty of Christmas items that would make great

gifts! Choose from jewelry, books, ornaments, apparel and so much more. Find that perfect and meaningful item for that someone spe-

cial. Shop on Sunday mornings before or after you attend worship and Bible study.



Powerful Giving with Your Smartphone

By Larry Conrad

Apps make life easier. With GivePlus Church, you can use your smartphone to give anytime, anywhere!

- Download the FREE app on your Apple or Android phone.
- Search your phone's app store for "GivePlus Church," register one

time, and future giving is quick and easy.

- Log in or donate as a guest.
- Securely and conveniently manage donations using Touch ID/Fingerprint, PIN, or password. Already a Simply Giving/online giver?

Register GivePlus Church with the same email and all your transactions can be viewed and managed with your mobile device. If you don't remember which email address is currently being used, contact the church office and we can help.



The Disciple Garden Project

By Debra Justin



The Disciple Garden of St. Luke's is going to be a place of life-changing learning and education, where we will become and make disciples of Jesus in an immersive and hands-on way. We will do this by deeply connecting to God's creation, embodying hospitable compassion, and living in community with each other.

St. Luke's Disciple Garden

3200 North 10th Street
Kansas City, KS 66106
Winter/Spring 2018

Volunteer Project

Build a simple hiking trail bridge over a four-foot ditch, including a 15-foot bridge. The project can ideally begin any time and would be a donation of time and money. Materials would need to be carried .25 mile to the build site. It is hoped to be complete by spring of 2018.

Anyone with access to a chain saw would be welcome to help clear out small trees on the property.

Anyone with access to a

wood chipper could help us make mulch.

We are so excited to share with you how the Lord is leading the progress on this property and welcome your support!

Volunteers can contact Rion Glynn for more information:

Rion Glynn
growloudfood@gmail.com
913-638-6954

Eighth Annual Hollis Winter Art Fair

By Hollis Renewal Center



December 2-3, 2017

Stop by Hollis for the least stressful shopping trip of the year! Enjoy a cup of hot cider and a sweet treat

while you browse the work of local artists. All artists donate a percentage of their sales to the mission and ministry of Hollis.

Featured items include:

- Pottery
- Photography
- Fiber Arts
- Jewelry
- 18" Doll Clothes
- Acrylic Paintings

Shop Local. Support Hollis.

HOURS:

SATURDAY 10am-5pm;
SUNDAY 12-5pm

Hollis Center Lodge
11414 Kansas Avenue
Kansas City, KS 66111

Office: 913-441-045 Day of
Event: 913-206-4749
info@holliscenter.org |
www.holliscenter.org

Therefore encourage one another...

1 Thessalonians 5:11 ESV

Birthdays



- November 22** – Jason Bitter, Eric Justin
- November 23** – Jenifer Barney, Cheryl Brockman, Maizy Kutschka Bergman, Susan Nurnberger, Erin Tieman
- November 24** – Bernard McCarty, Jacklyn Mowder, Jenny Peimann, Rhonda Synovec, Christina Wright
- November 25** – Larry Conrad, Paul Hanusch, Jenny Hertel, Joey Wells, Nancy Zier
- November 26** – Emily Bartlett, Robert Harrell, Amy Holsapple
- November 27** – Jacob Bessette, Sarah Eslick, Bill Mohling
- November 28** – Diane Jennerich, John Koetting
- November 29** – Ron Domsch, John Dorsch, Doug Lewallen, Barb Moore, Ben Spalding, Jonathan Staats
- November 30** – Miles Dalbom, Charlie Moore, Miller Schram
- December 1** – Mansour Alifekr, Theresa Behrens, Clara Rupp
- December 2** – Steve Eckman, Larry Hare, Jack Kreisman, Scott Schau
- December 3** – Denise Loeffler
- December 4** – Tom Baack, Sydney Hare, Drew Jaime, Brooke Katterhenry, Jean Klemp, Cassie Lowery, Elfriede Mohling, John Mowder
- December 5** – Don Daniels, Bonnie Fruehling, Wayne Hein, Jerry Mason, Kinsey Schleicher

Anniversaries



- Bob & Joyce BarkerNovember 22 (48th)
- Michael & Laine Guerry.....November 22 (3rd)
- Brad & Shawn Veal November 23 (21st)
- Zach & Karen Winter.....November 23 (5th)
- Jerry & Mary Ellen Stephenson.....November 27 (70th)
- Allen & Dana Snyder.....December 4 (24th)
- Michael & Kim Delamore.....December 5 (25th)

Prayers



Deaths

David Chael, *son of Fred and Martha Chael*

Retirement Facility/Homebound

- Rita Bartlett, *Good Samaritan*
- Betty Becker, *Park Meadows*
- Norma Brock, *at home*
- Ray Buckley, *Healthcare Resort of Shawnee Mission*
- Phyllis Corthon, *Victory Hills*
- Ted Dahl, *at home*
- 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*
- Bob Mann, *Vintage Park, Gardner*
- Betty Peppers, *Park Meadows*
- Garry and Joanne Schottman, *at home*
- Jerry and Mary Ellen Stephenson, *at Santa Marta*
- Jeanne Stevenson, *Kingswood*
- Helen Wendlandt, *at home*
- George Zschoche, *Aberdeen Village*

Member Prayers-Mission

- Shelly Crawford
- Tom Dempsey
- Quintyn Hendrich
- Gretchen and Bob Hollman
- Harlan Koca
- Don Unger

Member Prayers-Shawnee

- Patt Alft
- Eric Schleicher

Anniversaries and birthdays are listed from November 22 to December 5. If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please contact the church office.



VBS

Save the Date!

Shawnee Campus
June 25-29, 2018

Mission Campus
July 9-13, 2018

Trinity Lutheran Church



Phone: 913-432-5441
Preschool: 913-563-5280
Email: tlcinfo@tlcms.org

tlcms.org

Trinity Staff:

Mark Schulz, Senior Pastor: mark@tlcms.org
 Phil Cook, Lead Pastor, Shawnee Campus: phil@tlcms.org
 Ron Flentgen, Associate Pastor: ron@tlcms.org
 Benjamin Vineyard, Pastor of Disciple Formation: benjamin@tlcms.org
 Rhonda Synovec, Director of Family Life Ministry: rhonda@tlcms.org
 Ben A. Spalding, Director of Music: bens@tlcms.org
 Jo Ann Emerson, Preschool Director: joann@tlcms.org
 Tom Perry, Senior Ministry Leader: tom@tlcms.org
 Lara West, Organist: lara@tlcms.org
 Larry Conrad, Administrator: larry@tlcms.org
 Gretchen Hollman, Office Supervisor: gretchen@tlcms.org
 Barb Estes, Office Support: barb@tlcms.org

Pastoral Emergency Contacts:

Pastor Mark Schulz - 913-231-9726 Pastor Phil Cook - 972-955-8801
 Pastor Ben Vineyard - 913-538-1517 Pastor Ron Flentgen - 913-748-6670

{ The Messenger }

Submit articles to: Gretchen@tlcms.org. The *Messenger* is printed on the first and third Thursdays of each month.

The next deadline is Nov. 28 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.