

A Community 

Following Jesus

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The Messenger

Family Youth Minister Declination

By Pastor Mark Schulz

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We have received word from Ross Owens that he has declined our Call to come to Trinity to serve as our Youth Family Minister. Ross wrote the following:

To my family in Christ at Trinity Lutheran Church:

The past few weeks have been a time of conversations, reflections, and most of all, prayer. My wife and I have been seeking God's guidance for what comes next for us in our lives, as well as what He is working to make happen at Gloria Dei and Trinity.

After much prayerful consideration, I believe God is leading us to stay at Gloria Dei and continue the work that God has placed in front of us here. We did not come to this decision quickly and do not offer this news lightly. We enjoyed the time we were able to spend in the Shawnee-Mission area and loved getting to worship alongside you while we were there. But God has made it clear to us that He desires for our family to continue our ministry here in Houston.

We will continue to keep you in our prayers as you continue in the call process, that our Lord will lead the right individual to serve in your midst. God has blessed you with an incredible call committee and staff, and I am confident that He will continue to lead you in the right direction.

In Christ,
Ross Owens

While this is disappointing news, we continue to trust in God and look to Him for wisdom, patience, and direction. We will keep you informed of next steps. Keep praying!



Guatemala 2018!

By Pastor Ben Vineyard



We're making another venture to the people of Panajachel and Chuchipaca, Guatemala, this summer, July 15 - 21. We'd be happy to have you come along! Many have shown interest. Write Pastor Ben if you want to learn a bit more (benjamin@tlcms.org). The

estimated cost is \$1,350, and this covers everything. You will be blessed and will be a blessing by this mission. We do basic construction work, all kinds of things for all kinds of abilities, and the mission can be catered somewhat to the gifts of our team. If this

tugs at your heart, write Pastor Ben to register for the trip. Grace and peace to you!

Guatemala Shoes and Sweaters

By Pastor Ben Vineyard



Trinity friends, as you look through your closets, gather up your older sweaters and shoes and let us give them to people who would love them. We take sweaters and shoes each year to Chuchipaca, Guatemala, and they are appreciated very much. Women's shoes

size 7 or smaller work best (no or low heels). Sweaters that are without pattern are also the most desired by the families there. Children's shoes are appreciated, and children's sweaters, too. I know it sounds odd, taking sweaters to Guatemala, but at 7,000+ feet elevation, it

can get a little chilly! Bring your shoes and sweaters to either campus. You'll find a donation box waiting for you. Thanks for your generosity and love for the people of Guatemala!

LWML Coffee and Tea Sale

By Elfriede Mohling



LWML coffee and tea sale will be held at the Mission campus between worship services on Sunday, March 11. Be sure to stop by the table to select from the wide varieties of flavors available. 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 Christian Hope Through Mass Media in Egypt. Learn more about this project

from the poster behind the mite box. Thank you for your support!

Knitting and Crocheting Fellowship

By Barb Estes

March 24, 9am

**Mission Campus
Heritage Room**

Barb Estes and Cheryl Palmer will be hosting a knit and crochet fellowship gathering.

Bring a project and join us for fun and fellowship. If you want to learn to knit or

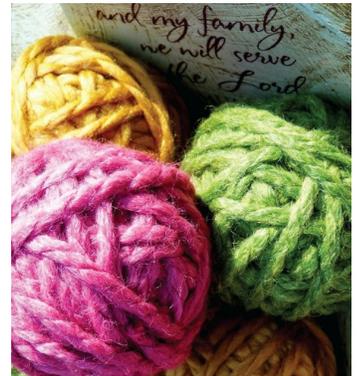
crochet, bring yourself. We will supply everything you need including instruction. But please let us know in advance which craft you wish to learn so we can have the appropriate materials for you.

Just call or text Barb Estes at 480-221-7020 or Cheryl

Palmer at 630-361-7505.

We will also explore if there is an interest in starting a group that would meet regularly.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact either one of us. We look forward to seeing you!



Special Prelude on March 21

By Lara West

In keeping with our Lenten focus on the book of Job, organist Lara West will play the seventh movement of Job, an eight-movement organ cycle by Petr Eben, as the prelude to the noon

and 7pm worship services on Wednesday, March 21, at the Mission campus. Czech composer Eben (1929-2007) was a concentration camp survivor whose

compositions were frequently inspired by literary or biblical texts. The prelude will last about seven minutes.



Easter Lily Orders Due March 11

By Connie Koetting

Mission Campus

\$6.00 each

Order in Foyer

Deadline March 11

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 \$6.00 each and will be donated to homebound members after Easter.



“Blessed...are those who hear the word of God and obey it.”

—Luke 11:28

New and EGGciting Easter Egg Hunt

By Rhonda Synovec



Trinity will host our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday morning with some new and Eggciting elements. The Easter Egg hunt will take place from 9:15 – 10:15am at both the Mission and Shawnee campuses. This is an experience for families to

participate in together. The hunt will feature five hunt times of 15 minute intervals starting at 9:15am. Each hunt time will feature a scavenger egg hunt, an Easter craft, and a special “egg” presentation at the end for families to hear and experience the Easter story.

The Mission campus hunt will take place on the patio and lawn. The Shawnee hunt will take place on the playground. These events are weather permitting and will be moved indoors if needed.

Lenten Meals at the Shawnee Campus

By Pastor Ben Vineyard



We are doing Lenten meals this year, as in years past. We're be serving meals that start at 5:30pm and go until 6:45pm. Worship starts at 7pm. And, for those

involved with Lenten Mentoring, mentoring begins at 6pm and lasts until right before the worship service starts.

- Upcoming Meals:**
 March 7 - Spaghetti, meatballs, salad, and bread
 March 14 - Let's do pizza! (Free will offering to help with the cost)
 March 21 - Sloppy Joes

Early VBS Request

By Rhonda Synovec

Can Size Comparison



Trinity's vacation Bible school is in need of cans for the VBS program this summer. About 20 cans are

needed in the large bulk size , size #10. Size #10 cans hold 3 quarts. Please make sure the cans are

empty, clean, and free of sharp edges. Thank you so much for helping!

Lutheran High School Home Tour Concert



The Concert Choir, Concert Band, and Resounding Joy Handbell Ensemble will be giving their home tour concert at Lutheran High School on Thursday, March

22, at 7pm. The theme of the tour is "I AM has sent me to you" Exodus 3:14. Their choir will be starting their tour on March 8 in Salina, Kansas, and then

continue through Littleton, Aurora, Franktown, and Parker, Colorado. Everyone is invited! The school is located at 12411 Wornall in Kansas City.

March Madness Youth Fundraiser

By Rhonda Synovec

Trinity High School Youth are holding a special fundraiser in March.

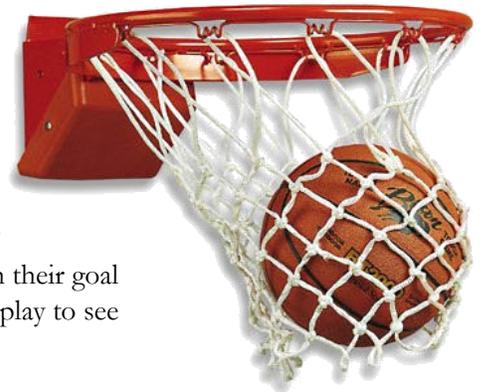
Trinity has 25 youth going to Lutheran Valley Retreat (LVR) this year the week of June 10-16. The funds raised will help youth attending LVR as well as plans for a future mission

trip.

Youth are holding a special envelope Fundraiser beginning Sunday, March 11, through Sunday, April 1, during March Madness. Look for the basketball goal display. Take a special envelope, donate the dollar amount on the envelope

you select, and then place your contribution in the offering during worship or turn it into the church office.

Help Youth reach their goal and watch the display to see our progress.



Gauge Your Spiritual Growth

By Pastor Mark Schulz

At Trinity we are committed to growing as disciples as we listen to Jesus and seek to live like Him. Last year we introduced Life Measures as a tool to help us reflect on our spiritual growth by identifying strengths in our lives as disciples of Jesus as well as areas that are weaknesses. The idea is that we might revisit the Life Measures assessment

periodically to see how God is shaping our growth as disciples. The Life Measures assessment has recently been updated with additional resources including Scripture references for reflection and prayer as well as other tools that you may find helpful. In addition, the assessment has been moved to a new location—under the "Resources" tab on

Trinity's homepage—to make it more easily accessible. Please check it out! Several members have commented to me that the assessment has been helpful to them as they seek to grow in their discipleship. I welcome your feedback regarding this discipleship tool! May God bless us as we seek daily to be a "Community Following Jesus."



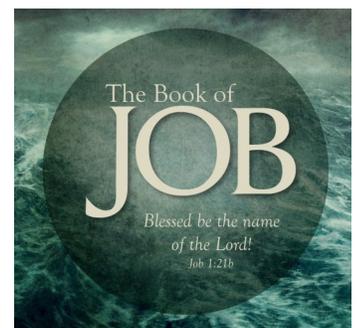
Midweek Lenten Services

By Pastor Mark Schulz

Midweek Lenten Theme
The Book of Job: Blessed Be the Name of the Lord!

Join us at noon or 7pm at the Mission campus and at 7pm at the Shawnee campus for midweek Lenten services.

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- Lent 3: It Is Enough**..... Job 14:1–14
 - Lent 4: Understanding How It All Works Together**..... Job 23:1–17
 - Lent 5: God Speaks in the Storm**..... Job 38:1–11
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Stewardship Corner

By Larry Conrad



From year to year, we see giving pattern spikes in December and around Easter, with a typical drop off in January. This January we experienced a typical drop off. We were 10% below our January giving goal. Despite this, we remain slightly above our giving goal for the first seven months of the fiscal year. We thank you and are grateful for the generosity and support of our members and guests.

In this second half of our fiscal year we are focusing more of our attention on discipleship. During the season of Lent we have additional opportunities to grow as disciples through midweek Lenten services and special Lenten devotional resources for all ages and learning styles.

We recognize that everything we have is given to us by God. As we reflect on His grace this Lenten

Season, let us also reflect on our wise usage of the talents and resources God has entrusted to us.

You are encouraged to consider how following Jesus is reflected in your financial support of His kingdom.

Thank you for your continued generosity at Trinity, as we continue to be a "Community Following Jesus."

Advice & Aid News

By Mary Newcomer



Seeking Volunteers

Advice & Aid Pregnancy Centers, Inc. is in need of volunteers, including bilingual volunteers, and will be offering a Volunteer Informational Meeting on Monday, March 26, 7-9pm. The meeting will be held at 11644 West 75th Street, Shawnee, KS. For more information on volunteering in this ministry or to RSVP, please contact Dana at 913-

962-0200 or email volunteer@adviceandaid.com.

14th Annual Walk for Life

Advice & Aid Pregnancy Centers will host the 14th annual Walk for Life on Saturday, June 2, at 8:30am, in the parking lot of our Overland Park Office located at 10901 Granada Ln. (I-435 & Roe). Come join and participate in the

2018 Walk for Life and raise awareness of and money for this life-affirming ministry in our community. The walk is a fun, family-friendly event with face painting, prizes, food, and prayer; the route is an easy two miles, so strollers and dogs are welcome! To register online and for additional information, visit www.aapcwalk.org.



St. Luke's Hospital Needs Volunteers

St. Luke's Hospital of Kansas City is looking for volunteers. Do you enjoy:
Meeting new people?
Working with the public?
Being part of a team?

Helping visitors find their way? Be a volunteer at one of our Information Desks, visit patients, escort people to their destinations, or work in the office on

projects. Scheduling is flexible. If you are interested, please contact Volunteer Services, 816-932-2183, slhvolunteer@saint-lukes.org. Volunteer today!

Therefore encourage one another...

1 Thessalonians 5:11 ESV

Birthdays



- March 7** – Tim Dalbom, Michael Galliard, Jacob Gantz, Carrie Hellerich, Erin Waage
- March 8** – Randy Culp, Linda Kaphingst, Nicholas Martin, Bruce Vogel
- March 9** – Owen Jeppesen, Eileen Perry
- March 10** – Bob Behrens, Kevin Conkling, Suzanne Cox, Don Hill, Alex Rigolizzo
- March 11** – Cameron Pilchard
- March 12** – Phyllis Corthon, Jim Hoestje, Jalen Oehlert
- March 13** – Ally Aronson, Karon McCready, Trenten Wright
- March 14** – Ryan Albright, Blake Harrell, Mike Keller, Andy Tanner
- March 15** – Elliott Gipson, Trevor O'Brien, Marcie Scharnhorst
- March 17** – Kellie Bollinger, Belle Bonn, Daniel Everhart, Lillian Peters, Starla West
- March 18** – Julie Gieryna, Patti Hare
- March 19** – Troy Cleveland, David Cook, Awad Ismir, Toni Lehl, Joel Pasley
- March 20** – Doug Hall, Phil Kubler, Christopher Messbarger, Charley Steffens, Christopher Wallace

Anniversaries



- Randy & Amy Culp March 12 (41st)
- Clark & Elouise Jahnke..... March 12 (24th)
- Doug & Vallery Kaberlein..... March 14 (20th)
- Howard & Diane Kremer March 14 (20th)
- Larry & Jan Jones..... March 15 (59th)
- Phil & Rebecca Kreisman..... March 15 (15th)
- Joshua & Erin Tieman March 16 (16th)
- John & Erin English..... March 17 (19th)
- Steve & Julia Henslee March 17 (37th)
- Conrad & Marjorie Fassold..... March 20 (70th)
- Ryan & Deb Hartje..... March 20 (14th)
- Jason & Aimee Oehlert..... March 20 (25th)

Anniversaries and birthdays are listed from March 7-20.

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please contact the church office.

Prayers



Deaths

- Wilma Brockschmidt, 2/10/18
- Ginny Finkemeyer, Janet Vetter's sister-in-law, 2/18/18
- Wayne Hein's sister, Janet
- Tracy Kaufman's father, Steve Camp
- Mike Pattison, son of Jim and Elaine Pattison, 2/6/18
- Bob Mann, 2/8/18
- Darlo Reese, 2/19/18
- Delpha Rigg, mother of Valerie Bosworth, 2/27

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 home*
- Conrad and Marjorie Fassold, *Lakeriew Village*
- Allene Gantz, *Rose Estates*
- Ona Jean Harvey, *at home*
- Lois Haubein, *Overland Park Place*
- 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, *Healthcare Resort of Shawnee Mission*
- Betty Kueker, *at home*
- Jerry and Lillian Mueller, *Covenant House*
- Betty Peppers, *Bickford*
- 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

- Don Daniels
- Tom Dempsey
- Emmeline Hawk
- Quintyn Hendrich
- Gretchen and Bob Hollman
- Harlan Koca
- Don Unger

Member Prayers-Shawnee

- Elaine Conrad
- Debbie Unger

Shawnee Playlist Available

By Pastor Phil Cook

Worship is meant to be participatory: God acts, we respond. God comes to us with his mercy and grace; we respond with thanks and praise. One of the many ways we do that is through music. The majority of the music in our services is meant to be sung by the congregation. And yet, it can be difficult to sing a new, unfamiliar song for the first time. To help us learn these new songs, and also to help us praise God throughout the week, we are now making available on YouTube the playlist of songs that will be sung on

the upcoming Sunday at the Shawnee campus. Simply follow this link https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLf6JauCkUmcC_TTZbp3qOJIG21XnPbejM and you will be able to listen in to what is coming up. The link is also available at tlcms.org for easy access. Parents, this can be a great way to engage young children. Pre-readers or early readers can't follow along with the screens. But if they are familiar with a tune, it's easy to say "Remember this song we heard earlier this week? Let's sing along." This

engages them in the service, teaches them how to worship, and makes the morning run more smoothly for the family. So pull it up while you're doing the dishes. Turn it up while you're driving in

the car. Play a few of these songs each night as part of your family devotions. Praise God throughout the week, and be ready to join with all your brothers and sisters in worship on Sunday!

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The next deadline is March 13 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.