Confirmed in Christ
By Pastor Mark Schulz

Twenty-one of our young adults will be confirmed in their Christian faith this year. The Rite of Confirmation will take place on Sunday, April 29, at both services at Trinity’s Shawnee campus, and at the 11am service at the Mission campus. These young people have spent the past three years growing in their faith both through study of the Gospels, the Ten Commandments, prayer, the Apostles’ Creed, Baptism, and Holy Communion; and also through activities that put their faith into action, such as volunteer service projects, sermon reflections, retreats, and acts of compassion and mercy. A highlight of the Confirmation services will be the students sharing their faith stories and how they will continue to follow Jesus throughout the next stages of their lives. This will be done through essays they have written based on their chosen Confirmation verse.

Confirmation is a milestone along one’s faith journey as these young adults move on into our senior high youth ministry and continue to grow in their relationship with Jesus. This year’s confirmands are:

- Josie Butler
- Ava Carlson
- Grace Emerson
- Darren Hall
- AJ Hartje
- Drew Jaime
- Gabel Jeppesen
- Lindsay Kellogg
- Emerson Kremer
- Lydia Kuhn
- Keerstin McNeely
- Grey Prothe
- Ryan Owens
- Blake Reeder
- Jacob Schmitt
- Ethan Schultz
- Tyler Schultz
- Arik Stenstrom
- Damara Stevens
- Madeline Sullivan
- Alex Taylor

Please pray for our confirmands and congratulate them!
Reverse Giving

By Wayne Meyer

“Go therefore and make disciples…”
--Matthew 28:19a

The Missions Committee is sponsoring a Reverse Giving event on the weekend of April 21 and 22. Envelopes with small amounts of cash will be distributed to everyone in attendance at each worship service at both campuses. The instruction is to use the money to be a blessing to someone else and to spread Jesus’ love. A few weeks later, on May 6, we will hear your praise reports in worship. Be ready to bring your stories about how you used the money to be a blessing to someone else. If you would like to submit a praise report via email, please send it to MissionsCommittee@tlcms.org. A total of $4,000 is being distributed. What a unique opportunity to be Jesus’ hands and feet in the community!

50+ Spring Luncheon

By Barb Littell and Iva Schlatter

April 25, 11:30am
Mission Campus

Join the 50+ group to end the 2017-2018 season with a bang! On April 25 at 11:30 following the 10:15am Bible study, 50+ will host the annual spring luncheon. This will be a light lunch of sandwiches, salads, chips, and dessert. The cost is free, but there will be a freewill offering. Enjoy delicious food, the camaraderie of your friends, and a delightful time spent with your family in Christ. RSVP on the sign up sheet in the foyer at both campuses. Deadline for registering is April 18. If you have questions, please call Iva Schlatter, 913-333-0981, or Barb Littell, 913-897-2292.

Listening to You

By Executive Committee

One of the primary responsibilities of Trinity’s Executive Committee is listening to you, the members of our “Community Following Jesus.” This happens in a variety of ways, both through organized events where input is sought as well as informally in personal conversation. Another way this happens is when one or more community members attends an Executive Committee meeting. Please know that there is an open invitation for you to do so. It would be helpful for you to contact President Cheri Wright beforehand.
VBS Registration Now Open!

By Rhonda Synovec

Group’s 2018 Shipwrecked VBS takes kids to an uncharted island and anchors them in the truth that Jesus carries us through life’s storms. Join us as we discover that when life gives us challenges we are “Rescued by Jesus.” Registration is now open. Space is limited so be sure to register early.

**Shawnee Campus**
June 25-29
9-11:30am
https://vbspro.events/p/events/b0d37d-shawnee

**Mission Campus**
July 9-13
9-11:30am
https://vbspro.events/p/events/57676d-mission

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**Kids’ Kamp**

By Rhonda Synovec

**Mission Campus**
Mon. – Thurs. ONLY
July 9-12
Grades 1 – 5
12:30 – 3:30pm

Mission Kids’ Kamp is our afternoon camp available for 1st – 5th grade youth. Each day we will enter into a new adventure at camp. Activities may include, but are not limited to, game day, bingo and singing at a senior living facility, service opportunities, a pool party, etc. There is a $5.00 fee for camp which is payable online. Register at www.tlems.org.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God ...

1 John 3:1, NRSV

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**Kids’ Kamp**
Mark Your Calendar for May 20 Worship

By Larry Conrad

Part of being a “Community Following Jesus” is to commit to being wise and faithful stewards of our personal resources and time.

The month of May is your opportunity to reflect, discern, and consider what your annual OneFund stewardship commitment will be for our next fiscal year, which starts July 1. On May 20, we will ask you to submit your OneFund commitment card for our 2018/2019 fiscal year.

Our new initiatives include an increase in staffing as we add a Youth Family Minister, increasing Missions giving to 7.7% of contributions, continued investment in our staff with salary increases as well as professional development opportunities, continued development of mission opportunities in Guatemala and locally, funding a facility maintenance fund, and investing in and strengthening our senior ministry.

Watch for more information about OneFund - Funding the Ministry.

Shawnee Campus Vision Sharing

By Pastor Phil Cook

At the beginning of last summer, the Executive Committee appointed a team of committed members and leaders to pray, think, and further develop a vision for the Shawnee campus. Members of the team are: Rex Garrelts, Erin Hoestje, Al von der Linden, Mike Maxwell, Wayne Meyer, Valerie Owsley, Gail Phelps, and Pastor Phil Cook.

As we move towards the spring, we would like to share that vision with you, both the opportunities and the challenges. Please make plans to join us on Sunday, April 22, 4:30pm at the Shawnee campus (upstairs). Childcare is available—sign up at tlcms.org.

Trinity Foundation Presentation

By Tom Perry

Rex Garrelts is back and feeling much better—so much better that he wants to talk to us about the Trinity Foundation at the originally scheduled dates. We are so thankful that the surgery went well and that his recovery has been amazingly good. Rex will talk to both campuses about the mission of the Trinity Foundation, its make-up, how you can become involved, and some of the ways God has used this wonderful organization to help Trinity with her ministry. The presentation is at 2pm on Friday, April 20, in the Mission sanctuary and at 2pm Thursday, April 26, in the Shawnee worship center. The Trinity Lutheran Foundation has been an active part of our congregation's life for many years. Come and see what a blessing the Foundation has been!
Fourth Annual Trinity Family Garage Sale

By Debbie Unger

Donate: Shop: April 19-21 | Volunteer: April 15-21

We are doing it again, and we need your help!

Please consider donating not only your unwanted things to the sale but also your time. We do not need a whole day or even a half of your day….we only need an hour of your time. Many hands make light work, and we need the most help setting up and breaking down before and after the sale. Sign up today to volunteer via Sign-Up Genius: http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4da9a92da13-4thannual.

Schedule
April 19-21 | Sale to the Public
   Thursday, April 19, 4-7pm | Sale opens as a “sneak preview” to the public
   Friday, April 20, 8am-5pm | Primary Garage Sale Day
   Saturday, April 21, 8-11am | Sale concludes at 11am. The bag sale will run the duration of this time.

April 21, 11am-4pm (or as needed) | Break down and Reassembly
   11am | Break down of display items, and reassembly of church building

Quilters Request Supplies

By Lois Gunlach

If you are in the mood for spring cleaning and want to clean out those closets, please keep the quilters group in mind. The quilters are always in need of fabric. This can be sheets, blankets, cotton fabrics, and whatever else might make good use for pieced quilt toppers, backing, and batting for the middle. Items can be dropped off in the church office or given to any quilter. Thanks for keeping them in mind and helping to spread a little love and warmth around the globe!

Have specific questions? Give us a shout!

Trinity Family Garage Sale Committee:

Brenda Lewallen, Dianna Mayfield, Julie Messbarger,
Susan Pilchard, Erin Tieman, Debbie Unger, Marilyn Wilkinson

trinityfamilygaragesale@gmail.com
New Member Welcoming
By Barb Estes

Audrey Anders, Brady and Sloan
Audrey is joining Trinity by adult confirmation. Audrey grew up in Topeka and attended Washburn University where she earned her BA degree. She is VP of client support at One HQ. Brady and Sloan attend Prairie Ridge Elementary. Brady is in the second grade. He likes playing Mario Brothers video games, playing the piano, and Pokemon. Sloan is in kindergarten and likes cheer and dance.

Dave and Peggy Crume
Dave Crume is joining Trinity by profession of faith and Peggy by adult confirmation. Dave was born and raised in Topeka, Kansas, where he attended Seaman High School. He is a pawnbroker for Heartland Pawnbrokers. His hobbies include work, golf, fishing, and family. Peggy was born in Prairie Village and grew up in Topeka. Peggy is the owner of Heartland Pawn and Jewelry. The Crumes have a pet cat.

Jon Flentgen
Jon is joining Trinity by transfer. He was born in Atlantic, Iowa. Jon attended Morningside College for his BA in math and business. He pursued a master’s in mathematics at KU. Jon is a self-employed computer technician at Computer Savers. His interests include Chiefs football, fishing, reading and writing, computers, and fixing stuff - computers, tablets, appliances, home repair, and the like. Jon has a beagle mix named Patches.

Eric and Jennifer McHugh, Alyssa and Alaina
Eric is joining Trinity by adult confirmation. Jennifer is joining by transfer. Eric was born in Columbus, Nebraska, and attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He is employed by Farmers Insurance. His interests include sports, coaching, and his family. Jennifer was also born in Columbus, Nebraska. She attended the University of Nebraska studying Actuarial Science. Jennifer is an actuary for CBIZ Cottonwood. Jennifer likes playing volleyball and watching Nebraska football and other Nebraska sports. Alyssa and Alaina were born in Overland Park and attend Belmont Elementary. Alyssa is in the fifth grade. She enjoys playing volleyball, drawing, and reading. Alaina is in the second grade. Her interests are playing sports and dance. The McHughs have a cat named Socks.
Marcus and Stacy Meoli, Max and Gus
The Meoli family is joining Trinity by transfer. Marcus was born in Moberly, Missouri, and grew up in Salisbury, Missouri. He has a bachelor's degree in management and a MBA and is employed by Travelers Insurance as an Outside Claims Adjuster. He enjoys outdoor activities including golf, hunting, fishing, and coaching kids’ sports. Stacy was born in Kansas City, Kansas, and grew up in Windsor, Missouri. She has a bachelor’s degree in economics and an MBA. Stacy is a Regional Training Officer for Morgan Stanley. She enjoys reading, KC area sports (Royals, Chiefs, Sporting, and MU Tigers) and traveling. Max and Gus were born in Overland Park. They attend Clear Creek Elementary. Max is in the second grade and enjoys soccer, basketball, baseball, and building anything. Gus is in Kindergarten and likes soccer, baseball, monster trucks, and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.

Nate and Deidre Peterson, Colin
Nate is joining Trinity by adult confirmation and Deidre is joining by profession of faith. Colin is being baptized today. Nate was born in Joplin, Missouri, and grew up in Golden City, Missouri. He attended College of the Ozarks earning a bachelor’s degree in marketing and is employed by Bayer as an Area Sales Manager. He likes to hunt, fish, golf, and watch the Chiefs. Deidre was born and raised in Liberal, Kansas. She attended Drury University. She has an undergraduate degree in elementary education and a graduate degree in special education. Deidre stays at home and cares for their son, Colin. She enjoys being outside, running, lifting, and being with her family. The Petersons have two dogs, Duke and Speedo.

Ryan and Abby Summerskill, Amelia and Zonder
Ryan is joining Trinity by adult confirmation and Abby is joining by transfer. Ryan was born in Olathe and grew up in Shawnee. Ryan attended KSU and CSI. He is an engineer with Vertas Prime. His interests include flying aircraft and gardening. Abby grew up in Shawnee. She earned a bachelor’s degree in education from Washburn University and a master’s in education from KU. Abby is self employed as a daycare provider. She enjoys reading and puzzles. Amelia is in Kindergarten at Prairie Ridge. She likes art, music, and ballet. Zonder is two years old and is discovering his interests. The Summerskills have two dogs, two cats, two turtles, and fish.

Bill and Susan Weigel
Bill and Susan are joining Trinity by profession of faith. Bill was born in Lincoln, Nebraska. He grew up in Kearney, Nebraska, and attended the University of Nebraska at Kearney. Bill has a Bachelor of Science in Business and is employed by Sunburst Systems, Inc. as a Business Manager. His interests include motorcycle riding, music, Nebraska football, Kansas basketball, and movies. Susan was born and raised in Kearney, Nebraska. She also attended the University of Nebraska at Kearney where she earned a BA in Education. Susan is Associate Dean for Administration for The Graduate School - Stowers Institute for Medical Research. She enjoys watching Nebraska football, Kansas basketball, going to concerts, and P.E.O. The Weigel’s have a daughter and son-in-law living in Lincoln, Nebraska.
New Member Class Starting Soon
By Pastor Mark Schulz

**Thursdays**
**April 26 - May 17**
**6:45-8pm**
**Mission Campus**
**Conference Room**

Pastor Mark will once again be offering a new member class for anyone who is interested. If you are interested, simply contact Pastor Mark, Mark@tlcms.org. Membership classes take place regularly at each campus and are led by one of the pastors. Classes meet once a week for 75 minutes for four weeks.

Who can come?
- Anyone with questions about faith
- Anyone interested in joining
- Members of Trinity
- Members of the community

Geraniums for Pentecost
By Connie Koetting

As is Trinity’s tradition, we will again be ordering geraniums to celebrate Pentecost at the Mission campus on May 20. The geraniums will then be planted to beautify the Mission campus entryway.

To purchase a geranium, please see the display in the foyer. The deadline is April 29.

Noisy Collection
By Julie Messbarger

Every fifth Sunday, Trinity has a “noisy collection” to raise money for causes important to kids. Our next noisy collection will take place on April 29 during all Sunday morning services.

Proceeds from the collection will go toward offsetting the cost of the vacation Bible school program so that it can remain free to all who attend from Trinity and the community. So bring your noisy (and not so noisy) change to church and pitch it in the buckets as noisily as you can!

Shirley Hanusch Estate Sale
By Elfriede Mohling

Longtime member Shirley Hanusch passed away in January of 2016. A group of LWML ladies will be assisting the family by conducting an estate sale at Shirley Hanusch’s house, 6310 Outlook in Millhaven, the first weekend of May during Mission’s citywide sale. Volunteers are needed to help sort, set up, and price from April 23 through May 2. Volunteers are also needed to staff the sale May 3, 4, and 5, 9am to 3pm to assist customers and supervise in each of the rooms (this can be sit-down jobs) and as cashiers.

Anyone who is willing to help is asked to contact Nancy Meyer, 913-722-1869, or Elfriede Mohling, 913-631-6589. If you forget to let us know you can come, come anyway! We will be glad for the help! Shoppers are encouraged to stop by during the sale!
Junior Youth Kick-It-Foos Event

By Erin Hoestje

The junior youth in sixth to eighth grades from both campuses are invited to a fun event to play human foosball. Join us at Kick-It-Foos, 8166 Monticello Terrace, Shawnee, KS 66227 on Saturday, April 21, from 6-8pm for an evening of human kickball, pool, and other fun games. Feel free to bring a snack to share. Please visit www.kickitfoos.com to fill out a waiver prior to arriving. Questions? Contact Erin Hoestje at erin.hoestje@hotmail.com.

Mission Campus Contribution Counters Needed

By Gretchen Hollman

The people of Trinity are generous with time, talents, and treasures. Working in the church office it is easy to see the loving hearts of our members displayed each day. Would you like to be generous with your time and talents to help count the financial treasures we collect each week in the offering plate? We recently had two counting teams retire after years of faithful service. We typically have had four counting teams so that each team is on duty one a month. We are asking for help. Would you considering volunteering your time once per month to count contributions on a Sunday or Monday? Complete training will be provided and with the recording system Larry Conrad has developed, the procedures run as smooth as chocolate syrup over ice cream! If you are interested, please let Larry Conrad know, Larry@tlcms.org, 432-5441.

Come and Get It!

By Patti Lovell

There are so many helpful, busy bees around Trinity! We are so blessed to have so many volunteers who help with activities. Once in a while, you may be visiting with friends or discussing the latest Bible study and forget all about your dishes. There are quite a few dishes that have been left in the Mission campus kitchen. If you think you may have left something behind, come and get it!
Life Line Screening — June 7

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be in our community on Thursday, June 7, at Trinity. Ultrasound screenings to Identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease include; Carotid Artery (plaque buildup—a leading cause of stroke), Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body), Peripheral Arterial Disease (hardening of the arteries in the legs), a Heart Rhythm Screening (an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation—irregular heartbeat) and an Osteoporosis Risk Assessment for men and women. Being proactive about your health by knowing your risks helps you and your doctor address problems early. Register online TODAY at www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle and receive your “Community Circle” discount and your Preferred Appointment!

LLL Zone 3 Spring Rally

Hope Lutheran Church, located at 6308 Quivira Road in Shawnee, will serve as the host for the Lutheran Laymen's League Zone 3 Spring Rally the afternoon of Sunday, April 29. Registration begins at noon with a meal provided by the "Men of Hope" group and festivities beginning at 12:30pm. The featured speaker will be Rev. Michael Newman, who serves as a Mission and Ministry Facilitator for the Texas District. Additionally there will be the annual election of zone officers. A freewill offering will be accepted and proceeds will go to support the Kansas LLL District Project, which provides scholarships for future church workers. Please contact Jerry Williams, (913) 579-6919 or jhwilliams@everestkc.net, to RSVP by April 25. We hope to see you there!

Johnson County Chorus and Choraliers Concert

By Angela Jeppesen

Treat yourself to the beautiful sounds of the Johnson County Chorus and Choraliers for their 40th anniversary concert. The concert takes place on Sunday, May 6, at 3pm in Yardley Hall, Carlson Center, on the Johnson County Community College campus. Two world premier pieces will be featured, one from Eugene Butler and another from Mark Hayes. The concert is for all ages and large groups are welcome. Trinity’s own Angela Jeppesen will be performing with the groups. Admission is free!

Hope Seeks Administrative Assistant

Applications for the church office administrative assistant position are now being taken at Hope Lutheran Church & School. Applications with résumé can be sent to the church office in care of Terry Gansebom or an application for employment can be found at the link at tlcms.org. Please attach your résumé.

Hope Lutheran Church
6308 Quivira Road
Shawnee, KS 66216
Therefore encourage one another...
1 Thessalonians 5:11 ESV

**Birthdays**

April 25 – Alyssa Adams, Jeannette Auerbach, Zachary Maxwell, Melinda Oberly, Carroll Smith, Chad Wilcott
April 26 – Adam Denis, Joel Wilkinson
April 27 – Rachael Eastlund, Maureen Gamble, Scott Hallstrom, Brock Miles, Dick Pfeiffer, Kelsey Scheetz, Garry Schottman
April 28 – David Boehnke, Dale Hurt, Eldor Kaiser, Mike Nelson
April 29 – Brent Barta, Jennifer Estes, Ray Fessler, Marnie Hurt, Diane Kremer, Lenore Loos, Marina Williams
April 30 – Courtney Harrell, Amanda Hertel
May 1 – Bert Cleveland, Howard Kremer
May 2 – Marvin Archer, Dave Lehl
May 3 – Allene Gantz, Richard Krueger, Derrick Miles
May 4 – Rebecca Sedgwick
May 5 – Solomon Jackson, Tony Kemper, Emily Vincent
May 6 – Ned Meyer, Randi Sereres, Hank Talmage
May 7 – Sloan Anders, Tayten DeGarmo, Lauren Stalnaker
May 8 – Maggie Gaskins, Jeremy Meythaler

**Anniversaries**

Don and Glenda Bischoff............................................April 26 (49th)
Kevin and Melinda Oberly.........................................April 26 (15th)
John and Kimberly Emert........................................April 27 (33rd)
Kevin and Amy Porter.............................................April 28 (12th)
Rob and Beth Bauer.................................................April 29 (23rd)
Gary and Linda Dodson............................................April 29 (29th)
Bill and Jennifer Lattmann........................................April 30 (13th)
Steve and Margie Gallaway......................................May 1 (20th)
Mike and Liz Keller................................................April 1 (36th)
Jim and Barbara Williams.................................May 3 (32nd)
Trevor and Shanley O’Brien.................................May 4 (5th)
Chris and Joanne Weber......................................May 5 (45th)
Ken and Leticia Porter...........................................May 7 (35th)

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, Lakeview Village
Allene Gantz, Rose Estates
Ona Jean Harvey, at home
Lois Haubein, Brighton Gardens
Robert and Shirley Hemenway, at home
Phyllis Henderson, at home
Dick and Audrey Humes, Santa Marta
Lois Klausen, Delmar Gardens of OP
Jean Klomp, McCrites Plaza Assisted Living
Ruth Kroenke, at home
Richard Krueger, Healthcare Resort of Shawnee Mission
Betty Kueker, Rose Estates
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
Marvin Archer
Don Daniels
Tom Dempsey
Kathy Ellwein
Bonnie Fruehling
Heather Guerry
Quintyn Hendrich
Eldor Kaiser
Harlan Koca
Bill Millsap
Dennis Ninneman
Jere Stuckey
Don Unger
Kenda Woodyard

Member Prayers-Shawnee
Noree Cook
Rex Garrels

Anniversaries and birthdays are listed from April 25—May 8. If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please contact the church office.
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 too! May God bless us as we seek daily to be a "Community Following Jesus."

Submit articles to: Gretchen@tlcms.org. The Messenger is printed on the first and third Thursdays of each month. The next deadline is May 1 at noon.