

A Community

Following Jesus

Volume 33, Issue 10

The Messenger

Discipleship

By Pastor Ben Vineyard

Inside this issue:

- Reverse Giving 2-3
- Life Together Groups 4
- Graduate Recognition 5
- Call Committee Update 6
- Mission Grants 7
- Signature Spire 11
- Community Events 13-14

Dates to remember:

- May 20, OneFund Commitment Sunday, p. 8
- May 20, Wear Red for Pentecost, p. 6
- May 24, 2pm, Shawnee Campus, The Art of Neighboring, p. 9
- May 25, 2pm, Mission Campus, The Art of Neighboring, p. 9
- May 15, noon, Messenger deadline
- May 31, Mini Grant Deadline, p. 7
- June 7, Life Line Screening, p. 16
- June 25 - 29, Shawnee Campus VBS, p. 10
- July 9 - 13, Mission Campus VBS, p. 10

The oak tree outside my office looks in through church windows. His eyes are tiny dark knots, his nose a long, Pinocchio shaped thing with leaves. His mouth is a pursed "O" shape about to blow a bubble. A goatee of light-reddish bark streams down like that of a Harley rider. I see this tree's face and you might, too, if I showed you.

There are many gifts like this to see if we have the time and patience to see them. Yet more than an oaken face, I want us to see more vividly the pathway of discipleship. I am thankful for many of you who have stood beside me (and I've seen you stand beside others the same way) to point out the steps, to help me imagine a new possibility. What a gift you have been to this community! May more among us do what you do—live intently as a disciple of Jesus and point

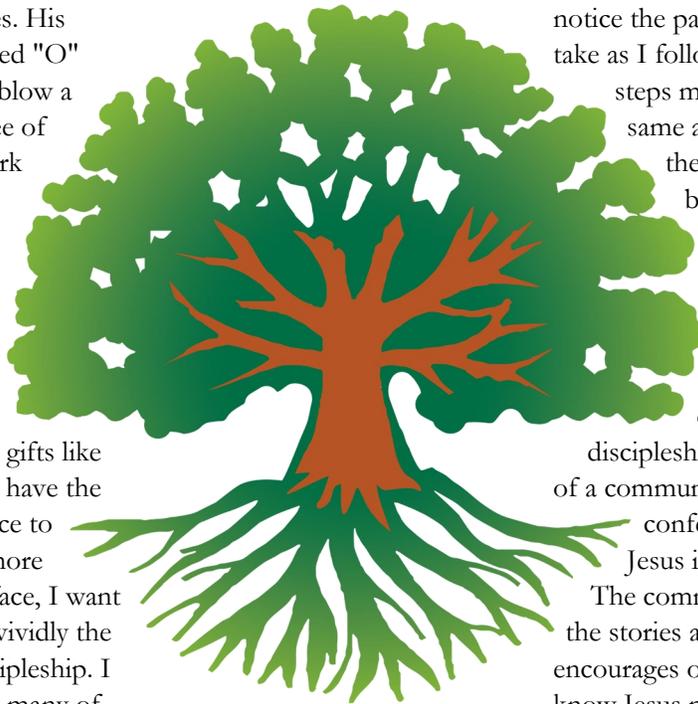
that way out to others. Many among us will confess that we wish we had more time to notice the important things. Like

God and where do I see myself walking in a counter-pattern way?" It has been helpful for me to consider practices that help me notice the pathway I should take as I follow Jesus. Your steps might be the same as mine. I bet the practices will be similar but nuanced a bit for your life and personality. The heart and center in

discipleship is being part of a community who confesses Jesus. Jesus is the center.

The community shares the stories about Jesus and encourages one another to know Jesus more fully. I can't imagine a Christian life without you, without us, without this conversation between us as a people. Feeling like I'm part of this community is easier for me than many of you, I bet. I'm up front talking all the time. My name gets printed in the

(Continued on page 12)



taking the time to see an oak tree's face, discipleship takes time, or as Pastor Mark says: it takes margin. Margin. I like that word. Margin for noticing. Margin for imagining. Margin for examining my life (and you, your life) to wonder, "Where do I see myself walking in step with

Reverse Giving Reports

Introduction by Pastor Mark

GIVE *of* YOURSELF

Trinity's Missions Committee recently sponsored a reverse giving event. Those attending worship the weekend of

April 22 were each given an envelope containing a small amount of cash of varying amounts along with a simple instruction: use the contents to share Jesus' love with someone else.

Participants were also encouraged to share a brief report about their reverse giving experience.

Below are a few of the reports we received. They are shared as an encouragement to each of us to be looking for the

opportunities God provides us on an ongoing basis to be a blessing to others. May God continue to bless each of us as we share His love and mercy!

To cheer retired couples:

We visited two couples and gave them each a lovely geranium plant. The first couple has recently experienced the sudden death of their adult daughter. The second couple is in their 90s and both deal with health issues and he with severe pain.

—Anonymous

For missionaries around the globe:

Our youngest daughter (Ivy, 5 years old) gave the money to her teacher and asked that it be given to the team of missionaries who had visited her class from Haiti just a few weeks earlier. —The Draper Family

We have sent \$30 to Sarah Kanoy, a missionary nurse with the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. She is living in Kenya and serving in East Africa. What joy fills her heart when she teaches about health, provides care, alongside sharing and proclaiming Jesus Christ in East Africa! —Pastor and Dolores Boehnke

For the homeless:

Kathy Mitchell, Kevin Harlow and Maureen Harrop pooled their money together and purchased bread, lunch meat, and apples. They prepared lunch bags and delivered them to the homeless at the tiny houses village built by the veterans community project.

As we were driving home one evening, our daughter, Eva (8 years old) saw a man standing beside the road. Eva quickly asked me to give the envelope to this man, along with the picture of Jesus that Rhonda gave the kiddos during the children's message. —The Draper Family

To show gratitude:

I purchased lunch for two hard-working custodians at my school. Often times their hard work and "dirty" job goes unnoticed by others. —Erin Lutz

For victims of domestic violence:

Clara and I matched our 'spread the love' giving funds to purchase paper towels and disinfectant wipes for the moms and children to use at the SAFEHOME in Overland Park. —Tiffany and Clara Rupp



For neighbors:

New neighbors moved in next door. We took over a plate of baked goods, gift card to our favorite restaurant and a little note about our wonderful church! —Justin Lutz

To those in crisis:

While having coffee with a dear friend, she shared that one of her neighbors was in the midst of a medical crisis in their family. She had decided to give them some gift cards to help alleviate some emotional and financial stress, and I was led to give her our special offering to add to the blessing. —Sandy Linville

For immigrants:

A mother and four children have emigrated from Nigeria to Olathe. The father is still in Nigeria, yet to come to America. Two of the children are in elementary school and two are in high school. One of the high school students has a medical condition in which they must travel to Children's Mercy twice a week for treatment. I used the money to help purchase gas for the trips to Children's Mercy. —Jan Obergöenner

For families of premature babies:

Our children, Caroline and Benjamin, were born at 26 weeks 3 days and our son, Andrew, was born at 35 weeks 6 days. The Circle of Hope NICU Foundation is an organization that services the families who have babies in the NICU at OPRMC, by providing support through various ways. As a family, we collected board books and marked them "Donated in God's name by Trinity Lutheran Church - Mission, Kansas." We hope this encourages those who receive each book that even in their darkest times, God is there for them. —The Webster Family

For the grieving:

Within these last six weeks, I lost a beautiful, young and very talented violinist colleague name Sarah to a very serious brain tumor. She was only 28 years old and was a wonderful mother to two little girls – one and three years old. The money will go toward Sarah's extremely high medical bills and then also to the educational fund set up for their two little girls. —Darrel and Linda Thomssen

For the convalescing:

I spent the money to help a preschooler named Charlie who broke his leg and is in a wheel chair. He has to spend a couple of hours a day sitting by me at the front desk because he cannot go outside to play. I used the money towards snacks for him because he's always hungry. — TJ Wichtendahl

For children with illness:

Harper said she wanted to "share her love by giving money to families with babies in the hospital," like our new baby had been. Gwenda and I specifically chose the Children's Mercy Cystic Fibrosis clinic, and our family committed to match whatever amount was in our four envelopes. We began a Go Fund Me campaign and turned \$25 into \$965 to purchase an iPad for the cystic fibrosis children at Children's Mercy. —The Hawk Family



Stories have been edited for brevity and clarity.

Life Together Groups!

By Pastor Ben Vineyard



Curious about how to connect with others at Trinity, how to feel known and to know others better? Want to dig into Scripture with new friends and share life together in the faith? Here's an opportunity! For singles, couples, those with or without kids, and people of all ages and stages. We're aiming to help start 2-4 groups soon. Groups will start with some summertime gatherings that are light on the summer calendar and will aim to be in full swing once fall rhythms settle into place.

What do groups do?

Life Together Groups meet about twice a month (each group determines its best rhythm). Groups share stories, read Scripture, and pray together. The heartbeat of a Life Together Group is the encouragement everyone gives to one another as

people share life's joys, even struggles, and constantly point one another to God's grace in Jesus.

Some groups share a simple meal or dessert when they get together. Most groups find themselves doing an occasional outing just for fun. Life Together Groups are great ways to plug into serving others also.

Who are Life Together Groups for?

Life Together Groups are for singles, couples, those with or without kids, and people of all ages and stages. Some groups with kids have kids as a part of what they do together. Sometimes groups bring a babysitter and have the kids do their own thing.

How often do groups meet?

Each group determines its rhythm and schedule. Most groups gather twice a month, most of the time in the evening. Some meet in the morning.

What's in the name: Life Together?

Life Together with one another and with Jesus — that's what we're about at Trinity. We call ourselves a "Community Following Jesus." Life Together is all about nurturing a community that does just that!

How do I get involved?

Are you interested? Sign up for a group at this link: <https://tlcms.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/71/responses/new>.

Life Together Group Gathering — May 20 Invitation!

By Pastor Ben Vineyard



For all either in a Life Together Group or curious about joining one, you are invited to get together at the Shawnee campus on May 20, 5-6:30pm. Dinner's main entree will be

provided, but if you'd bring a side to share, that would be great! Singles, marrieds, and families of all ages and stages are invited. The point: Just to be together, to connect people

interested in Life Together Groups with others also interested, and, yes, just to hang out. For more info, contact Pastor Ben, Benjamin@tlcms.org

Shawnee Campus Vision Sharing

By Pastor Mark Schulz

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 summer, we would like to share that vision with you, both the opportunities and the challenges. Please make

plans to join us for one of these opportunities at the Mission campus:

- Wednesday, May 23, 6:30pm at the Mission campus foyer
- Thursday, May 31, 6:30pm at the Mission campus foyer



Graduate Recognition

By Rhonda Synovec

Eric Brennan

Eric is graduating from Shawnee Mission Northwest High School. He lettered in band for four years, participated in district and state band for two years and is a member of the National Honor Society. Eric will attend UMKC majoring in music education.

Justin Cox

Justin is graduating from DeSoto High School. Justin is an Eagle Scout, played varsity soccer and tennis, is a member of the DHS marching band, and received an academic letter for all four years. He plans to attend Kansas State University to study business.

Maggie Gallaway

Maggie is graduating from Blue Valley Southwest. She is an Honor Thespians, has received both merit and talent scholarships, and is a 2018 Shooting Star awarded by the Johnson County Arts Council. Maggie plans to attend AMDA College and Conservatory of the Arts in Los Angeles to receive a bachelor of fine arts in music theater with an emphasis in film and television.

Blake Harrrell

Blake is graduating from Shawnee Mission North and plans to attend Johnson County Community College in the fall.



Noah Kemper

Noah is graduating from Mill Valley High School. He participated in swimming and band for four years, football for two years, and is on the honor roll. Noah is enlisting in the Marines and is leaving on June 18.

Ethan Oleen

Ethan is graduating from Blue Valley High School. He participated in debate and forensics at the state and national level for all four years. He is an AP scholar with distinction, Kansas ACT scholar, and received the Presidential Community Service Award for all four years. Ethan will be attending Kansas State University in the engineering department to study computer science.

Those listed submitted information by the printing deadline.



Call Committee Update

By Pastor Phil Cook

Big steps are happening in our call process for Youth Family Minister! In the first week of May, the Call Committee met and discussed the information on the candidates we had received. We narrowed our list of nine candidates down

to four and have scheduled video interviews for the last week of May. Please keep the Call Committee in your prayers in these next few weeks as we hold these interviews and prayerfully discuss where God is leading us!

Faithfully,

Members of the Youth Family Minister Call Committee

Kerry Barker, Julie Messbarger, Kristol Stenstrom, Anna Owsley, Rhonda Synovec, Pastor Phil Cook

Wear Red for Pentecost

By Ben A. Spalding



**May 19-20
All Services**

On the weekend of May 20, the Day of Pentecost (fifty days of

Easter and ten days after the Ascension) the clergy wear red vestments to signify the work of the

Spirit. It is also a custom in many churches for the people in the congregation to wear red on the Day of Pentecost as well. We invite you to wear red on Pentecost Sunday to remind us of the fire of the Spirit. Additionally, the sanctuary is decorated in red symbolizing the tongues of flame (and by extension, the

Holy Spirit) that appeared above those who were assembled on the original Pentecost (Acts 2:3). The decorations are up and are looking great! We hope your worship is inspired by the Holy Spirit.

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit ...

Acts 2:4a

Geraniums for Pentecost

By Connie Koetting



As is Trinity's tradition, we again ordered geraniums to celebrate Pentecost at the Mission campus on May 20. The geraniums will then be planted to beautify the Mission campus entryway. Thank you to all those who

donated for the geraniums:

Lee Glasnapp
Dr. Awad Ismir
Larry & Jan Jones
Connie Koetting
Jennifer Kubler
Helga McLean
Robert P. Reese

Rita Moser
Mark & Nancy Schulz
Dennis & Betty Underwood
Susan Webster
Kenda Woodyard

Support Your Favorite Mission Project or Program

By Wayne Meyer

For the fifth year the Missions Committee is sponsoring a Mini Grant Program to fund a limited number of social service/ministries projects/programs, each with a maximum amount of \$2,500, from the 2017-18 budget. During the past two years the Mini Grants assisted local low income families, individuals with developmental disabilities, youth camp programs, a youth mission trip, a new religious community garden, Bible translation programs in Ghana, a parenting skills ministry for

expecting parents, low income families in Guatemala, Gospel sharing materials, a mission church, individuals and families facing mental illness, shut-ins, and LCMS missionaries in Germany. The Committee especially encourages proposals from youth in the congregation, as well as proposals for smaller amounts. The goals of the program include: seeking God's will in the use of our common resources as we strive to care for our neighbors; identifying and supporting those social services/

ministries that already have Trinity member support and involvement; and discovering new opportunities for member involvement.

Mini Grants



- Applications are available online at tlcms.org, or as hard copies at each campus.
- Proposals are now welcome from or through Trinity members.
- Applications are due by May 31, 2018, via electronic form or hard copy to the Trinity office.

Executive Committee Nominations

By Pastor Mark Schulz

Nominations are now being received for three positions on Trinity's Executive Committee. Positions up for election are: vice-president (incumbent is standing for re-election);

treasurer (incumbent is standing for re-election); and one member-at-large position (open). Please see the nominations information at the welcome centers at both campuses

for qualifications and for instructions on how to submit nominations. The deadline to submit nominations is May 27. The election will be held on June 24.



Little Free Library—Shawnee Campus

By Jo Ann Emerson

The Preschool has placed a free book exchange cabinet in the foyer of the Shawnee campus. The rules are simple – Take a Book,

Return a Book. Please make sure donated books can fit in the cabinet. Both children and adult books are welcome!

“A book is a gift you can open again and again.”
~Garrison Keillor~



OneFund Commitment Sunday is May 20

By Larry Conrad

We hope you have viewed the *OneFund – Funding the Ministry* video message. If you missed it, visit tlcms.org for a link to watch it. This Sunday, May 20, we will ask you to submit your OneFund commitment card for our 2018/2019 fiscal year. At each worship service, you will have an opportunity to pray, celebrate the blessings God has bestowed on your family, and hand in your commitment card. Remember to bring your One Fund commitment card to worship this weekend! Being a

“Community Following Jesus” is committing to wise and faithful stewardship of our personal resources and time. We have many new initiatives for ministry, but need your help to accomplish them. Please engage in prayerful reflection and discernment as you consider your One Fund commitment. In order to move forward with these initiatives, we are asking you to prayerfully consider a 5% increase over your current giving. Commitment cards are available at the church office as well as online at tlcms.org.



Wittenberg English Ministry (WEM)

By Deacon Tim Reaman



Deacon Tim Reaman will return to serve as a host for the fifth time for the Wittenberg English Ministry (WEM) in Wittenberg,

Germany for six weeks beginning June 20. Wittenberg is where Martin Luther posted the 95 Theses in 1517 and is considered the cradle of the Protestant Reformation. WEM conducts Lutheran-led, English-language worship and chapel services at the historic Lutheran churches in Wittenberg from April-October annually. These worship opportunities serve the

many travelers from around the world visiting these historical sites. The web site for WEM is <http://www.wittenbergenglishministry.com>. You may follow WEM on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/wittenbergenglishministry/>. If you would like to receive short updates by email from Tim please provide him your address.

Trinity Columbarium

By Bill Guerry

In the past 18 months, several articles have been published dealing with the original conception of a

forward with plans that were approved by the Executive Committee. The overriding purpose of

around which activities and events have brought families together for many years. As country cemeteries served churches well in years past, so today, columbariums serve their congregations in the same manner. The columbarium will not be completed for another couple of weeks. However, the status of the project is such that we can now accept pre-need leasing applications. For those interested, please contact the church office, 913-432-5441. You will be provided a copy of frequently asked questions, which should provide you with all the

information you need. If you are certain you want to proceed with a lease, please let the office know, and you will be contacted by one of the Columbarium Board members, and a time will be set to complete the necessary forms.

New!

For more information about the columbarium as well as other end-of-life planning, visit the *End-of-Life Planning* page on Trinity's website under the *Next Steps* tab. This page will continue to grow as we add additional resources.



columbarium at Trinity, informational meetings to determine interest, establishment of a committee to develop plans and present them to the Executive Committee, and last, but not least, being blessed with generous gifts which have allowed the committee to move

having a columbarium at Trinity, as expressed by many individuals, is the idea that the center of their spiritual life, their church home for many years, could now become their final resting place. Trinity has been the center of their worship experience and a central gathering place



The Art of Neighboring

By Tom Perry

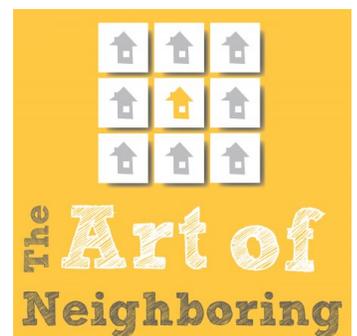
**Thursday, May 24, 2pm,
Shawnee Campus**

**Friday, May 25, 2pm,
Mission Campus**

How well do you know your neighbors? Can you readily remember their first and last names? What does being a child of God and knowing your neighbor have in common? Is it true

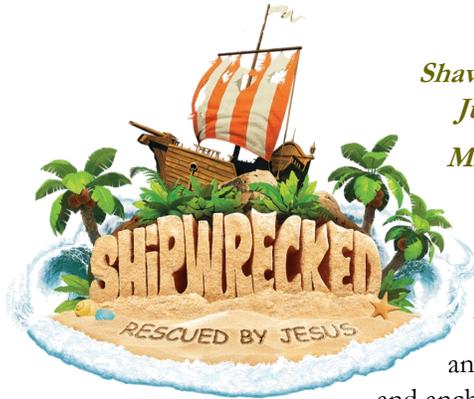
that "thou shalt know thy neighbor" is the unwritten 72nd commandment? OK, maybe not, but it is important. When Pastor Phil was called to Trinity, he spoke of the importance he placed upon knowing your neighbor. Pastor will be talking with both campuses about how to be

an active friend with your neighbor. Actively caring for and taking an interest in your neighbors helps spread the Gospel message in a non-threatening way. Come learn more and hear what Pastor Phil has to share. Pastor Phil will speak at both campuses. Hope to see you there, neighbor!



Shipwrecked VBS

By Rhonda Synovec



Shawnee Campus

June 25 - 29

Mission Campus

July 9 - 13

9-11:30am

Shipwrecked VBS takes kids to an uncharted island and anchors them in the truth that Jesus carries us through life's storms.

Shipwrecked VBS is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences that kids see, hear, touch, and even taste. Every part of VBS helps children discover how faith can flow into real life. Kids will also discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life.

At Shipwrecked VBS, kids learn one important Bible point each day that helps them know more about

following Jesus. The Bible point is woven into every area and exploration station.

The Bible points for this VBS are:

Day 1 – When you are lonely – Jesus Rescues!

Day 2 – When you worry – Jesus Rescues!

Day 3 – When you struggle – Jesus Rescues!

Day 4 – When you do wrong – Jesus Rescues!

Day 5 – When you are powerless – Jesus Rescues!

VBS is our opportunity as the body of Christ to shine God's light into our community by inviting and bringing others to share in this amazing week. It is also our opportunity to shine God's light by

servicing the children and families at VBS. Consider sharing your gifts and talents with the children who enter our doors. There are any number of ways to be involved – pray for VBS, donate items, prepare and help decorate our environment for that WOW factor, become a crew leader for a group of five children, become a station assistant where you can assist a leader, help with check-in and registration each day, or assist in any number of other ways as well.

Come discover God's creativity in the world around us! Register to be a part of Shipwrecked VBS by going to our website, www.tlcms.org.

NEW! Pre-order VBS Music CDs

By Rhonda Synovec



NEW this year – you may purchase the Shipwrecked VBS Music CD in advance online only. The cost is

\$7.00 and your purchase can be made through the link on the website and *eNews*. CD's will be delivered to

each campus with your name on them and will be placed at the Shipwrecked Display table for pickup.

Kids' Kamp

By Rhonda Synovec

July 9 - 12

Mission Campus

Grades 1 - 5

Mission Kids' Kamp is our afternoon camp available



for first – fifth grade youth. Each day we will enter into a new adventure at camp. Activities may include games day, bingo and

singing at a senior living facility, a pool party, etc. There is a \$5.00 fee for camp, which is payable online. Register at tlcms.org.

Signature Spire Concert

**Saturday, June 30
7:30 PM**

Ben A. Spalding and the voices of Spire share music that defines the Spire family.

Enjoy favorites from past years — spirituals, popular, and classical — including a new world premiere.

Selections include:

Miserere mei, Deus | Gregorio Allegri

Richte Mich, Gott | Felix Mendelssohn

Sanctus from Mass for

Double Choir | Frank Martin

Hymn to the Eternal Flame | Stephen Paulus

The Battle of Jericho | arr. Moses Hogan

Agnus Dei | Samuel Barber

Light of a Clear Blue Morning | Dolly Parton, arr. Craig Hella Johnson

Unclouded Day | arr. Shawn Kirchner

I'll Be Seeing You | arr. Phil Mattson (*as made famous by Billie Holiday*)



**Visitation Church
5141 Main St
Kansas City, MO 64113**

Tickets are \$25 for general admission and \$10 for students and are available at the door.

Saints Alive After 55

By Tom Perry

On July 29-31, the Kansas District Saints Alive After 55 event will once again be held. The three-day gathering begins on a Sunday afternoon and continues through lunch on Tuesday. It is held at the Spiritual Life Center in Wichita, which is a very nice facility. They have motel type rooms on the

premises and all meals come in the package. The keynote speaker this year is Dr. Barrie Henke who is the president of the Oklahoma District. The event includes Bible study, fellowship, inspirational speakers, and updates on LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs, and the WSU Fairmount Coffee Co. I attended last

year and enjoyed it very much. I am hoping we will have some people interested in going with me this year. If you are interested, flyers may be found on the information rack. Also, please get in touch with Tom and we will look into working out transportation to Wichita. I hope to hear from you!



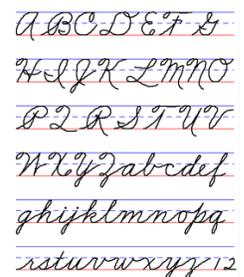
How's Your Handwriting?

By Tom Perry

One of our members was watching the news and saw that one community decided to help students learn cursive handwriting. She thought that it possibly could be a worthwhile service partnership with

Rushton School. Cursive has not been taught in the public school for a number of years and perhaps we can help. I am not sure what form this would take but I am looking for people who would be interested in

getting involved. If we get some volunteers I will meet with the people at Rushton and see what we can do. Let Tom know,
Tom@tlcms.org



Discipleship—continued

bulletin. I wear a special collared shirt or a long white robe with colorful bands of fabric draped over the shoulders. You know me. I know many of you. But how well do you feel known by one another? That's harder. And while you've probably heard it said, "Just go ask people their names," I know how hard that is, too. It can be awkward and maybe a little risky (if that's the right word). We want to help you out here. We all want to know one another better and feel known in this larger Trinity community. I think we have to break this down somewhat and make it more attainable. **That's why we're rebooting our Life Together Groups initiative. You'll see more about these in the eNews, Messenger and website.** I invite you to consider these if your heart is stretching out for what they intend to do. With community as the heart, the community (when we're together in a large setting or small, like a Life Together Group or Bible Study), we share and examine the story of Jesus. We get into Scripture. As we read, we'll see what God is doing and how the kingdom of God is unfolding on

earth as it is in heaven. We'll also feel nudged to engage the conversation not just with one another, but with God himself! Scripture leads to prayer. And when Scripture and prayer swirl together in our hearts, it's not long until we're wondering, "What does this mean? What does God want me to do in my life? What does it mean to walk in the pathway of faith?" It's here we find ourselves discerning within the community, alongside people we respect and trust. We search the heart of God together. We know what to expect from God because we trust his voice in the Scriptures. And now we're finding ourselves in a sort of face-to-face dialog as we discern the small steps, the life application. What a gift to have people beside us in such a season. Community studies Scripture. Scripture leads to prayer. Scripture and prayer lead to discernment and we take our questions to the community we trust. It won't be long until we feel the nudge to create more margin. To simplify and make space—time, energy, etc. The words of Jesus, as we made margin to stretch a



bit, will call us to express hospitality to the people we know. We'll love those close by. But the Spirit doesn't leave us for long until we're called in various ways to express compassion in places we might have resisted in the past, but we feel called to go there (wherever those places might be for you) to express compassion. But we won't be alone in this. We'll be with the community, the believers, the holy ones of God who are our companions at Trinity (and beyond). Engaging in something like the above will open our eyes a little more and we see the kingdom of God a bit more fully in this world. We also learn how to walk within the reign of God. This takes

time and patience. It takes sensitivity to the Holy Spirit. And it takes the gift of one another. Therefore, may God's Spirit who formed us, the Church, on that first Pentecost, continue to swirl around us and set us on the pathway of walking by faith, trusting Jesus. May the Spirit comfort us as we discern what to do and hear from the Bible what to believe. May we sometimes be open to change and shifts within us as the Spirit reforms us again and again. May the peace of God which dwells within us by the Spirit fill your hearts and lives with Jesus Christ who calls you to walk beside him now and forevermore. Amen.

Kids' Café

By Rhonda Synovec

July 9 - 13
11:45—12:15
Mission Campus

We will serve free lunch

through the Kids' Café lunch program for ANY child ages 1 – 18 from July 10-14. You do not need to

attend VBS to participate in the lunch program and no registration is required.



Seeking Volunteer English Teachers

By Immanuel Lutheran Church

¿Hablas poco Español? Want to help us reach the unchurched? We are seeking volunteer teachers for our well known English classes at Immanuel KCK. Our ESL program is in its thirteenth year and is our primary outreach ministry here in the Argentine district. New students arrive

weekly who really want to learn English. We need some new volunteers, and will explain the particulars when they respond to the ad. One Tuesday or Thursday evening a week, or every other week, or even once a month will work! A little Spanish is needed, but you don't need

to be fluent. It's easy and fun, and you'll be "blessed to be a blessing!" For more information, please email immanuelkckhispanic@gmail.com and include your name, phone number, and a good time to call you.



Flag Day Celebration – June 14

Everyone is invited to Kansas City's Flag Day Celebration on June 14. Enjoy an evening of free food and fun at Lakeview Village, 9100 Park Street, Lenexa, KS. Festivities will

happen 5:30-7:00pm.

If you have any flags in need of retirement, you are invited to bring your flags to the collection box at the Mission campus and they will be included

in the flag retirement ceremony at this event. You may also retire any flags you bring to the event on June 14. The Flag Folding Ceremony will be at 7pm.



Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him."

John 14:23

MLM Summer Breakout

By Susie Schram



Wednesday, June 13
5–8pm

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
7851 W. 119th Street
Overland Park, KS

Meet up for a family-friendly block-party style event to celebrate summer and support the Metro Lutheran Ministry Christmas Store!

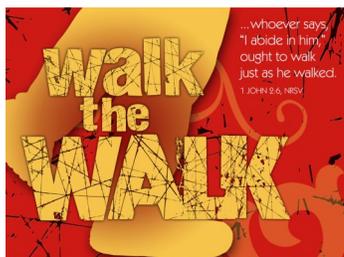
Grab your family and friends for a great evening of food trucks, live music, inflatables, locally-made chocolate, a wine and jewelry “pull,” art show, silent auction, and more! All proceeds benefit Metro Lutheran Ministry’s Christmas Store.

SPECIAL MUSICAL GUESTS: Joy Zimmerman and Jimmy Dykman

CALL FOR ARTISTS:

MLM is seeking artists to participate in Summer Breakout’s arts festival! Visual artists may exhibit their original works in the following categories: painting, photography, drawing, sculpture, fiber, woodworking, glass, or ceramics. Enter by May 24: <https://www.mlmkc.org/summer-breakout—visual-artist-entry-form.html>.

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 the Overland Park Office located at 10901 Granada

Lane (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 2 miles, so strollers and dogs welcome! To register online and for additional information, visit www.aapcwalk.org.

Advice and Aid Volunteers Needed



Advice & Aid Pregnancy Centers, Inc. is in need of volunteers, including bilingual volunteers, and will be offering a Volunteer Informational Meeting on Monday, June 11, 2018 (7:00

p.m. to 9:00 p.m.). 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 Mary at 913-

962-0200 or email volunteer@adviceandaid.com.

Anniversaries and birthdays are listed from May 23-June 5. If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please contact the church office.

Therefore encourage one another...

1 Thessalonians 5:11 ESV

Birthdays



- May 24** – Matt Callahan, Bryce Dieckhoff, Donna Domsch, Kristin Harrell, Kalin Lamus, Dyan Mojica, Brian Smith
- May 25** – Rebecca Glad, Gary Kaufman, Riley McEvoy
- May 26** – Lauren Bauer
- May 27** – Josie Butler, Kerry Moore
- May 28** – Jonathan Akers, Kate Barker, Hannah Holloway, Brighton Pingel, Luke Pittenger, Samuel Pittenger, Jim Shonkwiler, Amy Waage
- May 29** – Chris Anders, Stan DuBois, Stephanie Spalding, Dana Winegarner
- May 30** – Beth Bauer, Emma Hellerich, Pat Smith
- May 31** – Gary Everhart, Chandler Latteman
- June 1** – Amy Adams, Demitry Barker, John Musgrove, Cyndi Weiss
- June 2** – Caroline Dunker, Brett Dworkis, Mark Linville, Joel Shifflett, Jere Stuckey
- June 3** – Kandy Helm, Ryan Summerskill, Tony Whitter
- June 4** – Patt Alft, Christian Whitter, Marilyn Wilkinson
- June 5** – Ainsley Clark, Zoe Phelps, Ashley Riles

Anniversaries



- Keith & Dianna Mayfield May 23 (26th)
- Rod & Julie Cahoy May 25 (27th)
- David & Liz Cook May 25 (33rd)
- Doug & Kathy Doss May 25 (44th)
- Sean & Lexy Partain May 25 (5th)
- Bob & Ellen Wilson May 25 (28th)
- Patrick & Audra McEvoy May 26 (12th)
- Phil & Buffy Rishel May 27 (6th)
- Gary & Jan Akers May 28 (41st)
- Brent & Katie Barta May 28 (13th)
- Jason & Mandee Pingel May 28 (12th)
- Joel & Christa Shifflett May 28 (40th)
- Greg & Ashley Gaskins May 30 (8th)
- Bob & Bev Skrukud May 30 (31st)
- Frank & Anne Emert June 1 (6th)
- Jim & Phyllis Hoestje June 1 (49th)
- John & Erin Hoestje June 1 (16th)
- Dick & Audrey Humes June 1 (66th)
- David & Debbie Martin June 1 (34th)
- Russ & Joyce Wulf Sill June 1 (27th)
- Bill & Kay Cox June 2 (58th)
- Chris & Connie Hansen June 2 (45th)
- Yancy & Christina Wright June 2 (11th)
- David & Karla Dautenhahn June 3 (40th)
- Ron & Donna Domsch June 3 (40th)
- John & Connie Koetting June 3 (46th)
- Michael & Paula Gallart June 5 (19th)
- Eric & Jennifer McHugh June 5 (14th)

Prayers



Deaths

Marvin Archer, 5/1

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 Klemp, *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

- Tom Dempsey
- Shirley Duffy
- Bonnie Fruehling
- Quintyn Hendrich
- Harlan Koca
- Cassie Lowery
- Bill Millsap
- Jere Stuckey
- Don Unger

Member Prayers-Shawnee

Noree Cook



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!

Please be aware that hosting this event at Trinity does not indicate endorsement of the screening procedures offered, and you are encouraged to consult your personal physician.

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, Older Adult 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 May 29 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.