

A Community

Following Jesus

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The Messenger

Children's Ministry Summer Event Wrap-up

By Rhonda Synovec

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Summer has offered a variety of opportunities for children, youth, and families to grow in their relationship with Jesus and serve others. These opportunities to explore and grow in their faith as individuals and as families helps to strengthen families and the church. Following is a summary of the exciting events that have happened this summer.

Youth Ministry

LVR – Trinity had twenty-one youth from both campuses and five adults who traveled to LVR (Lutheran Valley Retreat) June 10-15 to participate in an amazing opportunity to grow in their relationship with Jesus, with one another, and with other Lutheran youth from the Kansas City area. The total number attending camp was 127 youth and 20 adults from the Lutheran churches of Trinity, Lord of Life, Christ, Beautiful Savior in Lee's Summit, Redeemer in Olathe, Hope, Bethany,

Our Redeemer in KCMO, Peace Lutheran in KCMO, and Prince of Peace in Topeka.

The theme of camp was "Renew" based on Isaiah 43:19: "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."

Our week at camp focused on being made new through the love of Christ Jesus. Through baptism, through faith, and through the daily invitation to follow Him, Jesus offers us something the world never will. Youth and adults were encouraged to focus on what God is doing inside each of us to change the world around us. The promise in Isaiah is:



Trinity youth at Lutheran Valley Retreat in June

- Jesus offers you joy and peace in the midst of loss and sadness.
- He offers you gentleness and humility in the midst of violence and hatred.
- He offers you prayer and relationship in the midst of isolation and loneliness.
- He offers love and service in the midst of a

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Congregational Assembly

By Pastor Mark Schulz

August 12, 1pm Mission Campus

The Call Committee has been hard at work with a series of interviews and meetings with the three can-

didates for Youth Family Minister. The Call Committee will make a presentation and recommendation for extending a call to the top candidate. A special congregational assembly has been called for Sunday, August 12, at 1pm at the Mission campus for the purpose of extending a call. Childcare will be provided.

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Childcare Positions Available

By Jo Ann Emerson



Trinity Lutheran Church is currently seeking applicants for the following positions. This would be a wonderful way to make a little extra money while having fun working with God's children in a Christian environment.

- Wednesday morning Ladies' Bible Class childcare provider. Shawnee Campus. Hours are 9:30-11:30 am throughout the school year. You would be responsible for supervising up to 8 chil-

dren between the ages of infant-Kindergarten. Pay begins at \$10/hour for an adult 18 and above. Schedule is weekly, September 2018 – May 2019.

- Sunday morning Nursery childcare provider. Both Shawnee and Mission Campuses. Hours are 8:15 am - 12:15 pm. A monthly schedule is created to coordinate with your availability. Applicants 14 years and older are encouraged to

apply. Pay varies according to experience level. Schedule is monthly with an immediate need beginning August 2018.

All positions require a background check, application and orientation training. If you love working with children and are interested in learning more or applying, please contact Jo Ann Emerson at joann@tlcms.org or 913-563-5280.

Time to Order Your Lutheran Witness

By Gretchen Hollman



Orders due August 5.
Payment due August 31.

How do we as Lutheran Christians respond to the world around us?

How do we share a biblical perspective on current issues? How can we be better beacons of God's light and care for those around us?

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod offers an excellent resource that can be delivered right to your home or accessed online—

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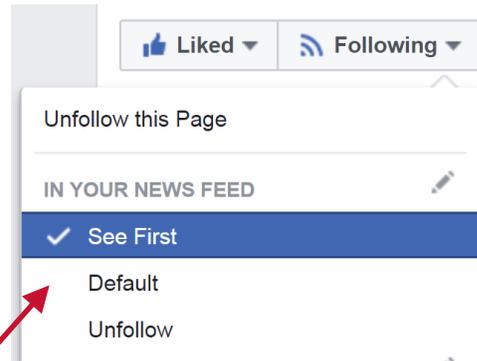
Trinity Is on Facebook!

By Gretchen Hollman

Trinity has a Facebook page! Spread the word! We encourage you to check it out and follow us. Anyone can post to the site, but all posts will be approved by Trinity staff. The goal for our Facebook page is to continue to strive for new ways to communicate with our members. Facebook will also provide Trinity

with additional tools to communicate with the community in ways that are engaging and targeted.

Did you know that if you follow a Facebook page, you will only see a small percentage of posts? To see all of Trinity's posts, please click the "Following" pulldown and then click "See First."



Metro Lutheran Ministry (MLM) Christmas Store needs your help!

By Susan Schram

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! We are helping the Christmas Store with a

Christmas in July. Bring your unwrapped gifts to church any Sunday in July and place under the Christmas palm tree. Gifts for teenage boys and girls are always needed such as make-up kits, jewelry, wallets, team clothing, and

sports equipment. Suggestions for other needed gifts are in baskets by the palm tree. Thanks in advance for your generosity! Questions? Please contact Susan Schram, 913-492-5334.



Best Choice Bar Codes

By Ruth Hanusch

Thank you to all who turned in Best Choice bar codes after the last Messenger's request article. I now have 975 ready to turn in and need only 25 more to reach 1,000. Then I will be

collecting toward another 1,000 needed before the end of the year. The bar code looks like the image to the right. Please place bar codes in the jar at the welcome center at the Mission

campus or they can be placed in the basket in the Mission campus entryway anytime. Thank you for helping me make life better for many people in need.



Summertime Hymn Sing

By Ben Spalding

Sunday, July 22
8:30 and 11am services

Mission Campus

We will begin our worship together with a Summertime Hymn Sing! This is a

great opportunity to sing your favorite hymns of the faith. If you have a favorite hymn, plan on sharing it that morning as we join with the heavenly chorus in

praising our wonderful Creator!

The Summertime Hymn Sing will be repeated on August 19.



A Postcard from Wittenberg, July 13

By Tim and Pat Reaman



Deacon Tim Reaman is serving as a host for the fifth time for the Wittenberg English Ministry (WEM) in Wittenberg, Germany until the beginning of August. WEM conducts Lutheran-led, English-language worship and chapel services at the historic Lutheran churches in

Wittenberg from April-October annually.

We are in our third week and some of the attendance numbers at the services have been a little surprising. While we anticipated signifi-

cantly smaller crowds and tour groups following the 2017 Jubilee year, we have been blessed with above average attendance.



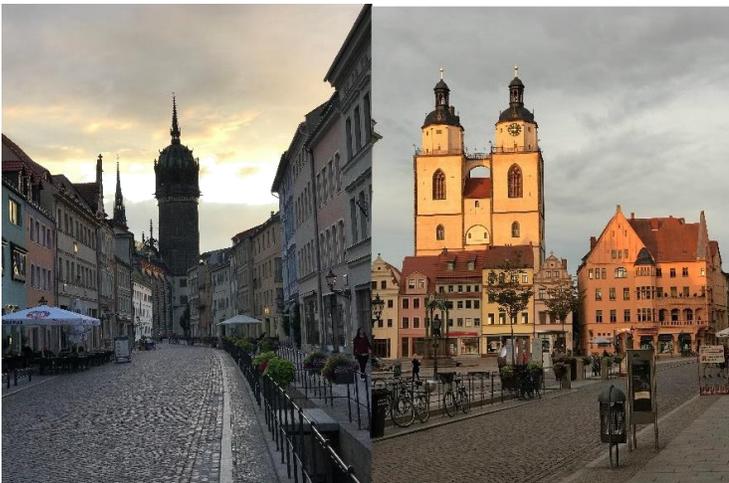
Saturday, June 30, in the Castle Church—97 attended.



Friday, July 6, in the Castle Church—62 attended. Choir from Yankton, SD unexpectedly "walked in." A nice surprise!



Saturday, July 7, in the Town Church—63 attended.



Castle Church (left) and Town Church (right): Took these "very peaceful" pictures at dusk last night.



Very dry in Wittenberg. Warm temperatures, but not excessive heat. Just no rain since Easter!

Bilingual Volunteers Needed

By Mary Newcomer

**Monday, August 27
7-9pm**

Advice & Aid Pregnancy Centers, Inc. is in need of volunteers, including bilingual volunteers, and will be

offering a Volunteer Informational Meeting on Monday, August 27, 2018 (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 Mary at 913-962-0200 or email volunteer@adviceandaid.com.



Rushton School Supply Drive

By Rhonda Synovec

We are again continuing our important ministry to assist with supporting low-income families at Rushton Elementary School. Help us send the children off to school with all the supplies they need to give them a

jump start toward success by donating school supplies. Bags with lists of supplies attached will be handed out following worship the weekend of July 21-22. Please consider making a donation and bring your

bag back to church by Saturday and Sunday, August 4-5. Visit tlcms.org to view a list of supplies. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



Noisy Collection – July 29

By Julie Messbarger

Every time there is a fifth Sunday in a month, the children at Trinity celebrate by having a Noisy Collection. This is exactly what it sounds like – it’s noisy while the kids collect change from the congregation. They use metal buckets so everyone can hear the change being donated. Of course, paper money is always accepted too, it just isn’t as noisy! This change is used to help other kids and families in need. It gives our Trinity kids

an opportunity to participate in the worship service as well as serve others. We are thankful to the congregation for generously supporting Noisy Collection.

What happens if the fifth Sunday is a special service or a holiday? In that case, to help keep worship within the time constraints, Noisy Collection is moved to the following Sunday. So if it happens to be the first Sunday of the month and you see kids coming

around with metal buckets, you’ll know why Noisy Collection is on a different day. Noisy Collection dates for the upcoming school year are December 30 and March 31. We also have one coming up this month on July 29. The coins collected on July 29 will go towards the support of school children at Rushton Elementary School. So start saving that change, someone will be around to collect it at the end of this month!



Listening to You

By Pastor Mark Schulz

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.



Memory Verse

**By their fruit you will recognize them ...every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.
Matthew 7: 16-17**

Children's Ministry Summer Report (continued)

self-centered culture.

- He helps us to live out faith in the midst of hypocrisy.

Summer Service - Youth

Vacation Bible School - A large number of Trinity youth served this summer at both the Shawnee and Mission Shipwrecked VBS events. Youth helped with decorating, as Crew Leaders, Station leaders, and Station assistants. They also helped with setup and take-down for both weeks.

Kid's Café Lunch - At the Mission campus, youth also helped serve as part of Kid's Café summer lunch program with the setup and take-down of tables and chairs each day, as well as helpers for our little ones during lunch.

Kids' Kamp - Youth served as camp coaches for our afternoon Kids' Kamp at the Mission campus. They guided the children in their activities through the camp week.

Children's Ministry

Vacation Bible School - Shipwrecked VBS was a wonderful way for us to share the Gospel with our children and the children of the community. We learned that in the midst of life's

storms, Jesus Rescues!

When we are lonely, when we worry, when we struggle, when we do wrong, or when we feel powerless, we can trust that we have been rescued from all things through Christ Jesus our Savior.

Shawnee Campus - VBS was June 25-29 and we served 150 children with 50 volunteers.

Mission Campus - VBS was July 9-13 and we served 80 children with 37 volunteers.

Kids' Café Lunch and Kids' Kamp - Mission Campus

We served 65 free lunches to children and youth each day of VBS, July 9-13. This is the highest number of lunches served during this week since we began participating in this program. Our Kids' Kamp served 18 children with 10 youth camp coaches. Kamp included a game day, movie day, bingo, and swimming. A BIG Thank You goes to Justin Cox for leading camp, to Dimitry Barker who served as his assistant, to Kerry Barker for his assistance, and to all of our Trinity youth who led by example as they served the children of camp. The following is a

compliment paid to Kerry Barker for our camp by the manager at the Roeland Park pool:

"This is the most respectful, kind, and well behaved group we've had at the swimming pool this year and you are invited to come back anytime you would like."

Summer Sunday School

Babylon VBS Experience & Serve Together

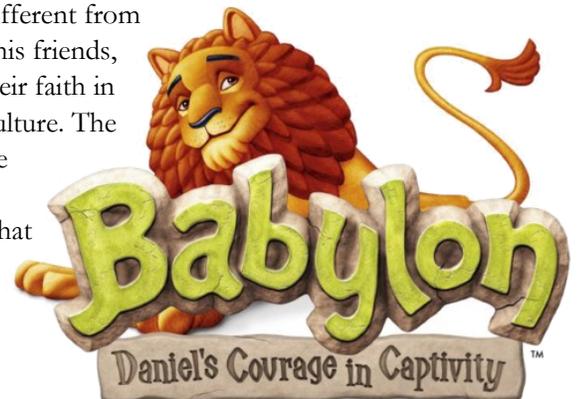
Experience - We are offering unique opportunities for families to be together during the Summer Sunday School hour to learn and grow together in their faith and service.

Babylon VBS - Daniel was way more than the guy who survived a den of hungry lions! Join Daniel—torn from his home and forced into the king's service. Kids and adults find that they're not much different from Daniel and his friends, who kept their faith in a faithless culture. The discovery we explore together is that God is always with us so when things change, when we

need help, when we are afraid, when we are lonely, and even when we are thankful, God is with us. This experience is currently happening at our Shawnee campus through Aug 19.

Serve Together - This experience is a unique opportunity for families to serve together. They also learn wonderful background information about the areas and communities they are serving to shed light on areas they might be interested in serving when this experience is completed.

Projects include serving for VBS preparation and conclusion, sustainable food bags for the homeless, blankets for Children's Mercy, and a very special hunger-focused project based on the children's book, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*.



Therefore encourage one another...

1 Thessalonians 5:11 ESV

Birthdays



- July 25** – Jeannette Dusek, Wanda Hein
- July 26** – Rhonda Eckelman, Tanner Harvey, Steve Henslee, Anna Owsley, Derrick Strohm, Amelia Summerskill
- July 27** – Annabelle Clark, Jacob Schnackenberg
- July 28** – Bill Carr, Kathy Doss, John Emert, Bill Kellogg, Eric Schleicher, Leo Schlesselman
- July 29** – Aubrey Dearth, Dalton Lewallen, Zach Reeder, Stefan Thomas, Bill Vaughn, Al von der Linden, Sarah Walsh, Gary Williamson
- July 30** – Michael Delamore, Steve Finkemeier, Don Moehlenkamp
- July 31** – Dolores Boehnke, Lydia Kuhn, Krista Rittmann, Grayson Winter
- August 1** – Bob Humiston, Jesse Vineyard
- August 2** – Sarah Charlton, Shane Schuldt, Anna Villarreal, Kurt Wallace
- August 3** – Brenda Becker, Marie McDermed, Tai Schmotze, Karey Troxel
- August 4** – Irene Hill, Rayann Porter, Kyle Wilkinson
- August 5** – Kevin Oberly, Callaway Smith, Drew Dieckhoff, Jo Ann Emerson, Paul Hertel
- August 6** – Matt Garrelts, Tony Jaime, Chelsea McBride
- August 7** - Sherry Streufert, Erin Lutz, Bernie Tobiason

Anniversaries



- Zack & Debbie Kimbell.....July 25 (32nd)
- Bruce & Tami Miles.....July 25 (31st)
- Ryan & Abby Summerskill..... July 26 (10th)
- Andrew & Mary Young.....July 27 (5th)
- Scott & Linda Kaphingst July 28 (39th)
- Bruce & Mary Kay Kelm July 28 (28th)
- Scott & Kaci Wenzel..... July 28 (11th)
- Awad & Yvonne Ismir July 29 (57th)
- Bob & Deb Killingsworth..... July 31 (37th)
- Tom & Tammy Truax July 31 (25th)
- Mark & Nancy VietsAugust 1 (54th)
- Mark & Emily Webster August 1 (9th)
- Deryl & Jan HancockAugust 2 (34th)
- Eldor & Delores Kaiser.....August 3 (66th)
- Gary & Joy Humbarger.....August 4 (44th)
- Roger & Abby ObristAugust 4 (11th)
- Bill & Peggy Schildberg..... August 5 (51st)
- Mark & Linda Wendlandt.....August 5 (46th)
- Greg & Debra Strohm..... August 6 (41st)

Prayers



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 Garden Terrace*
- 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
- Lisa Finkemeier
- Bonnie Fruehling
- Quintyn Hendrich
- Harlan Koca
- Christopher Messbarger
- Bill Millsap
- Charlene Millsap
- Ann Ninneman
- Ben Stroker
- Don Unger
- Dawn Wilson

Member Prayers-Shawnee

- Allan Alft
- Keerstin McNeely
- Elaine Pattison

Anniversaries and birthdays are listed from July 25– August 7. If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please contact the church office.

Great American Giveaway

By Julie Messbarger

Morning of July 28, Mission Campus Parking Lot

How can you help?

DONATE:

Donate your gently used unwanted items from the following categories: clothes, shoes, toys, linens, bedding, kitchen items, furniture. Please note that we are not accepting donations of computer equipment or tube TVs. We also request that items be in good condition. If you would not give the item to a family member or friend in need, the item is not appropriate for donation.

VOLUNTEER: Volunteer to help set up tables and tents (7–8am). Volunteer to help sort items as they are donated (8–10am). Volunteer to assist “shoppers” (10:30–12pm). Volunteer to help pack up leftover items (12–1pm).

PROVIDE: Provide snacks for our volunteers to munch on as they work. Snack donations can be dropped off ahead of time by the sign up/information table.

PRAY: Pray for the volunteers and community members.

Additional details... This year’s freewill offering will go to Homes For Heroes (Veterans Community Project).



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The next deadline is August 31 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.