

A Community

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The Messenger

Discipleship to Missional Communities

By Pastor Ben Vineyard

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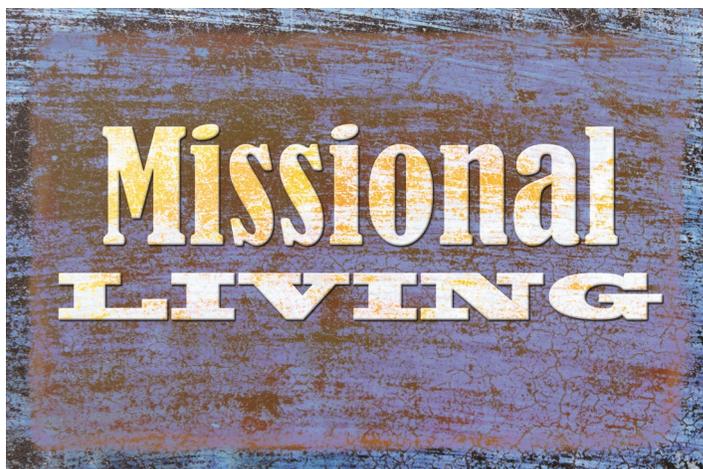
Pastors Mark, Phil, and Ben along with Rebeka Cook and Jenny Vineyard went to Omaha this October to further explore discipleship, disciple formation, missional communities, and such. This trip was part of the Pastoral Leadership Institute (PLI) Discipleship to Missional Communities (D2MC) journey we have been part of for over a year now.

The topic this October was developing missional leadership.

What is a “missional leader?” A missional leader is someone who has a vision, intends to do that vision, and feels good about the tools or means to get there. More importantly, we ask what our mission is here at Trinity. That’s being a “Community Following Jesus.” Therefore, developing missional leaders will be about encouraging leadership in that mission’s direction.

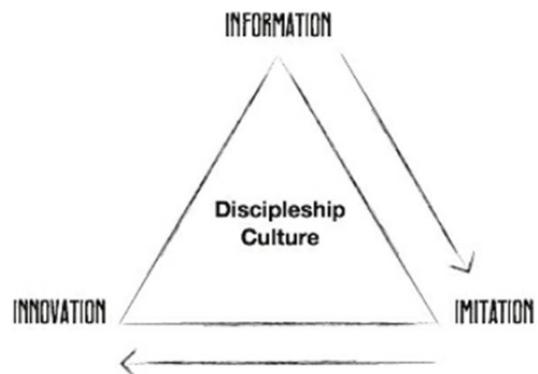
What do we do?

We five are in this training



process and experience that is providing helpful information. It’s also providing us something to imitate when it comes to discipling others where small pockets of people intend to follow Jesus and encourage one another on that journey. In time, we’ll innovate and

make the process more of a Trinity thing than just something we’re imitating. We’ve already begun that process of innovation and molding as we’ve been working with others at Trinity on discipleship. A diagram for the process looks like this:



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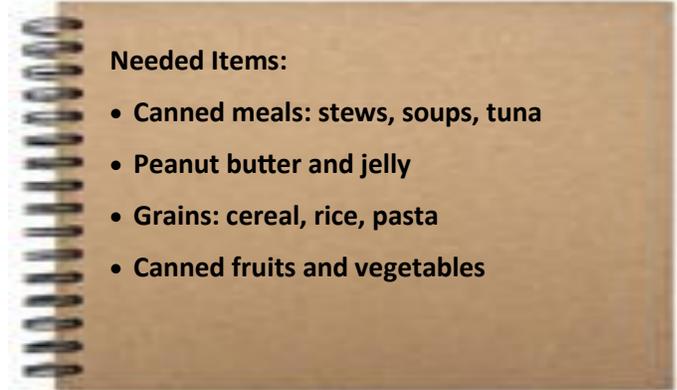
MLM Thanksgiving Food Drive

By Susie Schram



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

Grocery sacks will be distributed on Sunday November 4. Please use these sacks to bring food to church by Sunday, November 18.



Needed Items:

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

Christmas Decorating

By Julie Mohling



**Friday, November 30,
5pm
Mission Campus**

Come help us decorate for Christmas! It is that time again to decorate the church for the holidays on Friday, November 30th, starting at

5pm (but you can come at any time). We will have dinner and decorate, finishing around 9pm. Any and all are welcome to come help, with many different levels of jobs to be done. It is a joyful time of preparation and be-

ing with our church community to prepare for this joyful Advent and Christmas season. If you have any questions, you may contact Julie Mohling at 913-574-8607(cell) or jmohl4@yahoo.com.

"The Road Home," WWI Armistice Commemoration Worship Service

By Lara West



On Sunday, November 11, at 3:00 pm, please join the greater Kansas City community at Atonement Lutheran Church, 9948 Metcalf Avenue, Overland Park, KS, for a special worship service held on the very day of the 100th anniversary of the armistice ending World War I. As the home of the National World War I Museum and Memorial, Kansas City will be a focal point of this

commemoration. This service is co-sponsored by the American Guild of Organists, Atonement Lutheran Church, Thrivent Financial, and various private donors. Featuring the renowned Störling Dance Theater and Te Deum Chamber Choir, the worship service weaves together letters from soldiers on the front written to their loved ones back home, lovely music, powerful dance depicting life at the

end of the war, scripture, reflections, and prayer. It will be a moving tribute to the soldiers and civilians who lost their lives in World War I. Plan to arrive by 2:30pm to get a good seat. All are welcome to attend. Any questions may be directed to Lara West, lara@tlcms.org, who helped to plan this service and is one of the organists for it.

Thanksgiving Eve Services

By Ben A. Spalding and Pastor Phil Cook

7pm, Wednesday
November 21
Both Campuses

Mission Campus: Worship with Praise Reports

Think about what you are thankful for and enjoy a time of sharing these praise reports during the service.

Shawnee Campus: “Pie and Praise”

Come join us for a less formal time of worship as we give thanks to God for all his blessings. We'll sing a few songs, take time to intentionally reflect on God's blessings, enjoy just being with our church family, and of course, EAT PIE! This year, we'll end with a simple family bedtime devotion. Bring your favorite pie to share!



LWML Coffee and Tea Sale

By Elfriede Mobling

Sunday Morning
November 11
Mission Campus

LWML coffee and tea sale will be held between worship services at the Mission campus on Sunday, November 11. Be sure to stop by the table to select from the wide variety

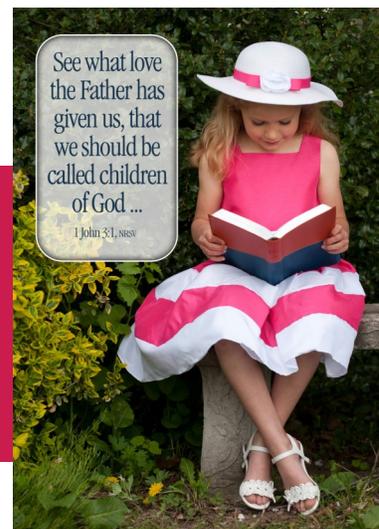
of flavors available for all your holiday entertaining and gift-giving needs. Selected varieties are also available for purchase in the gift shop between sale dates. The large purple and white mite box will be available on the coffee table to deposit your loose

change. One of the many mission projects being supported by your donation is Providing Food and the Gospel to Starving Children. Learn more about this project from the poster behind the mite box. Thank you for your support!



Memory Verse

**How great is the love the Father has lavished on us,
that we should be called the children of God!
And that is what we are!
1 John 3: 1**

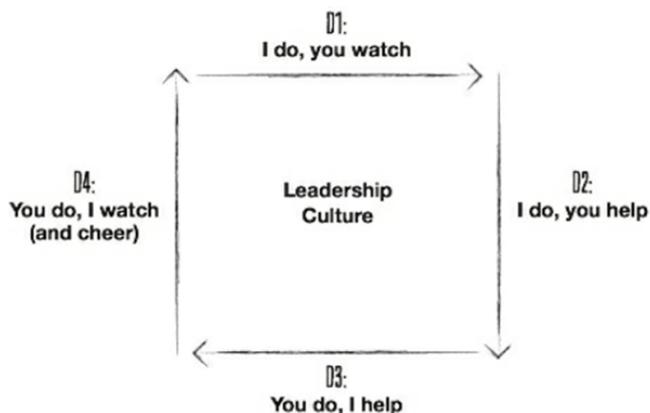


Discipleship to Missional Communities (continued)



Yet as I mentioned, this last event in October focused more on developing leaders. That's a big goal: to develop leaders who in time receive disciple-oriented information, imitate a disciple-making process from us, and in turn innovate and make disciples who go out and make disciples.

Getting there takes time and patience, but the journey is rich and full of depth. It sort of follows this diagram. Follow it from "D1 to D4."



Trinity is blessed with many leaders and disciples and disciple-makers. So we're looking at the past and what has been done as well as looking toward new steps that would be good to make. We ourselves have been recipients of the discipling efforts of people at Trinity and beyond. We're thankful and those experi-

ences play a part in where we're headed together.

What does this look like in concrete terms?

The five of us are praying through and discerning who we ought to work beside in disciple formation, who we will call beside us and explore an intentional pathway of discipleship together. Some of us have more clarity about who this should be than others. It's coming together though.

These groupings may also be known as huddles. It will be with these that we journey the pathway of intentional disciple information, imitation, and innovation. The outcome of what these individuals will do is in the hands of the Spirit of God. Our process and journey will be about listening to what God is saying, what God may be calling us toward. Then, in these huddles, we'll engage the pathway of doing something about it. Being able to explore such a thing in a huddle gathering will be invaluable. We're all excited about it!

Many outcomes are anticipated to reflect back into Trinity and to support our ongoing efforts within the church as we know it. One, it's a beautiful place with

beautiful people and beautiful traditions. We anticipate some will feel the nudge of God to lead in new and needed ways within the congregation.

Others may feel led to declare the presence of God's kingdom beyond the church as we know it. And that's the essence of what a missional community is. We cannot yet know what the exact details will be because we have not yet discerned in community what doors to try. But we anticipate there being calling and sending from God's Spirit within us, within our community, to do or be something that reveals the hospitality or compassion of Jesus to people who need it.

The conversation is great with this. The journey is also. Best of all is the life of prayer and discernment as we've been working together. We're excited to see more and more among us who are eager to walk all the more intentionally as disciples of Jesus—disciples who feel competent and eager to make other disciples. All in all: we are a "Community Following Jesus." Amen and Amen.

In Memory of Bernice Weamer

By Gretchen Hollman

Bernice Weamer, who served as church secretary and organist during the pastorates of Pastor Hartner and Pastor Yauk, died recently at the age of 88.

Please keep the Weamer family in your prayers. Condolences may be sent to:

Kathy Weamer
4803 Knox Avenue
Merriam, KS 66203



Third Quarter Statements

By Gretchen Hollman

An email was sent out recently which included instructions for printing your third quarter statements. If anyone would like a printout of their third quar-

ter statement, please contact the church office and we will happily print a statement for you.



Christmas Cookie Walk

By Lutheran Church of Our Saviour

Saturday, December 8

Lutheran Church of Our Saviour

The LWML of the Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 4153 Rainbow Boulevard, Kansas City, KS, is sponsoring our seventh annual Christmas Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 8, in the downstairs fellowship hall beginning at 9am. We will have a large assortment of wonderful, delicious cookies for sale at \$8.50 a pound. This event is being advertised publicly, and we

expect a good turn-out for this sale. You are encouraged to come early for the best selection of cookies. Please bring cash only as no checks or credit cards will be accepted on this day. The proceeds will provide funding for LWML selected charities and activities that will be posted in our fellowship hall. Questions may be directed to the church office administrator, Kim, at 913-236-6228. We hope to see you there!



Experience Germany: Lutherland and Oberammergau Passion Play

By Pastor Tom Harries

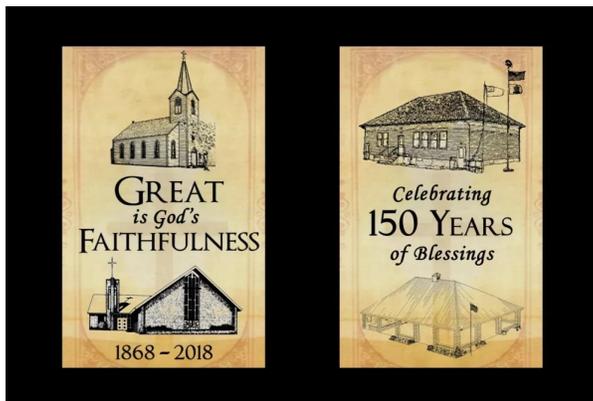


September 5-14, 2020

Pastor Tom and Diane Harries of Lenexa are hosting a Germany tour in 2020 from September 5-14. The trip will include touring Lutherland, attending the world famous Passion Play in Oberammergau, and visiting other historic and colorful sites of Germany. Brochures and information are available by calling 913-888-4772 or by emailing harriesth51@gmail.com. For links to a brochure and to register, please visit tlcms.org.

Trinity-Block Celebrates 150th

By Erin Meyer



Sunday, November 4

Trinity Lutheran Church

34868 Block Road

Paola, KS 66071

Trinity Lutheran Church—Block (rural Paola) is celebrating 150 years of God's blessings with a special celebration on Sunday, November 4. You are invited for a catered barbecue anniversary luncheon at noon, followed by a festive anniversary worship service at 2pm with guest speaker Kansas District President Peter Lange. For more information, contact Erin Meyer at erinhelynmeyer@gmail.com.

Hollis Renewal Center Events

By Erin Tieman



Hollis Ninth Annual Winter Art Fair

December 1-2, 2018

Now accepting artist applications! Each year Hollis has the privilege of hosting local artisans in the Hollis lodge for a two-day Art Fair. Mediums include pottery, photography, handmade jewelry, hand-turned woodworking, and more. Join us again by the warmth of the fire for our Ninth Annual Hollis Winter Art Fair. Visit www.holliscenter.org/hollis-winter-art-fair.html.

Therefore encourage one another...

1 Thessalonians 5:11 ESV

Birthdays



- November 7** – Tommy Cox, Chris Hansen, Phil Heitmeyer, Bruce Kelm, Melvin Steffens, Steven Whitter
- November 8** – Michael Guerry, Josephine Sullivan, Janet Thomas, Joellen Wallace
- November 9** – Karen Baxter, Elaine Conrad, Linda Denis, Tiffany Hall, Stephanie Mingos, Nathan Mojica, Ana Morrow, Taylor Stewart
- November 10** – Carolyn Weisheit
- November 11** – Larry Hanusch, Debbie Mason, Howard Nellis, Nancy Schulz
- November 12** – Pam Burris, Tom Dempsey, Shirley Erickson, Judy Gross, Terry Klausen, Dianna Mayfield, Colton Obrist, Skip Phelps, Harrison Vaughn, Ardyn West, Elijah West
- November 13** – Kay Cox, Frank Emert, Angela Jeppesen, Luke Keller
- November 14** – Sandy McArthur, Vicki Ortiz
- November 15** – Lyle Bond, Conrad Wells
- November 16** – Megan Eckman, Michael McSweyn, Erica Minton
- November 17** – Leitha Archer, Lexi Fox, Lois Hanauer, Seokwon Kim, Mary Kris Nolte
- November 18** – Roland Boehnke, Deryl Hancock, Renee Jones, Jerry Stephenson
- November 19** – Dayton Bohr, Casey Hancock, Nancy Holloway
- November 20** – Lisa Delaney, Mamie Dunker, Justin Shields

Anniversaries



- Shane & Megan Cicero **October 25 (15th)**
- Steve & Carol Waage October 25 (38th)
- Dan & Valerie Owsley **October 29 (30th)**
- Bill & Linda Guerry November 1 (43rd)
- Robert & Shirley Hemenway **November 5 (58th)**
- Bill & Julie Carr **November 6 (25th)**
- Bill & Heather Guerry November 6 (14th)
- Stan & Myrna DuBois **November 7 (54th)**
- Howard & Roselea Nellis **November 7 (20th)**
- Ralph & Carol Schwartz **November 7 (20th)**
- Jose & Stephanie Villarreal November 8 (4th)
- Harry & Jane Butler November 10 (17th)
- Charlie & Karen Barth **November 14 (59th)**
- Bob & Beth Behrens November 15 (49th)
- Bernie & Carol Tobiason November 17 (6th)
- Dave & Peggy Olson November 18 (18th)
- Mark & Nancy Schulz **November 20 (35th)**

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*
- 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, *Shawnee Post Acute and Rehabilitation Center*
- Betty Kueker, *Rose Estates*
- Evelyn Lauber, *Westchester Village*
- Bill and Charlene Millsap, *at home*
- 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, *Tallgrass Memory Care*
- Jerry and Mary Ellen Stephenson, *at Santa Marta*
- Jeanne Stevenson, *Kingswood*
- Helen Wendlandt, *at home*
- George Zschoche, *Aberdeen Village*

Member Prayers-Mission

- Tom Dempsey
- Quintyn Hendrich
- Denise Loeffler
- Marie McDermed
- Don Moehlenkamp
- Ann Ninneman
- Don Unger
- Janet Vetter
- Bob Wilson

Member Prayers-Shawnee

- Judy Kuehn
- Elaine Pattison

Anniversaries and birthdays are listed from November 7-20.
If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please contact the church office.

Cancer Bag Service Project

By Tom Perry

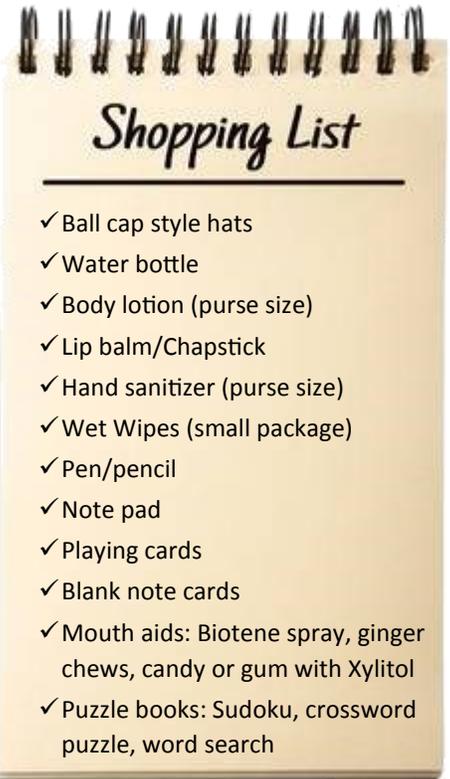
Collection September and October

Assembly November 14

This fall Trinity will be collecting items for the assembly and distribution of cancer bags. We are trying to get the whole congregation involved at both campuses. During the months of September and October we will have places for you to drop off items that will help those who are undergoing cancer treatment. The Preschool has volunteered to help, and

we are looking for the best way for our Sunday school and youth to help. The seniors will be assembling the bags on November 14th after a light lunch following the 50+ Bible class. We will take the bags to cancer treatment centers to be distributed. I invite you to be a part of this caring service project.

The Cancer Center hands out hats and they have plenty of knit style hats so they are asking for ball cap style hats. They also provide puzzles for the chemo patients and have asked for puzzles that have no more than 500 pieces.



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

The next deadline is Nov. 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.