

A Community

Following Jesus

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The Messenger

Reformation 501

By Ben A. Spalding

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Dear Trinity Community:

Last year, we celebrated 500 years of the Lutheran Reformation. It was an especially meaningful time of remembrance but also a time to be re-charged to continue the call to be a disciple of Jesus. You may remember the spiritually moving and beautiful hymn festival that Trinity helped coordinate, which nearly 3,500 people attended at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts. The service was recorded via DVD and I have since heard that it has been seen around the United States and even the world. Praise God “who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us” (Ephesians 3:20).

So now what? How do we celebrate the 501st anniversary of the Reformation? What is worth reforming?

These are important questions to consider.



I am reminded that the Reformation was not a single event in history more than 500 years ago but a call to be re-formed in the image of God. The ideas that came out of the Reformation are still important so many years later. As a church, we continue to focus on forgiveness and reconciliation of sin, while sharing the Gospel message to the ends of the earth.

Perhaps the last line of Rosamond E. Herklots' famous hymn “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive” (LSB 843) helps us answer some of these questions:

*Lord, cleanse the depths within
our souls,
and bid resentment cease;
then, bound to all in bonds of
love,
our lives will spread your peace.*

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The Power of Play in a High-Tech World

By Jo Ann Emerson

Free event!

Featuring Cari Ebert

**Saturday, November 3
9am – 12pm, Shawnee
Campus**



Why do kids play? How beneficial is play in this high-tech world? Is there something kids are missing out on when they are “plugged in” too much? Come and learn about the benefits of maintaining a play environment for children. The featured speaker is Cari Ebert, M. S., CCC-SLP. Cari is a

passionate pediatric speech language pathologist, Apraxia expert, proud defender of play, autism mom, breast cancer survivor, author, and professional speaker.

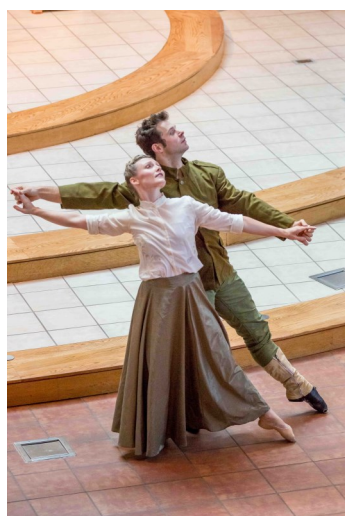
This free event is for parents, grandparents, childcare providers, or anyone who works with children ages birth through age 5. Childcare will be provided for a freewill donation. Please register for childcare at the link on tlcms.org.



PLAY
is the highest expression
of human development in
CHILDHOOD
for it alone is the free
expression of what is in a
child's soul.

"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.

Trunk-or-Treat and Root Beer Garden

By Janai Tisdale

Sunday, October 28

4:30-6pm

Mission Campus

Join us for this exciting community event! All are welcome! Invite your neighbors and friends to join us!

- Balloon Artist
- Mission Firetruck
- Cookie Walk
- Popcorn Buffet
- Games And Goodies

Bring canned goods to fill a trunk for Rushton Elementary Food Pantry.

Much help is needed to

make this a successful event in our community. Volunteer at tlcms.org or see displays at either campus. Items can be dropped off early at either campus or at Trunk-or-Treat. If you would like to decorate a trunk but need assistance running your game, contact Karen Jaime and we will find you an assistant. Contact Karen Jaime, kajaime29@gmail.com, for more info.

Trinity Youth will hold a dinner and "Octoberfest"-style Root Beer Garden as a fundraiser for youth events and trips in conjunction with Trunk-or-Treat. Enjoy



dinner and a root beer float along with fellowship!



Memory Verse

...be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.
Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your
stand against the devil's schemes.
Ephesians 6: 10, 11



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**

Senior Speaker Series: Guatemala Mission

By Tom Perry



October 25, 2pm
Shawnee Campus

October 26, 2pm
Mission Campus

On October 25 at the Shawnee campus and Oc-

tober 26 at the Mission campus, Pastor Ben will visit with us about Trinity's mission trips to Guatemala. He has taken a group of members for the past few years, and God is using

Trinity to be a blessing. There are new and exciting developments that he will fill us in about. Both talks start at 2pm. See you there!

Reformation 501 (continued)



I invite you to our Reformation celebration at Trinity on October 27-28. Remember to wear red to help mark this important day in the life of the church.

God of grace, although we cannot fathom the magnitude of your for-

giveness, fill us with the desire to show our gratitude for your mercy in all we do. Amen.

Ben A. Spalding
Director of Music and the Arts

Stewardship Corner

By Pastor Mark Schulz

Generosity. We speak a lot about being generous; we even thank our members regularly for their generosity. We speak highly about God's generosity towards us. What does generosity mean to you and your life?

A quick dictionary search will tell you that generosity is the quality of being kind, understanding, and not selfish; especially, the willingness to give money and other valuable things to others.

Generosity is not all about money and stuff. It is about being unselfish. How do we see this generosity at Trinity today? It's easy – on Sunday morning look around at the members involved in facilitating the worship service: Bible readers, communion servers,

altar guild members, ushers, greeters, AV techs, choir and praise team members. Many more are involved in other activities during the week.

Yes, giving money is also a generous act. We certainly thank you and point to our first quarter results that indicate your giving is meeting expectations thus far this fiscal year.

As we enter the Fall season and see the temperatures fall and the leaves turn, we should reflect and ask ourselves, "How might we become more generous followers of Jesus?" For you, perhaps that is committing to joining an Adult Bible Study, getting involved with a Life Group, intentionally and actively avoiding those Sunday morning events that

Stewardship CORNER

compete with your time to worship our God, volunteering for any of our worship servant activities, or considering setting up an automatic contribution plan.

Please keep Trinity in your prayers, and faithfully consider how your gifts to God are reflective of His presence and generosity to you.

God's Blessings!

Pastor Mark, Senior Pastor

Bountiful Blessings Gift and Craft Festival

By Bonnie Gasaway

November 3

**Bethany Lutheran
Church**

**9101 Lamar Avenue
Overland Park, KS**

Gift and Craft Fair

9am-3pm

The Craft Fair is sponsored by the eighth grade classes from Christ Lutheran School and Bethany Lutheran School, with proceeds going to their class trips. It is held at Bethany Lutheran Church and School, 9101 Lamar Avenue, Overland Park, KS. Over 50 vendors

will be open for early Christmas shopping from 9am – 3pm.

Live entertainment and concessions will be featured, too!

For vendor booth information, contact Christ Lutheran School, 913-754-5888.



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.

Advice & Aid Requests Volunteers

By Mary Newcomer



Advice & Aid Pregnancy Centers, Inc. is in need of volunteers, including bilingual volunteers, and will be offering a Volunteer Informational Meeting on Tuesday, October 30, 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.

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



October 24 – Fay Nassiripour, Anna Scarborough, Isabelle Spilker, Link Spilker, Owen Vincent
October 25 – Jackson Crawford
October 26 – Jeff Bycraft, Hurley Jaspersen, Adam Perry, Carena Prothe, Mark Schulz, Zander Summerskill, John Towse, Linda Winter
October 27 – Anna Myeong
October 28 – Stacy Meoli, Kristol Stenstrom, Tom Truax
October 29 – Myrna DuBois, Chris Dunker, Rita Moser, Stella Mrosso, Maddelyn Pearce
October 30 – Kay Hopkins, Gary Singh, Rod Strahm
October 31 – Jimmy Lewis, Becky Peters, Nathan Roney
November 1 – Abbie Delaney, Eula Wainscott, Luke Walsh
November 2 – Stephanie Brumley, Amy Culp, Leta Davis, Ken Ehle, Shirley Hemenway
November 3 – Kalib Carr, Shannon Gunderson, Rebecca Kreisman, Nathan Mall, Sam Mitchell, Austin Ramirez, Kaydence Ryan
November 4 – Peggy Myers, Carol Tobiason, Owen Walker
November 5 – Brandon Schmidt
November 6 – Karen Barth, Vicki Richardson, Doug Ryan

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)

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, *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
 Quintyn Hendrich
 Denise Loeffler
 Don Moehlenkamp
 Ann Ninneman
 Al O'Connell
 Don Unger
 Bob Wilson
 Kenda Woodyard

Member Prayers-Shawnee

Judy Kuehn
 Elaine Pattison
 Linda Winter

*Anniversaries and birthdays are listed from October 24—November 6.
 If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please contact the church office.*

Cancer Bag Service Project

By Tom Perry

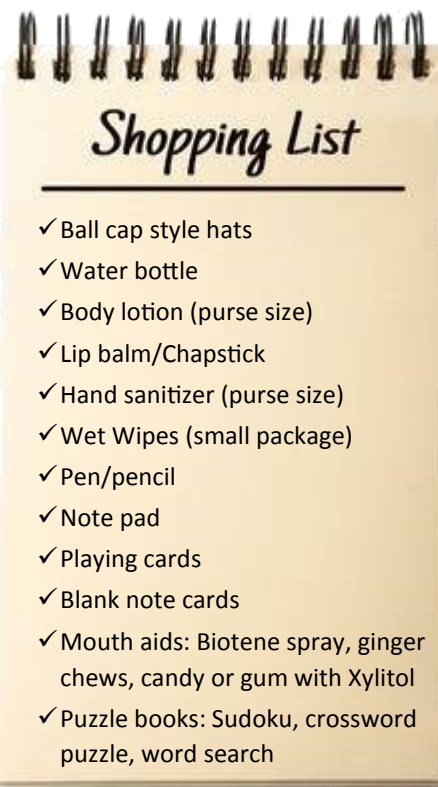
Collection September and October

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. 6 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.