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The Messenger

Older Adult Ministry

By Tom Perry



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History

In 2014 Trinity's pastor, Rev. Mark Schulz, was approached with the idea of creating a ministry especially geared towards the older adults of our congregation. Trinity has always been blessed with an active group of members of retirement age. He believed that there was a lot of potential in our members of that age group that we should continue to tap. The decision was made to create an older adult ministry to reinforce the fact that being an active member of God's family has no age limit. Trinity has found that members are generally living longer, are usually healthier than past generations, and have more available resources. The decision was made to hire a part-time staff person to create a program that would assist our members in their daily activities and spiritual lives.

The strength of this ministry comes through the grounding in and study of the Word. A weekday Bible class meets for study and fellowship from September

until May. This group has grown to at least sixty people in attendance each week. There are additional classes on Sundays and throughout the week offering a variety of topics. The Word of God is a unifying force, leading to a host of additional opportunities. One key is having a learned and respected Bible class leader.

Mission

Trinity's mission is to be a source of spiritual strength and enrichment, to provide learning opportunities for health awareness and physical wellbeing, and to be a resource for finding ways of better dealing with the common challenges of life. To

accomplish these goals, older adult ministry uses a multi-faceted approach. Trinity's older adult ministry sponsors a monthly event specifically to address one of these areas. Guest speakers give talks to members and our community about life issues such as dealing with Medicare, taking advantage of the many programs the county provides, talks on wills and trusts, and many more. To assist with health questions, we have had speakers from the local Alzheimer's society, facility placement officials, a doctor's talk of the advantages of movement, hospice care,

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A Preschool You Can Love

By Jo Ann Emerson, Director



February is an important month at preschool as we are in the midst of 2019-2020 enrollment! Here are a few important dates we would like to share with you:

Church Family Enrollment Begins

Friday, February 1, at 8am

First Day of Classes

Monday, August 26

We know there are many preschool options in the Johnson County area. Why should you choose us?

♥ We love the Lord! Bible stories, prayer, songs of praise are a part of each and every day. And we are actively involved in the Kansas LCMS.

♥ We love to teach! We are blessed to have a highly qualified staff, a curriculum based upon Kansas' Early Learning Standards, and a fabulous facility filled with current resources.

♥ We love our families! When asked to describe our preschool, the words caring, welcoming, inviting, and loving are frequently used by parents. We hope to be a reflection of Jesus' love in everything we say and do.

Please contact Jo Ann Emerson, Preschool Director, at 913.563.5280 or jo-ann@tlcms.org for more information. You can also find us at tlcms.org/preschool.

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as well as others.

Trinity does its best to present events and classes in a way that is meaningful and fun. Many of the events we sponsor are accompanied by meals, providing a chance for fellowship and bonding. Opportunities abound to be a blessing to others. We make "hand up bags" for the homeless, give Easter baskets full of a variety of items to our homebound members, provide "help sacks" filled with items to help cancer patients, and Christmas carol to senior residence facilities.

Commitment

The staff takes very seriously it's ministry to our homebound members. We regularly call on them and offer a listening ear, a word of

scripture, prayer, and Holy communion.

In addition to enjoying retirement, older adults have a very strong need to continue to live a life of significance. They want to know that they are making a positive impact upon the lives of their families, friends, and people with whom they come in contact. Significance for a child of God comes in living out the life God has planned for them and sharing the Gospel message. Trinity stresses that though there may be physical limitations, anyone is still able to serve. The staff at Trinity is eager to assist you in this ministry.

Feedback

With all this in mind, Trinity

is trying to increase its role in the life of our seniors.

One way to find out what is important to you is to ask. We have put together a survey to aid us in determining what is of most interest and importance to you. **We ask that you fill out this survey online at <https://tlcms.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/84/responses/new>.** We are not trying to be nosy or go where we are not wanted. Our prayer is that the completed surveys will help us identify ways of enhancing your life as God's child. If you have any questions or would like to discuss what we are trying to do please contact Tom Perry, Tom@tlcms.org.

50+ Valentine Chili Lunch

By Awad and Yvonne Ismir

**Wednesday, February 13,
11:30pm**

Mission Campus

50+ will be having a Valentine Chili Lunch on Wednesday, February 13, at approximately 11:30am following their normal Bible study at 10:15am at the Mission campus. Bible Study will be in the sanctuary with the lunch following in the fellowship hall. All members who are of the “golden” age are invited to

attend this fun and delicious event. Reservations are requested by February 6. There is a signup sheet at the Mission Welcome Center. Contact Yvonne and Awad Ismir, 913-897-7084 (home) or 913-488-9873 (cell), with any questions. There will be a freewill offering collected. Come and enjoy delicious chili, cornbread, and desserts!



“Souper Bowl of Caring” Food Drive

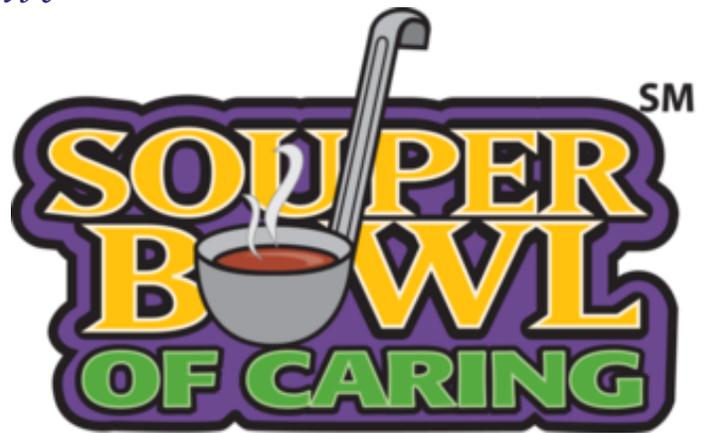
By Susan Schram

Nearly 100 million Americans are expected to tune in to watch the Super Bowl. Many of them will be hosting or attending parties with abundant food, friendship and fellowship. At the same time, nearly 1 billion people will be hungry. Please join us in remembering the hungry this Super Bowl—and bring soup or any food items for MLM.

Return bags to church by Super Bowl Sunday, February 3.

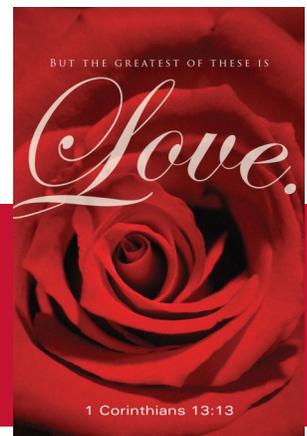
Some suggestions include:

- Canned meat/tuna
- Pasta and sauce
- Peanut butter, nut butters
- Jelly in plastic containers
- Cereal, hot and cold
- Beans, dry or canned
- Canned soups, stews, and chili
- Nuts
- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Rice and grains



Memory Verse

**Love is patient, love is kind.
It does not envy, it does not boast,
it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking,
it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.
1 Corinthians 13: 4-5**



New Member Class Beginning

By Pastor Phil Cook



Shawnee Campus
February 10 – March 10
NOT February 24
5-6:15pm
Pastor Phil Cook

Trinity is called to be a “Community Following Jesus.” Are you ready to take the next step in your journey of following Jesus by joining with us in this community? Please come to our next new member class, where we will talk about

faith, discipleship, and what it means to follow Jesus. Class will be held in Room 201 from 5-6:15 on Feb 10, 17, March 3 and March 10. Childcare is available upon request. Please contact Pr. Phil (phil@tlcms.org) if you are interested or would like more information.

At Trinity, we enjoy putting our faith into action! God’s speaks to us through his Word and inspires us through the

Holy Spirit. Whether you are wanting to explore how faith can center your life and give you meaning and fulfillment or you are a long-time Lutheran who has questions about faith, this class would be helpful for you.

Abigail Circle Book Drive

By Janai Tisdale



The Abigail Circle of Trinity’s active Lutheran Women’s Missionary League is collecting books until February 24 to benefit children in the Kansas City metro area through Reach Out and Read KC. To donate, drop

books off at the marked receptacles at each campus.

New books are preferred. Gently used children’s books that are clean, readable, and with intact covers and pages are also appreciated.

Recommendations:

- Books for children birth through 6 years
- Board books
- Picture books
- Spanish and/or bilingual books
- No adult or religious books, please



Young Adult Bible Study Season Kick-off

By Julie Bangert

The young adult Bible study group is kicking off 2019 with a game and pizza night on Wednesday, February 6, at 6:30pm. Contact Julie Bangert at Julie.e.bangert@gmail.com to RSVP and for location details.

Photographers Wanted

By Gretchen Hollman



Plans are being formulated to begin to take and collect photos of members to do a mass update of the church pictorial directory. We are looking for volunteer professional or amateur photographers who are willing to be available on some Sunday mornings to take members’ photos. If anyone is interested, please contact Gretchen@tlcms.org.

New Topic for Wednesday Women's Bible Study

By Julie von der Linden

We will be starting a new study this week: *Psalm 23, The Shepherd with Me*. The author, Jennifer Rothschild, describes Psalm 23 as a spiritual lullaby that your Shepherd sings over you in every season of your life. We meet on Wednesday morning at the Shawnee Campus from 9:30 – 11:15. Childcare is provided. Feel free to contact Julie von der Linden with any questions either by e-mail: cheezhedjv@gmail.com or by phone: 913-631-1856.



Spire Chamber Ensemble Presents: Brahms Requiem

By Ben A. Spalding

Version for Choir & Piano Duet

Johannes Brahms – genius composer, eloquent conductor, brilliant concert pianist – never was more happy than when he was playing piano duets with his closest friend, Clara Schumann. Pure joy is palpable in the great master's transcription of his German Requiem for piano four-hands, soloists, and chorus. The arrangement allows for a degree of intimacy, precision and contrapuntal clarity that cannot be achieved in the orchestral version; indeed, at times one is reminded of the *Liebeslieder-Walzer* op. 52.

Tickets are available at SpireChamberEnsemble.org.



**Sunday, February 24
4:00 pm**

Grace Cathedral
701 SW 8th Avenue
Topeka, KS 66603

**Tickets: \$10 adults, \$5 students,
10 and younger free**



**Tuesday, February 26
7:30 pm**

Village Presbyterian Church
6641 Mission Road
Prairie Village, KS 66208

Tickets: \$25 adults, \$10 students

Trinity Lutheran Foundation Annual Meeting

By David Boehnke



TRINITY LUTHERAN FOUNDATION

**Tuesday, February 19
7pm, Mission Campus
Conference Room**

To the members of the Trinity Lutheran Foundation:

Anyone who has made a contribution to, or who has remembered the Foundation in their will or

in an insurance policy, is invited to attend the annual meeting of the Foundation Board. The annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 19, at Trinity's Mission campus at 7pm.

The annual meeting will provide a financial report and conduct the election of

directors. Please mark the date on your calendar and we hope that you are able to attend.

In Christ,

David Boehnke

Secretary of the Foundation
Board of Directors



Women's Spring Luncheon—Save the Date!

By Janet Vetter

Sunday, May 5, 12:30pm, Mission Campus Fellowship Hall

All the ladies of Trinity are invited to a Spring luncheon on Sunday, May 5, at 12:30pm in the fellowship hall at the Mission campus. Watch for more details in the coming months.

2019 German Film Festival

By Traute Kobler



The Hannover Committee of the Sister City Association of Kansas City is presenting the second and third movies of a series of 8 films. *Hördur – Between the Worlds* will be presented at Lutheran High School on January 28.; and *The Divided Heaven (Der geteilte Himmel)* will be presented at the KC public Library on February 9. You are invited! See tlcms.org for more information.

Two Job Opportunities

By Christ and Hope Lutheran Churches

Administrative Assistant

Christ Lutheran Church in Overland Park, Kansas, is looking to hire a new administrative assistant to work with their Discipleship Ministry Team. The position is part-time, 20 hours per week. Anyone interested in more information or obtaining

the job description can contact our Director of Discipleship, Tiffany Danley at tiffany.danley@clcop.org.

Facility Manager

The Facility Manager at Hope Lutheran Church in Shawnee will be retiring at the end of the school year. Anyone interested in

applying for the position, should contact Jerry Williams at: jhwilliams@everestkc.net. This position reports to the Board of Trustees. Send a resume and cover letter explaining why you are interested in this challenging position. Identify your strengths to help us select you as a viable candidate.



Therefore encourage one another...

1 Thessalonians 5:11 ESV

Birthdays



- February 6** – Lee Bonn, Emilee Dodson, Gwen Hixson, Halden Jeppesen, Lindsey Kelly, Jerry Shreve
- February 7** – Emily Hertel, Janice Kramer, Levi Vineyard, Mark Wendlandt
- February 8** – Forrest Henslee, Hillary Henslee, Debbie Kimbell, Annette Kramer, Abby Summerskill, Bob Wilson
- February 9** – Lana Hansen, Sophie Mitra, Brad Veal
- February 11** – Faith Emily, Bill Kuehn, Kristy Lamus, Lindy Lindhorst, Addison Stewart
- February 12** – Emily Lehl, Paul Pearce, Jason Pennewell, Dean Schempp
- February 13** – Bella McNeely, Kayla Smith, Adam Stroker
- February 14** – Joshua Gantz, Jennifer Strasser
- February 15** – Josie Barker, Susan Boehnke, Sarah Loos, Gage Prothe
- February 16** – Amber Brown, Linda Dodson, Jennifer Holmberg, Noah Kemper
- February 17** – Andrew Fruehling, Diane Lauber, Mary Moehlenkamp, Sheryl Schlatter
- February 18** – Brian Chansky, Colton Jenkins, Sylvia Metiva, Jolynne Moore, Megan Press, Charles Schlatter, Sam Williams
- February 19** – Julie Bitter, Margie Gallaway, Denise Jarrett, Spencer Matters, Marcus Meoli

Anniversaries



- Marty & Dee Quick..... February 12 (42nd)
- Rich & Laurie Wondersek..... **February 12 (20th)**
- Leo & Jean Schlesselman..... **February 14 (10th)**
- Joshua & Becky Peters..... February 16 (11th)
- Nate & Leah Theiss..... **February 17 (15th)**
- Dave & Debbie Dearth..... February 18 (47th)

Prayers



Deaths

Pauline Mowder, 1/26

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 and Aberdeen Village*
- Conrad 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, *Addington Place*
- Richard Krueger, *Shawnee Post Acute and Rehabilitation Center*
- Betty Kueker, *Rose Estates*
- Evelyn Lauber, *Westchester Village*
- Bill and Charlene Millsap, *at home*
- 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*
- George Zschoche, *Aberdeen Village*

Member Prayers-Mission

- Tom Dempsey
- Myrna DuBois
- Quintyn Hendrich
- Harlan Koca
- Clay Miller
- Ann Ninneman
- Karen Phipps
- Ben Stroker

Member Prayers-Shawnee

Eli Hoestje

Anniversaries and birthdays are listed from February 6-19.
If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please contact the church office.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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The next deadline is February 12 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.