

# A Community

Following Jesus

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## The Messenger

### January Congregational Assembly

By Pastor Phil Cook

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Our January Congregational Assembly will be held January 27 at 1pm at the Shawnee campus. As we seek to be "A Community Following Jesus," this is where we work through some of the nuts and bolts of our shared life together as a congregation. A number of important items are on the agenda for this meeting. Just prior to the meeting, from 12-1pm, the youth will be serving a **Pasta Bar Lunch**, as they fund-raise for their trip to Lutheran Valley Retreat this summer, so come hungry and prepared to support our youth.



Then, as we start our meeting, the first order of business will be officially introducing Beth Stephens, our new Youth Family Minister. Beth has been serving on our staff since last fall, but this is our first chance to officially welcome her at a Congregational Assembly. And while Beth has been doing a great job of meeting students and their families one-on-one and in-home visits, there are still many members she has not had a chance to meet. So come on out, welcome Beth in, and take the chance to meet her, if you have not yet. We will take time to review the minutes of our last meeting, as well as reviewing our congregational finances, as we are half-way through our fiscal year. We will also be working through a few synodical nominations. Just as we strive to be "A Community Following Jesus" at Trinity, so also Trinity seeks to walk together with other congregations in the LCMS. As part of that joint life, there are sev-

eral steps we need to address at this congregational assembly. So come be a part, as we participate in the greater life of the universal church. Then, we will begin to look towards the future. We will take a brief look at the next step in the process of intentional disciple formation: what it means for us to learn to ask ourselves, "What is God saying to me?" and "How will I respond?" Then, we will hear a few ministry updates on what has happened in the last six months and where God is leading us forward. God has been very good to us, and there are some great things in store for us as a congregation! Please come and be a part of our congregational assembly, as we celebrate what God has been doing among us!

**PLUS:**



## A Preschool You Can Love

By Jo Ann Emerson, Director



January is an important month at preschool - we are preparing for 2019-2020 enrollment! Here are a few important dates we would like to share with you:

### Preschool Open House

Friday, January 18,  
10am-2pm

### 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](mailto:jo-ann@tlcms.org) for more information. You can also find us at [tlcms.org/preschool](http://tlcms.org/preschool).

In His love,

Jo Ann Emerson

## Preschool Enrollment Is Right Around the Corner!

By Jo Ann Emerson



2019-2020 Enrollment at Trinity Lutheran Church Preschool is right around the corner!

Join us on Friday, January 18, between 10am and 2pm for a Preschool Open House! This is a great opportunity to tour the facility, see classrooms in action,

meet the director, and pick up enrollment materials for the next school year.

The 2019-2020 enrollment application and required forms will be posted/updated on January 18. Enrollment is a three-tiered process:

- Current Preschool Families may enroll online beginning January 25 at 8am.
- Alumni and Church Families may enroll online

beginning February 1 at 8am.

- New Families may enroll online beginning February 1 at noon.

Enrollment links on our website – [tlcms.org/preschool](http://tlcms.org/preschool) – will go live at the times listed above. Paper applications will also be accepted and timestamped as they are received. For best class availability, enroll early! If you have any ques-

tions or would like to schedule a tour, please contact the Preschool Director, Jo Ann Emerson, at 913.563.5280 or [joann@tlcms.org](mailto:joann@tlcms.org).

Our Mission: Trinity Lutheran Church Preschool supports the family by nurturing the growth of young children through developmentally appropriate experiences in a Christian environment.

## 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. Bags are being distributed on Sundays.

**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*

**There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit.  
There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.  
There are different kinds of working, but the same God  
works all of them in all men.**

**1 Corinthians 12: 4-6**





## Noisy Collection

By Julie Messbarger



**Sunday, January 27, all  
services**

**Both Campuses**

The next noisy collection will take place at all services on January 27. Bring your noisy (or not so noisy) change to donate. Proceeds

will benefit Metro Lutheran Ministry to help those less fortunate with their utility bills.

## 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](mailto:Gretchen@tlcms.org).

## Pastor Mark on Sabbatical

By Pastor Mark Schulz



One of the wonderful and important ways Trinity cares for its staff is by providing a three-month paid sabbatical to all full-time Called ministry staff (plus the Children Family Minister and Director of Music and the Arts) for each five years of continuous service to the congregation. The sabbatical time has two purposes: 1) to provide the opportunity for a staff member to pursue ad-

vanced studies and research in a particular ministry area; and 2) to provide time for rest and renewal. Pastor Mark is on sabbatical from Christmas Day until Ash Wednesday (March 6). He will be conducting interviews and research in the area of policy-based governance in the hopes of enhancing Trinity's use of this governance model. He also has a few home projects

slated for completion, and some travel planned. During the 2.5 months Pastor Mark is on sabbatical, Pastor Ben will be coordinating the pastoral care needs of the congregation. Pastor Phil, in conjunction with Administrator, Larry Conrad, will be coordinating Trinity's administrative needs.

# 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.



**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**

To my Brothers and Sisters at Trinity,

Thank you for the much appreciated prayers and flowers than you sent while I was in the hospital.  
God's Blessings!

Elaine Stroker

Dear Friends, Many thanks for your donations over the holiday season of food, pantry items, and gifts for the Christmas Store. Your generosity is a true blessing for our neighbors in need.

The Staff of Metro Lutheran Ministry

## Trinity Lutheran Foundation Annual Meeting

By David Boehnke



**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.

## 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](mailto:tiffany.danley@clcop.org).

### Facility Manager

Hope's Facility Manager, 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](mailto: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



**January 23** – Jordan Cox, Sime Haas, James Ketchum, Katie Musgrove Ketchum, Laura Pastine, Sid Quade  
**January 24** – Marin Clark, Lee Culp, Phyllis Hoestje, Doug Kaberlein, Justin Lutz, Carol Schwartzkopf  
**January 25** – Beckett Bohr, Sophia Cicero, Hanna Hurt, Julie Messbarger, Austin Schlatter, Tyler Small  
**January 26** – Alyssa Bycraft, Yvonne Ismir, Mary Shepker  
**January 27** – Rachel Engler, Hamilton Sperry  
**January 28** – Jason Barker, Mark Bartlett, Rick Traugher, Barbara Wagner  
**January 29** – Rich Brengelman, Mike Davenport, Amy Savageau  
**January 30** – Shirley Fowler, Easton Kremer, Lisa Miles, Bryan Mohling, Heidi Skrukud, Ben Zier  
**January 31** – Bill Cox  
**February 1** – Deb Bessette, Eric Brennan, Val Brownrigg, Martha Chael, Dan Dunker, Randy Fassold, Liz Keller, Judith Kuehn, Bill Rittmann, Maralyn Robinson, Jim Wilson  
**February 2** – Paul Akers, Charlee Lutz, Annie Minton, Eric Olson, Jack Owens  
**February 3** – Don Beal, Addyson Emily, Mildred Liemen, Martha Macher, Chris Pace, Roger Phelps, Carlene Smith, TJ Wichtendahl  
**February 4** – Jerry Bowmer, Denny Hixson, Kurt Kinder, Marysa Lightle, Cole Schleicher  
**February 5** – Shelby Bonn, Eli Eastlund, Dianne Ehle, Georgia Oleen, Joan Wilson

### Anniversaries



Rick & Mary Shepker .....January 26 (46th)  
 Marty & Debbie Wells .....January 28 (34th)  
 Steve & Joy Press .....February 2 (34th)  
 Bob & Linda Denis .....February 5 (42nd)  
 Bill & Charlene Millsap .....**February 5 (70th)**

*Anniversaries and birthdays are listed from January 23—February 5.  
 If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please contact the church office.*

### Prayers



#### Deaths

Kathy Ellwein, 1/11  
 Vernon Lueck, Deb Justin's father, 12/29  
 Eyra Eugene Lynn, 1/10  
 Helen Wendlandt, 12/29

#### 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*  
 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*  
 George Zschoche, *Aberdeen Village*

#### Member Prayers-Mission

Tom Dempsey  
 Quintyn Hendrich  
 Ann Ninneman  
 Karen Phipps

#### Member Prayers-Shawnee

Glen Bodling  
 Mary Shepker  
 Mark Wendlandt





**Save the Dates!**

**SHAWNEE CAMPUS**  
**JUNE 24-28**

**MISSION CAMPUS**  
**JULY 8-12**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

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## [ The Messenger ]

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

The next deadline is January 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.