

A Community

Following Jesus

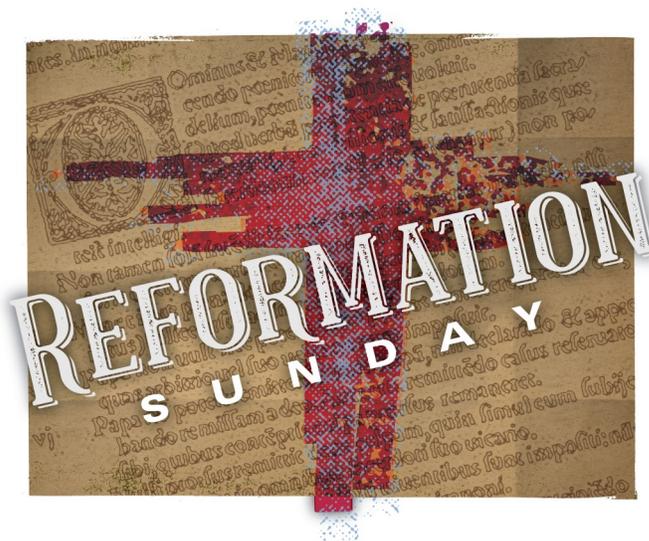
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# The Messenger

## Soli Deo Gloria

By Ben A. Spalding

Over the centuries, Lutherans have kept a special day to thank God for the freedom that the word of God grants to believers and to pray that with the help of God’s Spirit, the church will be continually reformed and renewed. You are invited to worship with us on this Reformation Sunday, celebrated on October 26-27, in praise and petition to God for the ongoing health of the church. Don’t forget to wear red on this special day. We continue our discipleship sermon series during Reformation focusing on “OUT” relationships – sharing the love of Jesus where we live, work, and play. The Gospel lesson comes from John 8:31-36 from which we learn that it is not the church, or any one church, that is truth; rather, Jesus Christ is truth. No church can claim ownership of the word; rather, Jesus Christ is the Word. Jesus, the Word, sets us free from sin. We gather around that Word to receive the truth and experience life in the Father’s house. We continuously learn that in the



Father’s house freedom is given to us from Jesus who reflects the love of the Father to us. With the Spirit in our hearts, we continue in the Word and are filled with truth and made free. This way of life is a continuation of life in Jesus and is what makes us a disciple. We are connected to the story and in this connection we see the heart of God desiring all in the world to be saved and brought into the same peace and freedom. This divine desire fills us as well, for it is part of Jesus’ word to and for all people. It propels us to work for freedom, justice, mercy, and peace, in the likeness of Jesus. It propels us to make disciples of

all nations so that all might experience and live in peace and true freedom as they follow Jesus.

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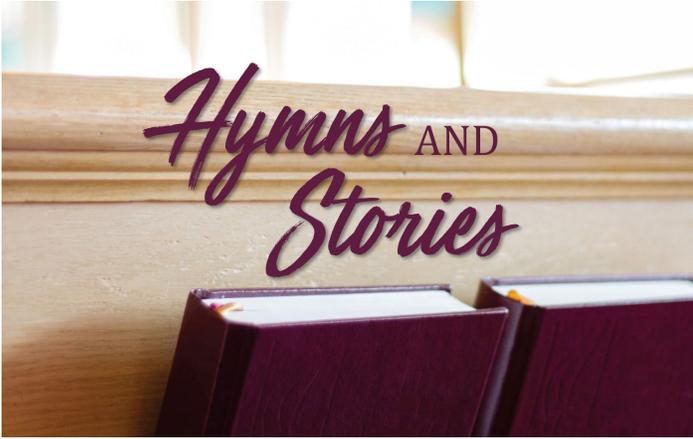
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Right now Deacon Tim Reaman is in Wittenberg, Germany, the birthplace of the Reformation, for the Wittenberg English Ministry. To view his postcards, check out the eNews at [tlcms.org/trinity-eneews](http://tlcms.org/trinity-eneews).

## Hymns and Stories

By Tom Perry



**Saturday, November 16  
10am**

**Mission Campus  
Sanctuary**

Often, when we recall our most spiritually moving experiences or worship services, it brings to mind favorite hymns that can enhance and make even more powerful the message. We would like you to share some of your stories with us as Trinity's organist Dr. Lara West leads us in a

hymn sing and storytelling. Lara will ask for hymns you would like to sing and perhaps give some background on that hymn. You are encouraged to share a time this hymn was special to you, whether it be from a wedding, a celebration, or if it helped you during an important time in your life. This is a time to share, sing, and enjoy. I will put on some coffee and hope to see you there.

## Focus on Generosity

By Pastor Mark Schulz

Thank you for your faithful financial support of Trinity's ministries in the first three months of our new fiscal year!

As we proceed into the next three months, our contribu-

tion goal rises each month as we approach Christmas and calendar year end. Trinity has an aggressive budget for 2019/2020, but we also have faith that God can do more than we can ask or imagine. Please keep Trinity in your prayers, and faithfully consider how your gifts to God are reflective of His presence in your life and generosity to you.

We continue to work on several initiatives including our vision and master plan for the Shawnee campus, continuing intentional disciple formation, and implementing our strategic ministry plan. Our nine-week sermon series on the three dimensions of discipleship

(UP, IN, and OUT) is nearing an end, but our commitment to growing as disciples of Jesus is not ending. We hope this series has enlightened and encouraged you to grow in your discipleship. As Paul Harvey, the legendary broadcaster, coined the phrase "And now, you know the rest of the story," I encourage you to stay engaged. With God's help you are writing the rest of your discipleship story.

Thank you for being part of our "Community Following Jesus." We are excited to discover together new ways of sharing the love of Jesus with those in our area and to the ends of the earth in the year that lies ahead.

Following Jesus  
by Focusing on  
Generosity

# Trunk or Treat!

By Karen Jaime

**Sunday, October 27,  
4:30-6pm**

**Mission Campus**

- Drum Safari
- Balloon Artist
- Mission Firetruck
- Cookie Walk
- Popcorn Buffet
- Games and Goodies
- Bring canned goods to fill a trunk for the Rushton Elementary School food pantry

Much help is needed to make this a successful event in our community. Volunteer here: <https://tlcms.ccbchurch.com/>

need\_detail.php?need\_id=134 or see displays at either campus to sign up to decorate a trunk, donate goodies/cookies, or volunteer in other ways. If you would like to decorate a trunk but want someone else to run it for you, we can accommodate that! Just let us know! Donated items can be dropped off early at either campus the night of Trunk or Treat. Contact Karen Jaime, [kajaime29@gmail.com](mailto: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/or a root beer float along with fellowship!

# 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 Execu-

tive 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.



# Lutheran Hour Ministries

God has called Lutheran Hour Ministries to proclaim the risen Savior around the world. LHM’s members and partners come together to meet the greatest challenge of the 21st century – to proclaim messages of hope in the name of Jesus Christ. This belief leads us to a

clear mission: Bringing Christ to the Nations – and the Nations to the Church. To do this, we will focus on four priorities:

1. Energize, equip, and engage laity for outreach
2. Grow God’s kingdom through expanded media outreach

3. Bring the Gospel to the unreached around the world
4. Engage communities in the digital mission field

We pray for the continued work of this vital ministry.



## 2019 Mini Grant Program Results

By Wayne Meyer

For six years the Missions Committee has sponsored an annual Mini Grant Program to fund a limited number of social service and ministries projects and programs. The goals of the program include: seeking God's



will in the use of our common resources as we strive to care for our neighbors; identifying and supporting those social services and ministries that already have Trinity member support and involvement; and discovering new opportunities for member involvement.

A special Evaluation Committee meets to review the applications and recommend proposals which best meet the goals of the program. The Missions Com-

mittee appreciates the participation of the Trinity congregation in developing a diverse range of proposals.

### 2019 Grant Recipients

- **Camp Mitigog:** to support camp for children living with Spina Bifida
- **Cookies Monthly:** providing sweet treats for 90 Meals on Wheels recipients
- **Hollis Renewal Center Chimney Repair:** to repair leaking chimneys on three buildings
- **Indopartners Agency:** to help spread the Gospel through social media with Indonesian speaking Muslims throughout the world
- **Kairos Prison Ministry:** provide food for 20-22 volunteers, during a four-day weekend event. The ministry brings Jesus' love and forgiveness to eighteen women prisoners at the Topeka Correctional Facility.
- **Lutheran Bible Translators:** to support missionary David Federwitz in West Africa
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- **Lutheran Indian Ministries:** to share training costs for a new staff member
- **Haskell LIGHT Campus Ministry in Lawrence**
- **Mission Central:** to support overseas LCMS missionaries
- **Metro Lutheran Ministry (MLM) Community Garden:** to provide materials and supplies for an urban community garden and orchard
- **Opportunity Works:** to help a client recover from a house fire
- **Pathway to Hope:** to provide printed materials that help individuals and families facing mental illness
- **Sleep in Heavenly Peace:** to provide beds for local needy children
- **Trinity Quilting:** to purchase materials to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief and the MLM Christmas Store

## Becoming New in Christ

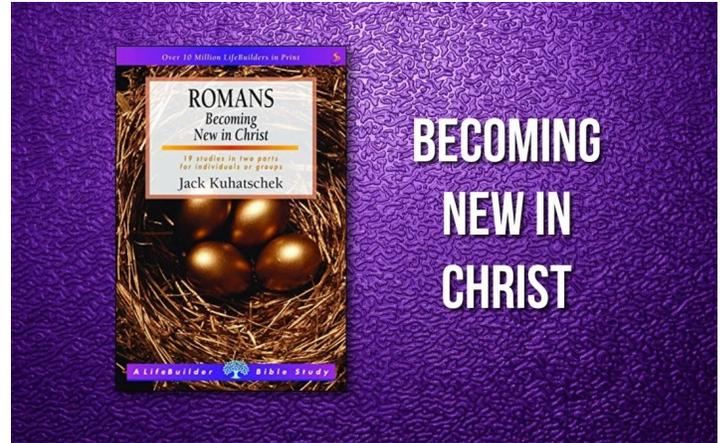
By Al von der Linden

**A LifeGuide Study of the book of Romans**

**Tuesdays, 6:30pm  
beginning October 15**

Our prayer life becomes stagnant. We forget why we are serving God. And the world's ways subtly become our ways. Romans addresses these problems and shows us how we can break out of

old patterns and become new in Christ. The Tuesday evening men's bible group begins a 19-week study of Romans on October 15. This group meets at 6:30 – 7:30pm in room 201 at the Shawnee campus and is led by Al von der Linden.



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CHRIST**

## Senior Speaker Series: Alzheimer's and Dementia

By Tom Perry

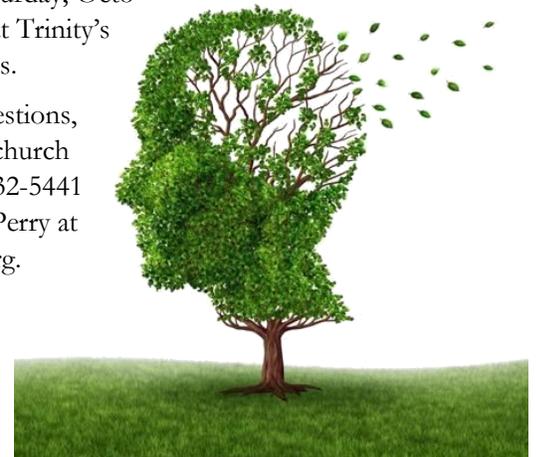
**Saturday, October 19  
10am, Mission Campus**

Trinity's Senior Ministry is sponsoring a talk and discussion about Alzheimer's disease and dementia. We are extremely pleased to have Dr. Awad Ismir lead this presentation. Dr. Ismir is a Trinity member who obtained a Master's Degree and PhD in Clinical Psychology. He has served as Clinical Director and Direc-

tor of Forensic Services at North Dakota State Hospital. Trinity is inviting area churches and the community to come participate in this important talk. Alzheimer's and dementia are something that touches every family in one way or another. It is hoped that Dr. Ismir's presentation will make us more aware of the characteristics and help in its management. There is no cost

for the presentation which will be held Saturday, October 19, 10am, at Trinity's Mission campus.

If you have questions, please call the church office at 913-432-5441 or email Tom Perry at [Tom@tlcms.org](mailto:Tom@tlcms.org).



## Conversations in Faith, a Class for Shawnee Parents

By Pastor Benjamin Vineyard

You're invited to join us in a conversation of faith on Sunday mornings, 9:45am. We meet in the lower level of the Shawnee campus and explore the same topic that our children are exploring in

Sunday School, except we go in all kinds of directions and sometimes try to work out the harder parts of the stories—things the kids don't necessarily study. The goal is to increase fluency in

faith-language in the home. If you and your child are studying the same thing, it gives some common ground to talk about.



## Advice and Aid

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 Mon-

day, November 4, 7-9pm. The meeting will be held at 11644 West 75th Street, Shawnee. For more information on volunteering in this life affirming ministry

or to RSVP, please contact Mary at 913-962-0200 or email [volunteer@adviceandaid.com](mailto:volunteer@adviceandaid.com).

## Bountiful Blessings Craft Fair

By Bonnie Gassaway



**November 2, 9am-3pm**

**Bethany Lutheran Church  
9101 Lamar Avenue  
Overland Park, KS**

The Craft Fair is sponsored by the eighth grade classes from Christ Lutheran School and Bethany Luther-

an School, with proceeds going to their class trips. It is held at Bethany Lutheran Church and School, 9101 Lamar Avenue, Overland Park. 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, or Bonnie Gasaway at [rbggasaway@gmail.com](mailto:rbggasaway@gmail.com).

## MLM Power of Each One Gala

By Sara Schram

**November 2, 6-9pm**

**Overland Park  
Convention Center**

Metro Lutheran Ministry's Power of Each One Annual Gala is coming November 2! This gala helps them to raise funds for the more

than 21,000 low-income and homeless individuals and families in the KC metro area, assistance ranging from emergency assistance to permanent supportive housing. To order your free tickets or to register your table guests, visit [https://](https://e.givesmart.com/events/e5o/)

[e.givesmart.com/events/e5o/](https://e.givesmart.com/events/e5o/). While there, check out the silent auction items (new items added weekly). If questions, please contact Rebecka Noel at [rebecka-noel@mlmnc.org](mailto:rebecka-noel@mlmnc.org) or 816-285-3154. We hope you will join us!



## Last Call for the 2020 Passion Play

By Pastor Tom Harries



The deadline for tickets for the world-famous Passion Play as part of the Experience Germany: Lutherland and Oberammergau Passion Play tour has been extended

to December 12. Join this once-in-a-lifetime colorful, historical, and inspirational tour of Germany from September 5-10, 2020. For a brochure and more infor-

mation, contact Pastor Tom Harries at 913-888-4772 or at [harriesth51@gmail.com](mailto:harriesth51@gmail.com).

# Therefore encourage one another...

1 Thessalonians 5:11

## Birthdays



- October 23** – Erin Anderson, Evan Cook, Greta Ganske, Brandi Hendrich
- October 24** – Anna Maloy, Fay Nassiripour, Isabelle 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** – Richard Beerman, Amanda Clausen
- 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, Nathan Mall, Sam Mitchell, Austin Ramirez, Kaydence Ryan
- November 4** – Peggy Myers, Carol Tobiason, Owen Walker
- November 5** – Brandon Schmidt

## Anniversaries



- Shane & Megan Cicero ..... October 25 (16th)
- Steve & Carol Waage ..... October 25 (39th)
- Ben & April Swanger ..... October 26 (1st)**
- Dan & Valerie Owsley ..... October 29 (31st)
- Bill & Linda Guerry ..... November 1 (44th)



## Prayers

### Deaths

Norma Brock, 9/21

### Retirement Facility/Homebound

- Don and Glenda Bischoff, *at home*
- Martha Chael, *Waveny Park House*
- 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*
- Lee Glasnapp, *Village Shalom*
- Robert and Shirley Hemenway, *at home*
- Dick and Audrey Humes, *Santa Marta*
- Ruth Kroenke, *Addington Place*
- Richard Krueger, *Shawnee Post Acute and Rehabilitation Center*
- Betty Kuecker, *Rose Estates*
- Evelyn Lauber, *Westchester Village*
- Bill and Charlene Millsap, *at home*
- Jerry and Lillian Mueller, *Westchester Village*
- Karen Phipps, *at home*
- Garry and Joanne Schottman, *at home*
- Rose Seifferlein, *Tallgrass Memory Care*
- Jerry and Mary Ellen Stephenson, *at Santa Marta*
- Jeanne Stevenson, *Kingswood*

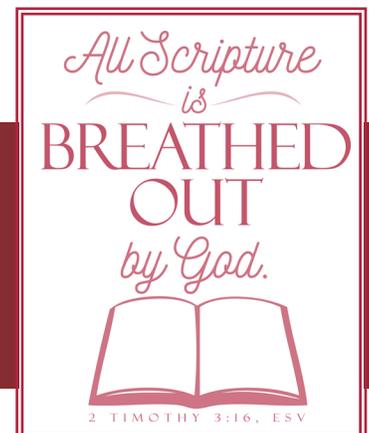
### Member Prayers-Mission

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| Bob Behrens      | Mary Lou Strahm   |
| Tom Dempsey      | Paulette Thornton |
| Myrna DuBois     | Cheri Wright      |
| Quentyn Hendrich | Andrew Young      |
| Carol Schwartz   |                   |

*Anniversaries and birthdays are listed from October 23– November 5. If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please contact the church office.*

## Memory Verse

**All Scripture is God-breathed  
and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and  
training in righteousness.  
2 Timothy 3:16**



## Saturday Demolition Day—Mission Campus

By Bill Guerry

Water intrusion in the basement of the church, specifically the Faith Factory room and Senior High room, has been a problem in the past, and continues to be one now. Plans have been formulated, and dates set, to jack hammer a portion of the floors in those two rooms, and install drain pipes to channel the water to sump pumps. However, there's a certain amount of demolition that needs to take place, and since we good



members of Trinity have shown the ability to demolish stuff with the best of 'em, a work day has been scheduled for Saturday, October 26, from 9am to noon.

The demolition involves removing all the PVC pipes, brackets, old HVAC units, and wood trim along the south wall of the Senior High room, and the same along the north wall, and a short section on the east wall in the Faith Factory room. Please bring a hammer, pry bar, gloves, and safety glasses.

Depending on the turnout, we very possibly can get the work down within the three-hour time frame. Hopefully that will be the case. I would appreciate a response, either to my email address, [bguerry612@gmail.com](mailto:bguerry612@gmail.com), or call me at 913-268-7116.

In the past, response from volunteers for this type of work has been outstanding. There's no reason to believe this project will be any different.



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## [ The Messenger ]

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

The next deadline is October 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.