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# The Messenger

## *Congregational Assembly*

*By Pastor Mark Schulz*

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### Sunday, January 26 at 1pm Shawnee Campus

- Ministry updates
- Shawnee campus expansion update
- Pastoral vacancy update
- Vote on LCMS constitutional amendment
- Noon -1pm Trinity Youth will be serving a variety of soups, chilis, and salads for lunch
- Childcare will be available during the meeting, starting at 12:50pm

#### Dates to remember:

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## Christmas Undecorating

By Julie Mohling



**Sunday, January 12**  
**After 11am Worship**  
**Mission Campus**

We will be taking down the Christmas decorations at the Mission campus on Sunday, January 12, after

the 11am service. A light lunch will be provided at the end of service around 12:15pm and then we can begin taking everything down. If you have any questions you may contact Julie Mohling at 913-574-

8607(cell) or  
 jmohl4@yahoo.com.

## Congregational Self-Study

By Pastor Mark



Now that Pastor Ben has left Trinity and begun his ministry in Lincoln, Nebraska, many have asked me what we are going to do next. My sense is that we should take some time to evaluate our needs as a congregation and then move forward with staffing decisions based on those identified needs. To this end, we will be providing

you with opportunities to prioritize what you perceive to be our ministry needs at this time in Trinity's history. This information will then be compiled and used to guide us in our next steps. Watch future editions of the *Messenger* and the *eNews* for specific information regarding opportunities to provide your input. I am pleased to announce that

during these first months of pastoral vacancy, Pastor Tom Van Duzer, recently retired from Our Saviour Lutheran Church in KCK, will be providing ten hours of assistance per week. Watch for information introducing Pastor Tom to the congregation in future communications.

## New Member Class

By Pastor Mark Schulz and Pastor Phil Cook



New Member Class

**January**  
**Both Campuses**

New member classes will be starting in January at both the Mission and Shawnee campuses. This class is designed for anyone

who desires to become a member of Trinity (including those who are already Lutheran). If you are interested, please contact Pastor Mark at mark@tlcms.org for Mission campus classes and

Pastor Phil at phil@tlcms.org for Shawnee campus classes.

## Preschool Open House

By Jo Ann Emerson

**Friday, January 17**  
**10am - 2pm**  
**Shawnee Campus**

2020-2021 enrollment at Trinity Lutheran Church Preschool is right around the corner!

Join us on Friday, January 17, 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 2020-2021 enrollment application and required

forms will be posted/updated on January 17. Enrollment is a three-tiered process:

Current preschool families may enroll online beginning January 24 at 8am.

Alumni and church families may enroll online beginning January 31 at 8am.

New families may enroll online beginning January 31 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 questions 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.



## “Souper Bowl of Caring” Food Drive

By Susie 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 one billion people will be hungry. Please join us in remembering the hungry this Super Bowl and bring soup or any food items for MLM.

**We will be distributing bags on Sunday, January 19. Please return bags to church by Super Bowl Sunday, February 2.**

Some suggestions include:

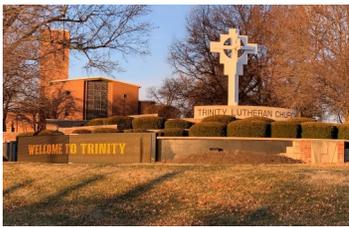
- Canned meat/tuna
- Pasta and sauce
- Peanut butter, nut butters
- Jelly in plastic containers

- Cereal, hot and cold
- Beans, dry or canned
- Canned soups, stews, and chili
- Nuts
- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Rice and grains



## Trinity Completes Electronic Message Sign Projects

By Larry Conrad



Trinity Lutheran Church has completed an electronic message sign retrofit for the Mission campus and installed a new message sign for the Shawnee campus. For many years, the sign at Mission has been a beacon, welcoming the community and consistently offering God's Word to the many travelers along Shawnee Mission Parkway. In May

2018, the electronic message sign at the Mission campus experienced a failure and while trying to be repaired, it was determined that the sign was obsolete and unable to be repaired. Staff began a project to look at replacing the sign at the Mission campus and installing a new sign at the Shawnee campus to shine a similar beacon to the community in Shawnee.

Through the generous donations of several members as well as a matching grant from the Trinity Lutheran Foundation, this project is now complete. The Mission campus sign was completed in June 2019 and the Shawnee campus sign was completed in January 2020.

## Stressed Out!

By Pastor Phil



**Sunday mornings**

**9:45am**

**Shawnee campus**

Are you feeling stressed out and stretched thin by the demands of life? You are

not alone. All people deal with at least some form of stress in their lives. Come join us as we study what the Bible has to say about stress and difficulties in life, and

how to manage them in a faith-filled way.

## Church Planting Workshop

By Pastor Mark



Did you know that one of the best ways to reach unchurched people is to start a new church? The Kansas District is sponsoring a church planting workshop at

Trinity's Shawnee campus on Saturday, January 18, from 9-11am. Fellow Lutherans from throughout the area are invited to come and learn about current church planting strategies

and also discuss potential for one or more church plants in the KC metro. Please RSVP to Pastor Mark by January 15 at [mark@tlcms.org](mailto:mark@tlcms.org).

# Trinity's Dedicated Volunteers

By Tom Perry

We at Trinity often talk about being a "Community Following Jesus." From time to time it is good to stop and see how we are being blessed by God and how we, through Him, try to be blessings to others. We have recently looked at our individual faith, as well as the work of Trinity congregation, with eyes focused on our relationship with God (UP), our relationship inside our faith family (IN), and our reaching out with God's love to the community at large (OUT). As children of God we never do enough. We serve because that is what a child of God does. It is an honor and a great gift to be used as God's tool in building His kingdom. That being said, it is good to reflect on what He is doing through us and how some of that manifests itself. It is also important that the staff of Trinity thanks you for being such an integral part of this faith community.

Any listing of the things you volunteer to do will automatically come with things that were omitted and left out. It is an impossible task to remember all that is done without some glaring gaps. We wish, however, to not

gloss over the special things you do by making broad generalizations. Your ministry is deeply appreciated.



We have people who volunteer to take care of the properties at both campuses. Many of you change lightbulbs, water plants, beautify the grounds, paint walls, make repairs, create new spaces, and much more. Thanks to the tireless workers who adorn our worship areas for the holidays. Both campuses remain inviting places to worship and maintaining that atmosphere helps in the mission of Trinity.



Trinity has a heart for helping others. Our Missions committee actively recommends ways to be a



benefit to the community. Trinity supports in a big way Metro Lutheran Ministry. It provides leaders, volunteers and collects items regularly for food, Christmas gifts, and clothing drives. Many of our members work at Blessings Abound as volunteers. We support the work of and leadership for many other charitable agencies. We conduct service projects throughout the year (cancer bags, hand-up bags, homebound Easter baskets, etc.). Our quilters meet regularly, making beautiful quilts to put into the hands of those needing them. To those of you who take part in these things, thank you for your giving heart.

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## Trinity's Dedicated Volunteers (continued)



Trinity has an active group of ladies' circles that meet regularly. They provide so much support at home in our congregation, and also work with outreach projects to the community. We hesitate to think of what might not happen if it were not for the work of our circles. We also need to give special thanks to the altar guild. These people make sure the sanctuary is ready for worship services every week. They fill communion trays, make sure the candles are filled, dress the altar properly, make sure the correct paraments are used at the right time, clean up after services, and much

more.

On any given weekend there are better than 50 jobs that are taken care of by volunteers. It is amazing that we have this much dedicated and eager involvement. We have greeters, welcome center hosts, readers, communion servers, ushers, techies, data entry folks, flower deliverers, and offering counters. We also have dedicated high school and middle school youth who provide needed assistance as acolytes. These young people go through training and then are asked to light candles, serve in processions, help with communion, and other things that are needed during the service. It is enjoyable working with these young people. We also need to thank those who take the time to schedule these acolytes and altar guild volunteers.



The Trinity choir, praise band, and other musicians add so much to the enjoyment and meaningfulness of our worship. We are truly blessed to have such talented people giving of themselves to the glory of God. Music is integral in how we worship at Trinity. Well done music adds dimension and depth to the spoken Word we hear every



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week. Thank you.

We have many people who work behind the scenes to make Trinity an effective house of God. We have Sunday School teachers, youth leaders, mentors, VBS workers, babysitters, and youth volunteers. We have special people who visit our homebound, look after the spiritual care of our congregation, take care of funeral dinners, work on the hospitality committee to help serve special functions, volunteer in the office to help things run smoothly, teach Bible class, and lead small groups. We also have senior volunteers and the work of the 50+ people, and someone who makes sure we have the pantry items for all the things this

congregation hosts.

The staff of Trinity is blessed to have such a caring, effective, and giving congregation. So many additional aspects to ministry can happen when eager volunteers are here to help in the mission. It is fun to work with people such as yourselves. We hope you realize what a difference you make in the lives of our church and the community. We thank you for being dedicated to the work of God's kingdom. We are truly a "Community Following Jesus."

# VOLUNTEERING Changes Lives



**Would you like to volunteer?**

**Contact the church office or any ministry leader and we will get you plugged in!**

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# Noisy Collection

By Rhonda Synovec



## Sunday, January 26 All Services

The next noisy collection will benefit Metro Lutheran Ministry to help support families in need of assistance. Bring your noisy (or not so noisy) change to donate. Forty-eight local congregations from the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) and

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) are partner members of MLM. MLM serves clients from locations in Jackson, Platte and Clay Counties, Missouri, and Wyandotte County, Kansas.

# LWML Coffee and Tea Sale

By Elfriede Mohling



LWML coffee and tea sale will be held between worship services at the Mission campus on Sunday, January 12. Be sure to stop by the table to select from the wide variety of flavors available. 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 the Mobile Medical Mercy Mission Bus for Guatemala. Learn more about this project from the poster behind the mite box. Thank you for your support!

## Memory Verse

...and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love, with him I am well pleased."  
Matthew 3: 16b - 17



# Puzzle Building Competition

By Laura Baack

**When: Saturday, February 1, 1-5pm  
(Registration at 12:30)**

**Where: Shawnee Campus**

**Who: Teams of 2, ages 14 and older**

Come have some fun while offering support for the 2020 Alaska Mission Team. Your team will have four hours to do your best at

building a puzzle. All teams build the same puzzle. There will be a short intermission for snacks, bio break, and fellowship. Puzzles will be available for purchase after the competition. There is a \$30 entry fee per team made payable to Trinity Lutheran Church. Please note “Alaska Mission Team Fee.” The

fee may be paid online or by check or cash mailed to Trinity Lutheran Church. Please send your team name (such as “Sister Act”—one my nieces used), names of team members, email, and phone number to Laura Baack at lb\_dce@hotmail.com. If you have any questions, please contact Laura.



# Altar Flower Sign-Ups—Mission Campus

By Gretchen Hollman

Would you like a meaningful way to commemorate a special event in your life or the life of a loved one? How about dedicating altar flowers?

The 2020 altar flower chart is now available for signups in the Mission campus foyer. **We are in need of sign-ups for January.** After the altar flowers grace the altar for worship,

a team of delivery volunteers takes turns in hand-delivering bouquets to members for special events, including birthdays, illnesses, hospitalizations, and anniversaries. If you would like to participate in making deliveries, contact Connie Koetting.

Please keep in mind the following guidelines for donating flowers:

Each bouquet is \$45. Please submit payment to the church office. Checks may be made payable to Trinity Lutheran Church. Please mark “Altar Flowers” in the memo line.

There are places to sign up for two bouquets each weekend. Please do NOT sign up for a third bouquet. Please write your name and

a brief dedication on the sign up chart.

Please mark whether you would like to donate or keep the bouquet.

You will receive a reminder phone call the week before your bouquet donation to finalize your dedication and remind you of payment.

## *Lutheran Hour Ministries*

*By Jessica Vertlieb*



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:

- Energize, equip, and engage laity for outreach
- Grow God's kingdom through expanded media outreach
- Bring the Gospel to the unreached around the world

- Engage communities in the digital mission field

You are encouraged to visit [lhm.org](http://lhm.org) to discover all the resources they offer, from podcasts and video-based Bible studies to daily devotions.

## *Advice and Aid Informational Meeting*

*By Mary Newcomer*



Advice & Aid Pregnancy Centers, Inc. is a life-affirming ministry serving families facing an unplanned pregnancy before, during, and after with Christ-like compassion. We will be

holding an informational meeting on Monday, January 27, from 7pm to 9pm at our Shawnee office (11644 West 75th Street, Shawnee, KS). For more information on volunteering or to RSVP, please contact

Mary at 913-962-0200 or email [volunteer@adviceandaid.com](mailto:volunteer@adviceandaid.com).

## *Christ Lutheran School Kindergarten Enrollment Is Opening Soon!*

*By David Rindt, School Principal*



Open enrollment begins on February 18, and interested families are invited to sign up for a January tour

through the Christ Lutheran School office. Interested families can reach out to David Rindt, School

Principal at Christ @ David. [Rindt@clcop.org](mailto:Rindt@clcop.org).

# Therefore encourage one another...

1 Thessalonians 5:11

## Birthdays



- January 15** – Curtis Kraus
- January 16** – Keith Polson, Tammy Truax
- January 17** – Levi Finkemeier, Judy McSweyn, Linda Olson, Rik Scarborough, Elaine Stroker, Ruth Sutton, Kiki Vetter
- January 18** – Amy Kutschka, Evelyn Lauber
- January 19** – Diana Alexander, Jane Butler, Peni Colville, Iva Schlatter
- January 20** – Maggie Galloway
- January 21** – David Wells
- January 22** – Ryan Humbarger, Jon Prueter, Asher Severson, Alex Taylor
- January 23** – Jordan Cox, Sime Haas, Edward Ketchum, James Ketchum, Katie 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, Vaughan Clausen, 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

## Anniversaries



- Matt & Laurie Price.....January 21 (3rd)
- Rob & Beth Collins.....January 26 (18th)
- Rick & Mary Shepker.....January 26 (47th)
- Marty & Debbie Wells ..... January 28 (35th)**

## Prayers



### Deaths

- Elmer Corpeny, brother of Bert, 12/25
- Shirley McBee, mother of Paula Galliart, 12/26
- Nancy Smith, 1/4

### 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*
- Betty Hild, *Leanwood Gardens*
- Dick and Audrey Humes, *Santa Marta*
- 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*
- 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*
- Joyce Synovec, *Westchester Village*

### Member Prayers-Mission

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|------------------|-------------------|
| Dolores Boehnke  | Angela Jeppesen   |
| Tom Dempsey      | Denise Loeffler   |
| Myrna DuBois     | Anna Nellis       |
| Rebecca Glad     | Jere Stuckey      |
| Quentyn Hendrich | Paulette Thornton |

### Member Prayers-Shawnee

- Glen Bodling
- Bill Kuehn
- Becky Stephens

*Anniversaries and birthdays are listed from January 15-28.  
If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please contact the church office.*



# VBS—Save the Dates!

## Shawnee Campus

June 22-26  
9-11:30am

## Mission Campus

July 13-17  
9-11:30am

### Trinity Lutheran Church



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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 January 21 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.