

A Community

Following Jesus

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Milestone Ministry and Celebrations

By Rhonda Synovec

Shawnee Campus
February 23, 11am

Mission Campus
March 1, 11am

Milestones mark significant important events during our lifetime. They are celebrated and shared with others. As we grow in our faith together, there are basic faith milestones we pray all our children will learn and keep in their hearts. At Trinity we believe parents and families are the biggest faith influence in the lives of young children. Trinity's Children's Ministry offers a very special Milestone Ministry focused on faith formation for children, youth, and families. These faith milestones are offered and celebrated at different ages of a child's life.

Each year, Children's Ministry offers Sunday School classes on specific milestones to the children in preschool through grade 5 as our curriculum in January and February. We will then celebrate these Milestones with the children and families in worship.



Birth: Baptism

1 Year Old: Baptism Remembrance

2 Year Old: Bible Presentation – Read With Me Story Bible

Preschool: The Lord's Prayer

Preschool and Pre-K children are learning to pray the Lord's Prayer and also learn what this prayer means for them.

Kindergarten - Grade 1: The Ten Commandments

Children are learning the Ten Commandments and how God's holy law can guide and direct their everyday lives. We will learn all ten commandments, but this is a two-year curriculum. We will study why God gave these commandments and their meaning for us, plus dig deeper into the first five commandments in year one. In year two we will review the commandments and dig in-depth into the last five commandments.

Grades 2 & 3: The Books of the Bible

Children are learning all about the Bible. This is a great way for them to not only learn the books of the Old and New Testaments, but dig into all God's Word has to offer them.

Grades 4 & 5: The Apostles' Creed

Children are learning the Apostles' Creed and what it means to make such a strong statement of faith in saying "I Believe."

Grades 5-8: Early Communion

Grade 6-8: Confirmation Classes

Grade 8: Confirmation

Grade 9: Join High School Youth Ministry

Grade 12: Graduation Recognition

Pastoral Vacancy Survey

By Pastor Mark Schulz



Due February 16

As we consider filling the staff vacancy created by Pastor Ben moving to Lincoln, Nebraska, we want to take some time to step back and assess where we believe God is leading us as a congregation, and what ministry needs exist.

Please complete the brief survey using the QR code at right. Note that all of these ministry directions are important, which is why ranking them in the order of importance based on your prayerful perception is so important. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Hard copies are also available at both campuses.



Fill out the survey with this link!

Puzzle Building Competition Rescheduled

By Laura Baack



Let's try it again!

Come for fun and fellowship!

When: Sunday, March 29, 1-5pm, check in at 12:30

Where: Shawnee Campus

Who: Teams of two, ages 14 and older (You can register as an individual and be matched up with someone.)

RSVP: Please contact Laura Baack by March 22 to reserve your spot, lb_dce@hotmail.com or 913-980-4446.

Why: This is a fundraiser to support the 2020 Alaska Mission Team.

How: 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/bathroom break/fellowship. Puzzles will be available for purchase after the competition.

Cost: The entry fee is \$30 per team or \$15 per individual. The fee may be paid at check-in on the day of the event.

Let the puzzling begin!

LWML Coffee and Tea Sale

By Elfriede Mobling



**Sunday, February 9
Between services
Mission Campus**

LWML coffee and tea sale will be held between worship services at the Mission campus on Sunday, February 9. Be sure to stop by

the table to select from the wide variety of flavors available. Selected varieties are 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 Water and the Word for Rural Schools in Kenya. Learn more about this project from the poster behind the mite box. Thank you for your support!

LERT Flood Bucket Brigade

By Tom Perry

**February 23, 2pm
Shawnee Campus**

We are inviting the congregation to bring items to church to fill LCMS Disaster Response flood buckets. On Sunday afternoon February 23 we will be assembling them at the Shawnee campus beginning at 2pm. Members from both campuses are invited to donate and help in the assembly. We will also be accepting cash to purchase these items if you wish. Special envelopes will be available for that purpose. The items needed for the buckets are pretty specific, and we have available a flyer explaining what is needed and more about the project. Collection areas will be available at both campuses starting February 9. This is one more way Trinity has the opportunity to share God's love.

Program Description

The LCMS Disaster Response flood relief project engages LCMS congregations, districts and other groups in an outreach ministry to provide pre-assembled flood relief buckets to flood and hurricane survivors as part of a disaster preparedness plan.

The project calls for flood relief buckets to be assembled by LCMS congregations, districts and groups and then shipped across the United States for easy distribution following a disaster.

Local congregations in the disaster-affected areas serve as the key distribution point in their communities with a special focus on those who may be homebound or otherwise unable to provide for themselves.

The total cost of preparing a flood relief bucket is \$25-\$30, including the cost of

the 5-gallon container and lid. The cost of the suggested cleaning items range between \$15 and \$25, depending on the quality and quantity of the items purchased, including the optional broom and mop.

How to Prepare Flood Relief Buckets

Each flood relief bucket contains:

- Devotionals
- Cleaning tips
- Paper towels
- Disposable rags
- Glass cleaner
- Cleansing powder
- Liquid cleaner
- Bleach (1-gallon size)
- Scrub brush
- Two pairs of rubber



- gloves
 - Sponge(s)
 - (Optional) broom and/or mop
- Cleaning supplies and 5-gallon containers may be purchased locally.

GUATEMALA 2020

Looking ahead:
the Guatemala
Mission Trip
will be
July 19-25.

Children's Book Collection

By Janai Tisdale

Through February 29

The Abigail Circle is collecting children's books during the months of January and February to be donated to Reach Out and

Read KC, <http://www.reachoutandreadkc.org/>. This endeavor has been a great success for the last two years!

We are asking for book

donations again this year and will be collecting books from now through February 29. The books need to be for children from birth to age 5.





Gospelchor

SCHLOSSKIRCHE WITTENBERG

Wittenberg Germany Gospel Choir Concert Tour

By Tim Reaman

The 45-member Gospel Choir from the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany, will be doing a Midwest concert tour in May of this year. Trinity will be hosting the choir from Friday, May 29, to Sunday, May 31 (Pentecost). We are making plans for the choir to sing during the 5:30 Saturday worship service and perform a 7pm concert at the Mission campus on May 30. They will also sing in the 11am worship service

on Sunday, May 31, at the Shawnee campus. ***A major commitment to make this happen is providing lodging for 45 choir members.*** We are looking for Trinity members willing to host choir members in their homes for two nights. The choir members are willing to share a bed if necessary. Subject to possible modifications (primarily Saturday), the host family commitment would involve:

Friday, May 29

- Meet and pick up assigned choir members at the Mission campus about 9pm.

Saturday, May 30

- Provide breakfast.
- Transport choir members to the Mission campus to meet a bus about 9am for choir sightseeing trip in Kansas City. The choir will return by bus to the Mission campus about 3:30pm for a choir-only dinner, Saturday worship service, concert, and light reception.
- Pickup choir members at the Mission campus about 8:30pm and return to the host home.

Sunday, May 31

- Provide breakfast
- Transport choir members to the Shawnee campus

about 10:00am. The choir sings in the 11am worship service.

While this involves a significant commitment and some inconvenience, it is also an opportunity for some cross-cultural experience on a personal level in your own home. We would like to know how much participation we can count on from Trinity members, so ***please sign up by March 1.*** A sign-up sheet will be available at both campuses in the foyer areas. You can also sign up on TrinityCloud. Please contact Tim Reaman for any questions or further details, 913-609-0984, 1951tlr@gmail.com.



50+ Chili Lunch

By Iva Schlatter

February 19, 11:30am
Mission Campus
Fellowship Hall

50+ will be having a Chili Lunch on Wednesday, February 19, 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 12. If you forget to make a reservation, no problem! Please come anyway! There is a signup sheet

at the Mission Welcome Center. Contact Iva Schlatter, 913-333-0981 (cell) or Barb Littell 913-998-9360 (home), with any questions. There will be a freewill offering collected. Come and enjoy delicious chili, cornbread, and desserts!



LVR Secret Sponsor Program Update and Thank You

By Beth Stephens

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Congregational Meal on January 26. We were able to raise over \$600 towards the high school students attending LVR this year. The meal was also the official kick-off for the Secret Sponsor opportunity! We are looking for people who want to connect with the youth who are attending LVR in Colorado this summer. If you want to connect with the youth, we want you to sign up regardless of what you're able to give at this time. Here's the link for more information and to sign up!



What is LVR and why do we go?

Lutheran Valley Retreat (LVR) is a camp up in the Rocky Mountains near Woodland Park, Colorado. It is associated with the LCMS through the National Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Association (NLOMA). Students spend time in cabin groups, Bible study, worship, service projects, and fun mountain activities while they are there.

Trinity and LVR

Trinity offers to cover the cost of incoming freshmen to attend. This means that students who are confirmed in April 2020 will be able to attend LVR free of charge. Through fundraising and our youth ministry budget, our goal is to limit the financial strain, so all stu-

An opportunity to engage with the Youth!



dents have the opportunity to join us! This year, we will be traveling to LVR June 14-20 and are expecting a group of 15-20 students along with 3 adults to attend from Trinity.

Secret Sponsor Fundraiser

When you participate in the Secret Sponsor Fundraiser,

you not only contribute to the youth who attend LVR, but connect with them on a deeper level too! **To sign up, fill out our online form by February 15.** See the link in the *eNews* or scan the QR code at left.

If you have any questions, please reach out to DCE Beth Stephens: beth@tlcms.org.

9:45 New Bible Study

By Wayne Meyer

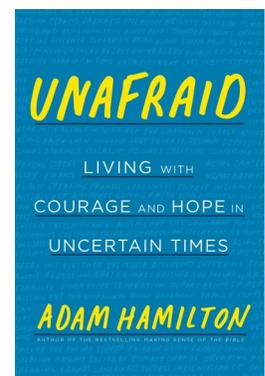
9:45am, Sundays Mission Campus Lounge

The 9:45 Mission Campus Lounge Bible Class is beginning a new study “Unafraid, Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times” written by Pastor Adam Hamilton. Drawing on recent research, inspiring real-life

examples, and fresh biblical insight, Hamilton shows how to untangle the knots we feel about disappointing others, failure, financial insecurity, loneliness, insignificance, and aging. Then he helps readers understand and counter fears related to such outsize perils as terrorism, death, and the apoca-

lypse. Writing with generosity and intelligence, Hamilton shows how believer and unbeliever alike can develop sustaining spiritual practices and embrace Jesus’s recurring counsel: “Do not be afraid.”

Please join us in this study.





Difficult Questions Presentations

By Pastor Phil Cook

March 1, 6:30-8pm
Mission Campus
Adult Lounge

In the world we live in, Christians are faced with a number of difficult questions and conversations. “How do we make sense of creation and evolution?” “How do we live into God’s gift of sexuality?” “How do we think about the roles of men and women in the church?” “How does our faith impact our politics, and vice versa?” Many times these topics are difficult to engage because there are so

many different elements to each discussion and so many strong opinions on these subjects. Often, in a Bible study or a sermon, there is not time to unpack all of these different nuances. To engage these important topics in a sensitive way, we are beginning a series of Difficult Questions presentations, where we will have more time to talk through, discuss, and gain understanding of how the Scriptures speak to these topics. Because these issues can be so difficult to en-

gage, the first Difficult Questions presentation will be on “How do Christians have difficult conversations?” In it, we’ll talk about some Biblical guidelines for engaging in difficult conversations that include faithfulness to God’s Word, and concern for all people. We will also be receiving your feedback on which difficult questions you want us to discuss next. Please join us for the first Difficult Questions presentation on Sunday, March 1, from 6:30-8pm in the Adult Lounge at the Mission campus.

Bach B-Minor Mass

By Ben A. Spalding



Friday, March 6
7pm

Saint Cecilia Cathedral
 701 North 40th Street
 Omaha, NE 68131



Saturday, March 7
7:30pm

Grace and Holy Trinity
 Cathedral
 415 West 13th Street
 Kansas City, MO 64105

When Bach assembled the *B-minor Mass* in his final years, he crystallized his lifelong mission to express faith through music into one staggering compendium of intellectual and spiritual exaltation. Thunderous fugues and brilliant choruses wrest maximal impact from the combined forces of choir and orchestra, while focused solos for voices and their instrumental companions rival any opera in terms of tender-

ness and dramatic presence. The Mass is not a singular object; it is a synthesis of Bach’s music going back 35 years, built upon techniques and trends developed over centuries. The *B-minor Mass* is a pillar of human achievement on par with Michelangelo’s Sistine Chapel ceiling or Shakespeare’s collection of plays, and to witness it live is quite simply an essential life experience.

\$25 General Admission

\$10 Student Tickets Available at the Door

Purchase tickets at SpireChamberEnsemble.org.

Therefore encourage one another...

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Birthdays



- February 13** — Bella McNeely, Kayla Smith, Adam Stroker
- February 14** — Joshua Gantz, Jennifer Strasser
- February 15** — Josie Barker, Susan Boehnke, Sarah Loos, Justin Marovec, Gage Prothe
- February 16** — Linda Dodson, Amber Hastings, 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** — Margie Gallaway, Denise Jarrett, Spencer Matters, Marcus Meoli, Julie Richards
- February 20** — Jann Fowler, Gus Meoli, Mark Webster, Ken Wells, Rob Williams
- February 21** — Gary Akers, Thomas Babcock, Brandon Draper, Brandon Pittenger, Kristen Schnackenberg, Colton Small
- February 22** — Sherry Heitmeyer, Helga McLean, Robert P. Reese, Dennis Underwood
- February 23** — Kaitlyn Delamore, Randy Fajen, Conrad Fassold, Ruth Hanusch, Dee Pfeiffer, Mark Thorson, Kevin Walsh
- February 24** — Brennan Auerbach, Jordan Auerbach, Emily Beerman, Steve Hatesohl, Josie Rice, Rose Seifferlein, April Swanger
- February 25** — David Barker, Chris Cox, Tommy Hardin, Lauren Harrell, Noah Kuhn, Bob Rigg
- February 26** — Steve Gallaway, Reagan McNeely, Mark Messbarger, Brecken Pingel, Arynne Stalnaker, Louise Tilghman

Anniversaries



- Leo and Jean Schlesselman February 14 (11th)
- Kurtis and Joan Wilson February 14 (19th)
- Kerry and Sonia Lee Barker..... February 15 (17th)
- Joshua and Becky Peters February 16 (12th)
- Nate and Leah Theiss February 17 (16th)
- Dave and Debbie Dearth..... February 18 (48th)
- Gene and Darlene Limback..... February 20 (55th)**
- Wayne and Nancy Meyer February 21 (39th)
- Pekka and Jennifer Holmberg February 22 (28th)
- Bob and Elaine Fleenor..... February 25 (52nd)**

Anniversaries and birthdays are listed from February 13-26.
If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please contact the church office.

Prayers



Deaths

Martha Chael, 1/29

Retirement Facility/Homebound

- Don and Glenda Bischoff, *at home*
- Phyllis Corthon, *Victory Hills*
- 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*
- Richard Krueger, *Shawnee Post Acute and Rehabilitation Center*
- Betty Kueker, *Rose Estates*
- Evelyn Lauber, *Westchester Village*
- Bill and Charlene Millsap, *at home*
- 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 |
| Fred Chael | Helga McLean |
| Tom Dempsey | Anna Nellis |
| Myrna DuBois | Howard Nellis |
| Quentyn Hendrich | Paulette Thornton |

Member Prayers-Shawnee

Glen Bodling

Memory Verse

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.
Matthew 5:16

"Let your
Light Shine
before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."





VBS—Save the Dates!

Shawnee Campus

June 22-26
9-11:30am

Mission Campus

July 13-17
9-11:30am

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The next deadline is February 18 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.