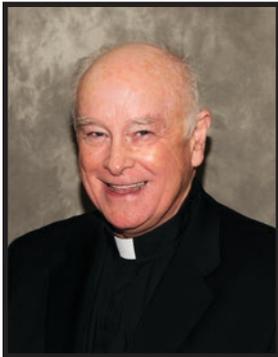


FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

VICTORY IS OURS



In my last settled call where we served a multiracial congregation with a gospel service and soup supper, one of the favorite hymns was entitled “*Victory is Mine.*” I can still hear the congregation belting out that gospel hymn. Part of why it inspired me is that it was a hymn used regularly in civil rights actions and sit-ins, seeking racial justice in the middle of the last century.

It is a great scene for our celebration of Easter. The resurrection of our Lord is about Jesus’ victory over sin, death, and the devil, as the catechism tells us. But to put it in more ordinary language for more ordinary lives, it is about Christ’s victory for us. It is a message of our victory, not just over death, but over despair and discouragement, and all that seeks to diminish life. Jesus’ victory is about new life, not just for each of us as individuals, but about new life for all creation. The reason we call Easter the eighth day of creation is that it celebrates new creation, a new dawn, a whole new era. It is literally a cosmic event, the whole creation made new.

Perhaps it’s put most helpfully by Martin Copenhaver in a little piece called “*Victorious Over Death.*” Copenhaver writes, “Whatever else the disciples would come to understand about what had happened, they knew from the start that the resurrection was not simply about what happened to Jesus, it is about what happens to all who trust in Jesus, and about what can happen to all who claim this story as their own. The resurrection is not simply the assurance that Jesus was victorious over death, it is also a promise that we can share in that victory with him. The resurrection does not mean only that Jesus was triumphant over evil, it also assures us that evil will not be ultimately triumphant in our own lives. The resurrection is a promise offered to all. Saint Jean Vianney said of Easter, “Today one grave is open and from it has arisen his son which will never be obscured, which will never set, a sun which bestows new life.”

I would go even beyond Copenhaver. It’s not just that evil will not ultimately be triumphant in our own lives, it’s that evil will not

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Midweek Lenten Activities

Wednesday, April 5
Soup Supper 6:00 PM (Room 123)
Worship Service 7:00 PM
Lutheran-Roman Catholic
Dialogue 7:30 PM (Room 123)

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 9
9:00 AM and 11:15 AM

Reflections on the Passion

Sunday, April 9
7:00 PM in the Worship Center

Maundy Thursday Service and First Communion

Thursday, April 13
7:00 PM

Good Friday Service

Friday, April 14
7:00 PM

Easter Services

Sunday, April 16
7:30 AM (Easter Sunrise)
9:00 AM (Traditional)
11:15 AM (Traditional)

No Gathering in April

Trinitell Monthly Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submitting articles for the May Trinitell is April 15. Email articles or information to news@tlc-stl.org or mail to Trinity.

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ultimately triumph in the world. Resurrection means that, thanks to the action of God, death, hate and division are overcome by love, life and unity. New life and perennial hope are ours. Jesus is victorious and bringing new life to us all.

It reminds me of a story told by Archbishop Desmond Tutu from Cape Town South Africa. When he was opposing apartheid and racism in South Africa, he urged citizens not to vote in federal elections because all citizens could not vote. That action was a felony and as he preached about it in the cathedral church, the aisles were lined with police. Archbishop Tutu stopped and addressed the police who were surveilling him. He invited them to leave the losing side. He invited them to come over to the side where victory was assured. He invited them to come over to God's side, because in resurrection and new life, God had already won. The victory was theirs. And they wanted everyone to share it. That is the truest message of resurrection. It is new life overcoming evil death and all things that destroy life.

Yours in the resurrected Lord,
Pastor John Mann

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES INFORMATION

Palm Sunday Reflections on the Passion

**Sunday, April 9
7:00 PM**

in the Worship Center
*an evening of poetry,
Word and song*

*Admission: Non-perishable food
item or free will offering to benefit
Circle of Concern*

Maundy Thursday Service

**Thursday, April 13
7:00 PM**

in the Worship Center
Including First Communion,
Holy Communion
and Foot Washing

Good Friday Service

**Friday, April 14
7:00 PM**

in the Worship Center

Easter Brunch Sunday, April 16

8:30 AM - 11:00 AM

in the Gym
(we will be serving ham,
scrambled eggs, pastries, juice
and more)

All are invited!

Easter Services Sunday, April 16

7:30 AM

Easter Sunrise Worship
Outdoors in the Cemetery

9:00 AM

Easter Festival Service
of Resurrection
in the Worship Center

11:15 AM

Easter Festival Service
of Resurrection
in the Worship Center

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES INFORMATION

April 9 | 7:00 pm

Trinity Lutheran Church

featuring

JENNIFER **SPOHR** director

TRINITY **CHOIR**

DR. JEFFREY **HEYL** bass

JD **BROOKS** keyboard

HANNAH **FREY** violin

RANYA **IQBAL** cello

Reflections
on the
PASSION

heard through the music of J. S. Bach

Bring your family & friends
and join us for

Easter Brunch

Sunday, April 16

8:30 am - 11:00 am

in the Trinity Gym

MARCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: March 19, 2017

Attendees: Pastor John Mann, Todd Maloy, Ron Jones, Richard Leimgruber, Mike Sharitz, Steve Paquette, Paul Bauermeister, Andrew Sobey, Nancy Buffum, Claudia Pico, Becky Luethy, Kim Stewart, Morris Larson, Chuck Parrott, Don Stuewe, Christie Tietjen, Larry Tietjen, Pat Irmscher, Barb Trettel, Jon Trettel

Meeting Minutes: Recorded by Kim Stewart/Todd Maloy.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. The meeting began with a devotion and opening prayer by Pastor John Mann.

TLC Updates and Discussions:

Goals/Committee Assignments:

Todd reviewed the Council goals that were discussed in last meeting's member introductions. These include: keeping the momentum of our progress going, promoting more unity in the church, helping Trinity prepare for the next chapter of our church history.

Members of the Council have all been assigned to a Trinity committee where they will serve as liaisons between the council and the committee. We still need additional representation on the Adult Ed committee so if you would be willing to be this liaison, contact Todd. We are also looking into forming a Youth Ministry/Preschool MIT and having a liaison serve on this committee.

Updates from Staff and Teams:

Worship and Music MIT: Mike Sharitz reported that the committee would like the choir to perform at both services on Easter. They are still planning the 7:30 AM service. There is potential to use the music area and stage (left side of the church) for readings and other purposes during Easter season. Moving instruments IS NOT a message about the future of contemporary worship at Trinity. Rather, just a way to continue to utilize all of our sanctuary space.

Missional Service: Christie Tietjen reported that the participation in the evening's earlier meeting was helpful. The committee is interested in input from the congregation on the direction the committee should proceed. Our mission ministry needs participation to make it a success.

OSC / Finance Committees: Steve Paquette presented a summary of our YTD budget results and highlights from February. Receipts are better than budget due in large part to receipts from the Preschool. Expenses are less than budget due to timing. "One of our Own" account is set up and has been utilized.

Morris Larson reported that the Altar Guild did some spring cleaning and, thanks to efforts of OSC members, now has hot water upstairs. The lighting on the back lot has been addressed, and additional solar lights are being tested for the lot. A plumber will be contacted to deal with the drain in the small sink in the kitchen. We may need to hire someone to do upkeep on the baseball field.

Becky Luethy asked about the status of the mouse mitigation. Morris reported that all holes have been plugged and sweeps added to the doors. They haven't seen a mouse since and have not called Rottler. Todd recommended a proactive approach to this issue and asked Morris to make the call to Rottler regardless.

Endowment Committee: Written report from committee (submitted for inclusion in minutes). The Committee is working with Harry Mueller to plan an Endowment Educational Session and Reception at Bellerive Country Club in May. Stephen Phelps, Central States Regional Gift Planner, will be leading an Adult Forum discussion on Endowment and Estate Planning on September 10. A Tax Planning session is tentatively planned for November 19. The committee will be reviewing and updating Endowment brochures working with the church office.

Adult Education: Don Stuewe reported that committee would like to suspend the Adult Education program during the months of July and August and have a reduced schedule in December. Todd told him that the committee can make this decision, but that the schedule update was appreciated. Don also went through his current list of presenters. He welcomes ideas for teachers from inside or outside our Trinity community. He is also looking for a council liaison for the committee and volunteers to help host on Sunday (room set-up, coffee making, introduction & IT). There was some discussion as to whether or not coffee needs to be offered in 123.

Preschool / Children's / Youth Ministry: Amy submitted a staff report and is on spring break.

Small Groups / Fellowship MIT: No report. Todd has talked with Sandi Thorp and communicated the Council's desire that this ministry area be reinvigorated given its importance to our church and our ministries. Some potential options were discussed, and Larry Tietjen shared some of his personal experience with Small Group ministry.

MARCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Pastor's Report:

Pastor reported that the Area 10 Ministry Meeting will be held at Trinity on Sunday, March 26th. This meeting is for the Lay and Clergy in our ministry area. The public is invited to attend from 3:00 PM–6:00 PM on Sunday. Monday morning's session is for the rostered clergy and will be from 10:00 AM–1:00 PM. If you would like to see where the church is going, please attend. Christie Tietjen suggested specifically inviting our 2017 Synod Assembly Delegates to attend.

Pastor reported that over the past nine months, the Synod has created a committee to assess ways to serve congregations in transition. He provided input to these efforts and has recently been asked to lead this group in the St Louis area. They are proposing to develop a team of Pastors and other specialists who would potentially serve multiple congregations using a "vice-pastoral model." This proposal is to be discussed at the Area 10 meeting next weekend.

Pastor Mann was asked to address a flyer that was distributed through Lutheran School of Theology (LST) listing him as the Intentional Interim Pastor at Living Christ in Florissant. Many Trinity members received this mailing creating confusion and concern. Pastor stated that the information was incorrect. He was recently asked to serve as described above. As such, he will meet with churches that have this need, attend their Council meetings, recruit resources for transition teams, and coordinate the new teams' services. He will also provide emergency pastoral services. He reasserted his full-time commitment to Trinity and will remain our interim, not preaching at any other churches. Communication to Trinity was planned for the April newsletter; however, it was recommended by Claudia Pico that we communicate this information with the church to help dispel rumors.

Becky Luethy asked about the flyer itself, which advertised that Pastor Mann would teach a class at Trinity. She asked for details, including who would be given the fees raised by the class tuition. Pastor had agreed to an LST request, but does not know how the school works and was not contacted before the mailing went out. He was asked to follow up with details and reminded that Trinity resources used for such events should be pre-approved.

Old Business:

Mutual Ministry Committee Update:

Todd has met with the staff informally about this potential liaison/support committee and researched the set up and charter steps. Model language and other resources are available through the ELCA and various synods, but we will need a defined purpose unique to Trinity and our ministries. Staff input and buy-in is also a must. Chuck Parrott commented that he had found some information on a similar TLC committee that had been used in the past—he will share with Todd. Position summaries and roles & responsibility statements will be gathered as a next step. Richard Leimgruber, Nancy Buffum, Morris Larson and Pastor Mann will also work on the establishment of this committee. It is agreed that having this in place for when the new pastor arrives would be extremely helpful.

New Business:

Future Council/Gathering schedule:

Since our April meeting falls on Easter Sunday, we will not meet on this date. At this point, we will not have an April Meeting unless business dictates that one is necessary. Written reports will be shared as normal. Starting in May, we will continue meeting on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Going forward we will re-structure. MIT team meetings will be optional, beginning at 5:00 PM. Dinner will be at 6:00 PM and Council will follow at 7:00 PM. Mike Sharitz mentioned exploring the possibility of adding a contemporary worship component to this Sunday night schedule. Details will go out via Trinitell.

Potential Trinity Event:

A "Trinity Event" had been tentatively slated for April. Morris will confirm available dates, and, if still free, Council will plan a Chili Cook-Off or other fellowship event for later in the month. More information to come, but this would be a fun activity for the entire congregation and an opportunity to visit with Council members. Claudia Pico agreed to help lead the organization of such an event.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM.

CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

Todd Maloy
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I was telling someone earlier this week that I needed to work on an article for the Trinitell, but, with several things going on, I hadn't found the time. Their suggestion: "So, write about it. Like they do on Twitter." While I really don't know a handle from a #hashtag, here's a fictional look at what a "Live Tweet" of my experience at Trinity this past Wednesday might have looked:



Todd Maloy @TLC_Pres

Mar 22, 7:15 am

Added to our TLC Garage Sale stack before heading to work. Need to check w/ Susan on yesterday's planning meeting.



Todd Maloy @TLC_Pres

Mar 22, 9:00 am

Just finished edits to Council minutes. Busy night Sunday. Thanks, all, for coming and for helping get notes out to the congregation.



Todd Maloy @TLC_Pres

Mar 22, 11:45 am

Spoke w/ Pr. Hohly from Synod office re: interim ministry plans for STL. Looking forward to their meeting at TLC Sunday.



Todd Maloy @TLC_Pres

Mar 22, 5:30 pm

Held door for TLC preschool teachers staying late to prep their rooms for tomorrow. Great school. Lucky to have all these folks.



Todd Maloy @TLC_Pres

Mar 22, 5:45 pm

Saw a friend & his daughter playing basketball in TLC gym. Their team (and many others) uses our facility every week. Good to be popular.



Todd Maloy @TLC_Pres

Mar 22, 6:15 pm

Thanks, TLC staff, for putting on a great soup supper tonight! Many hidden talents. Didn't need that second brownie, but worth it.



Todd Maloy @TLC_Pres

Mar 22, 6:20 pm

Fr. Finbarr at TLC for Lutheran / Catholic dialog later tonight. Think he had two brownies, too. Now I don't feel as bad.



Todd Maloy @TLC_Pres

Mar 22, 6:45 pm

Talked to Riverside Baptist members on their way to bible study. Thanked us again for sharing our space with them.



Todd Maloy @TLC_Pres

Mar 22, 7:00 pm

Pr just shared good news and some terrible news. Glad to know our TLC family is here for both. Probably shouldn't tweet during church.



Todd Maloy @TLC_Pres

Mar 22, 7:30 pm

Evening prayer service was nice. Some people around here can really sing. Hope nobody heard me.



Todd Maloy @TLC_Pres

Mar 22, 8:00 pm

Heading home—being too loud and probably messing up choir (practicing for Easter). Need to check e-mail anyway...

There's always so much going on at Trinity! Contact me, Pastor Mann, the office, or any member of the Council if you want to learn more about any of our ministries.

Yours in Christ,
Todd Maloy

ADULT FORUM

APRIL ADULT FORUM

April 2 & 9: Just & Unjust Policing: An Analysis in Christian Social Ethics

Speaker: Dr. Tobias Winright, Associate Professor of Theological Ethics – Dept. of Theological Studies, St. Louis University, Gnaegi Center for Health Care Ethics, St. Louis University, Ph.D. thesis at University of Notre Dame on *“The Challenge of Policing: An analysis in Christian Social Ethics.”*

Dr. Winright teaches and writes in the area of fundamental moral theology and addresses social questions such as: environmental ethics, health care ethics, and issues in criminal justice. He has previous professional experience in law enforcement, initially in correction and then in policing. In these two sessions, he discusses today’s problems regarding policing practices response from a moral perspective.

April 16: No Adult Forum (Easter Sunday)

April 23: How to Help Children Deal with Trauma

Speaker: Ann Eissfeldt, M.A. in Counseling, Cum Laude from Southeast Missouri State University, Nationally Certified School Psychologist, Co-author with Pastor Rick Armstrong of *“God’s Care in Times of Crisis: A Manual for Training Crisis Teams in Christian Schools.”*

Children react to death, violence or a disaster in ways that are characteristic of their age and their proximity to the event. Adults often are called to be with and respond to children following these events. This forum will discuss how prior experience may influence the way you deal with others in these situations. Learn about typical age level responses. This has been a stressful year, not only for adults, but their stress sometimes raises stress levels in their children. Some questions to think about: Should more traumatic events such as death, violence and disaster be discussed with children? Should children attend the funeral or see the body? How does your faith influence what you say and believe about death?

April 30, May 7 & 14: Ecumenical Legacy of the Reformation

Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Warren Crews, Adjunct Professor in the Department of Historical Theology at Eden Theological Seminary, B.A. Yale University, M.Div. Episcopal Divinity School, MAT Oklahoma City University, Ph.D. St. Louis University.

The Reformation, led by Martin Luther, was soon accompanied by efforts at reform by other leaders and the birth of other denominations. Dr. Warren traces the history of that movement and the legacy it produced.

ADULT FORUM INPUT NEEDED

We are working on putting together Adult Forum speakers for the summer. Do you have any suggestions for topics or speakers? We want to hear your ideas! Please contact Don Stuewe, donstuewe@charter.net or the church office with your suggestions.

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Trinity Members,

Two months have passed since our last Call Committee update to the congregation at the Annual Meeting. As was mentioned at that meeting, we are in the interviewing phase of the call process, talking with candidates that we receive from the Central States Synod staff. We have had interviews with multiple candidates, in some cases multiple discussions with certain candidates. The Call Committee continues to be optimistic, and believes that God is working through these candidates toward an outcome in alignment with God's plans for Trinity.

The near term steps in the process can be summarized as follows:

1. If/when the Call Committee settles on a preferred candidate, and he/she indicates that they would be willing to commit to coming to Trinity, the Call Committee will make a recommendation to the Trinity Council.
2. The Trinity Council will then evaluate the recommendation, and if they agree, will arrange a visit to Trinity for the candidate in order for the congregation to get a chance to meet him/her.
3. If after that visit all still looks favorable, the Trinity Council will schedule a congregation meeting to vote on extending a call to that candidate.
4. Once the candidate formally accepts that Call, he/she will work out a transition date with their current congregation and Trinity.

As you can see this process takes time. UCLA basketball coach John Wooden used the expression "Be quick, but don't hurry." The Call Committee is as anxious as anyone to move this along. However, even if all proceeds well with someone on our current slate, you can add up the time required for each of the steps above and see that we are still several months away from completing this process.

We appreciate your patience and prayers and will keep you all informed as things move forward.

The Trinity Call Committee

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

OUR NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY WON'T BE COMPLETE WITHOUT YOU!



CHURCH DIRECTORIES AND PORTRAITS

We are partnering with Lifetouch, which will provide a new church directory at no cost to our church. For your convenience, all photography and portrait viewing sessions will take place at Trinity at no cost. Every family photographed will receive a complimentary church directory and a free 8" x 10" portrait. You will also have a no-pressure opportunity to purchase additional portraits if you wish to do so.

SIGN UP NOW FOR YOUR PHOTO SESSION

Friday, April 21	2:00 PM–9:00 PM
Saturday, April 22	10:00 AM–4:30 PM
Tuesday, April 25	11:30 AM–6:30 PM
Friday, May 19	2:00 PM–9:00 PM
Saturday, May 20	10:00 AM–4:30 PM
Tuesday, May 23	11:30 AM–6:30 PM

To sign up:

- Go to the Trinity website Home Page (www.YouMatterToGod.org) and click on the Lifetouch Portrait Sign-Up link.
- Call the church office at 636.227.5432, and we will sign you up for a session!



Please sign up today!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH PHOTO SESSIONS

Are you friendly? Do you like to meet new people? We have an opportunity for you! We need 2 people to help out at our check-in table during each of the Church Directory Photo Sessions. Shifts are two to three hours long. You can sign up to help out at the photo sessions by clicking on the following link: <http://signup.com/go/884ZyX>.

You can also sign up by contacting the church office at 636.227.5432 or JoinUs@tlc-stl.org. Thank you!

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

Amy Jones
ibamywinter@gmail.com



CALLING ALL YOUTH! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH TRINITY'S GARAGE SALE

It's beginning to look a lot like . . . **GARAGE SALE TIME** here at Trinity! My most favorite time of the year . . . well almost . . . sort of . . . So the actual sale is not until June 9th and 10th, BUT that doesn't mean that the Garage Sale Team isn't already hard at work getting this organized. As the Youth Director AND daughter of one of the Garage Sale Team members, it is my duty to gather up some YOUTH helping hands for this crazy event!

Now I get it, this kind of thing may not be the way to spend your first week of summer break—believe me, I even complain about it, BUT really it is not that bad (do not tell my mom I said that!). Grab a friend and come on up to church for just a few hours. You will be **AMAZED** by what some helping hands can accomplish!

So I am starting NOW in April to get this on your calendar . . . fear not, there will MANY reminders! As an incentive, I will offer service hours for all helping time! If you don't need service hours, come anyway and spend some quality time with me—now who wouldn't want to do that?!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Summer would just not be summer without VBS!

Come be a HERO at Hero Central VBS

July 17-21, 2017

Registration forms will be coming out shortly

Once again, service hours will be given to all crew leaders with one catch . . . you are invited to bring a friend to also be a crew leader! I will let you in on a little secret . . . VBS is really my favorite time of the year! I have been at this so long that former participants are now the crew leaders! It's such a fun reunion week with everyone! Shoot me an email and let me know that you and a friend will be there! Again, it's more time to spend with me . . . what a hoot!

UPCOMING CELEBRATION DATES

April 13: Maundy Thursday and the Celebration of First Communion

May 14: Affirmation of Baptism / Confirmation

A HUGE YUMMY Thank You to all the current students in Confirmation Class for providing the Lenten Soup Supper on April 5th.

TRINITY PRESCHOOL

Carol Bentley
cbentley@tlc-stl.org



PRESCHOOL SPRING SOCIAL

The Preschool students and staff are refreshed and ready for April excitement following our Spring Break in March. This month, the Preschoolers celebrate new life through Jesus' resurrection and through the gift of God's creation of insects, butterflies and chicks!

Mark your calendars! The Preschool Spring Social will be held on Thursday, April 20 from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM. This is a great event, and we would love for you to be there! This year our theme will be "Music Makes the World Go Around." We will have a special guest, Adam Rugo. He will be doing an African percussion presentation. We will also have lots of games, activities, and an awesome art show with over 400 pieces of children's artwork. Come check it out! **All are welcome.** Also, if you are interested in helping out with this event, please give Carol a call at 636.227.5720.

Please share the value of our preschool with your friends and neighbors who may be looking for a quality Christian program for their preschoolers. Openings remain for the 2017-2018 school year. For more information, call Carol at 636.227.5720.

LOVE FOR LUCA

Roseanna Gruzka (who is enrolled in Mrs. Henderson's two-year old preschool class) and her family found out that their oldest son (Luca, age 7) has leukemia. He saw the doctor for a cold / trouble breathing in mid-December, and a lump was found. The preschool has collected cash and gift cards totaling over \$1,500 for the family! We also purchased "Love for Luca" t-shirts, with benefits going to the family. If you would like to contribute to the "Love for Luca" fund, please make your check payable to Trinity and write "Love for Luca" on the memo line.



Love for Luca t-shirts and sign



The Gruzka Family

WALKING TOGETHER

Andrea Gress
agress@wt-stl.org



Walking
Together
Mentoring Program

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Program Manager for the Walking Together Mentoring Ministry. In March, I was offered a full-time position with St. Louis Children’s Hospital. After much thought and prayer, I concluded that God is calling me to this position. My last day at Trinity was March 31. It has been an honor to serve Trinity as your Walking Together Manager and I wish you all the best for the future.

Andrea Gress, MSW
Walking Together Program Manager

NEWS

Last month, mentor Peggy Pittenger shared photos of a recent outing to the park with her mentee family. Peggy attends Dayspring Baptist Church in Town & Country and joined the Walking Together ministry at Trinity in October 2016. Peggy is paired with Janet Schaper, Council President at Zion Lutheran—Ferguson. Walking Together is keeping its promise to pair mentors from various congregations in St. Louis with mentee families transitioning out of homelessness. Walking Together is so proud to have mentors like Peggy and Janet, who stepped out in blind faith and answered the call to be the hands and feet of Christ in a hurting world.



NEEDS

Car Seats and Booster Seats: Walking Together is still seeking new car seats and booster seats for children. New car seats, booster seats or donations to be used for the purchase of car seats and booster seats can be placed in the offering plate on Sunday or brought to the church office. Checks can be written to Trinity, but please write “Walking Together” or “Car Seats” on the memo line.

PLUG IN - GET INVOLVED



GATEWAY ACTION TEAM NEWS

Be the Hands and Feet of Christ

The Gateway Action Team would like to say “thank you” to those who volunteered in March to support our monthly:

- Preparation and delivery of Brown Bag Lunches
- Cooking and serving dinner and hosting Bingo and activities for children on Saturday night

Your support is critical to our continued relationship with Gateway 180 and the clients they serve.

The annual Gateway 180 Gala was held on March 31. The evening was a success, with great fellowship and food. We appreciate the support of this major fund raising event by members of the Trinity family.

The Gateway Action Team is working with Gateway 180 to identify their needs and opportunities for Trinity to support their mission. Look for more information as these opportunities are identified.

Please prayerfully consider joining opportunities to support Gateway 180. If you have any questions, would like more information or are interested in joining the Gateway Action Team, please contact any member of the Gateway Action Team - Ken Hardebeck, Linda Lemke, Jon and Barb Trettel, Dick Wegner or Kathy Gaal.

MISSION TEAM NEWS

The Mission Team would like to say “thank you” to everyone who joined us at The Gathering last month to gather information and ideas to guide the team’s work. We discussed the focus of Trinity’s missional service, specific missional opportunities and ways to use our talents to support missional service. The discussion was informative, and your input extremely valuable. The Mission Team will use the information we gathered to guide our work. Look for more information in the future for opportunities to be the hands and feet of Christ.

Please contact any member of the Mission Team to share your thoughts on Trinity’s missional work or if you have any questions. The members of the team are Norma Anderson, Linda Lemke, Peggy Schaefer, Christie Tietjen and Kathy Gaal.

PLUG IN - GET INVOLVED

TRINITY BOOK GROUP

Monday, April 24 at 11:30 AM

Mischling
by Affinity Konar

It's 1944 when twin sisters Pearl and Stasha Zagorski arrive at Auschwitz with their mother and grandfather. They take refuge in their identical natures, comforting themselves with the private language and shared games of their childhood. As part of the experimental population of twins known as Mengele's Zoo, the girls experience privileges and horrors unknown to others, and they find themselves changed, stripped of the personalities they once shared, their identities altered by the burdens of guilt and pain. That winter, at a concert orchestrated by Mengele, Pearl disappears. Stasha grieves for her twin, but clings to the possibility that Pearl remains alive. When the camp is liberated, she and her companion Feliks travel through Poland's devastation. As they discover what has become of the world, they must try to imagine a future within it.

Read this award winning book, bring your lunch and join our lively discussion.

Reading ahead:

May 22 at 11:30 AM
News of the World
by Paulette Jiles

Questions? Call Karen Johnson at 314.275.9905.

PROJECT BREAD DOUGHNATION

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers pick up bread every Friday night from Panera and deliver it the next morning to one of five charities. Please sign up in the Atrium, or contact Morris Larson at mlarson@tlc-stl.org for more information.



MEALS DO MATTER

Thank you to Thrivent and to Trinity's Mission Team for funding our February 26 cook session. Thank you to everyone who delivers these meals to people

struggling in their world. Meals Do Matter's success is due to everyone who contributes in some way.

Take a meal to someone in need!

We have a wonderful selection of meals in our freezers: Chicken & Stuffing, Pepperoni Pizza Chili, Sloppy Joes, Lasagna and Ham. Do you know someone who is sick, healing, unemployed, has a new baby, just moved, just changed jobs, or is struggling in any way? Please be the hands and feet of Christ by taking them a home cooked meal from Meals Do Matter!

USHERS NEEDED FOR HOLY WEEK

We need ushers for the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services.

Maundy Thursday: 7:00 PM on April 13th
Good Friday: 7:00 PM on April 14th

We need 4 ushers at each service. No experience necessary. We will train you. Families are welcome! Please contact Bob Hick at 314.307.9424 or hickcl47@gmail.com or contact the church office.

PLUG IN - GET INVOLVED



Friday, June 9:

Early Bird 7:00 AM to 8:00 AM (\$5)

Free Admission 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Saturday, June 10: 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Donation Drop Off Begins May 21

Bring Donations to Room 137

from 9:00 AM to Noon through June 6th

Building Open for Donations:

Monday–Friday: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Saturdays (May 27 & June 3): 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Sundays: 9:00 AM to Noon

**The church will be closed on Memorial Day,
May 29**

**June 6 is the last day donations will be
accepted**

We will Accept:

Electronics, Kitchen Items, Paintings, Small Appliances, Lamps, Linens, Framed Prints, Toys, Furniture, Tools, Bikes, Sports Equipment, Books, Puzzles, Musical Instruments, Games, CD's, DVD's, Clothing

We Will NOT Accept:

Underwear, TV's, Computers, Monitors, Mattresses, Box Springs, Bed Pillows, or Major Appliances

Please make sure that all clothing that is donated is clean and dry.

Donate Plants:

Label your unwanted tree seedlings, lilies, Black-eyed Susans, herbs, houseplants, groundcover, etc. . . . Bring your plants to Trinity and place them outside the Preschool entrance.

Questions? Want to Volunteer?

Contact Susan Meyland-Smith at susanmeylandsmith@gmail.com or 314.878.0220.



DONATIONS NEEDED FOR NURSES FOR NEWBORNS

We have added a new collection box in the Missions Room. Nurses for Newborns provides a safety net for families most at-risk in order to prevent infant mortality, child abuse and neglect by providing in-home nursing visits which promote healthcare, education, and positive parenting skills. This month, we are collecting diapers (all sizes) and baby wipes for Nurses for Newborns.

***Donations may be placed in the Nurses
for Newborns bin in the Missions Room***



DONATIONS NEEDED FOR CIRCLE OF CONCERN

This month we are collecting cereal and canned vegetables for Circle of Concern.

***Donations may be placed in the Circle
of Concern bin in the Missions Room***

We have recently made arrangements with Circle of Concern for your donations to be picked up on a regular basis.

PLUG IN - GET INVOLVED



LAST CHANCE TO DONATE YOUR COINS

Our Trinity Mission Team will be traveling to Lantern Hill in May and bringing all the coins we have collected.

BRING IN YOUR COINS BY MAY 7!

LANTERN HILL UPDATE

The time has come to make a “big change” at Lantern Hill! Our Trinity mission team, traveling in May to Lantern Hill, will be bringing all the “change” (coins) we have collected. So the challenge is on—let’s fill them to the top before the mission team leaves!

DO YOU REMEMBER TRINITY’S OLD GREEN HYMNALS?

A LETTER FROM KING OF KINGS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN SIERRA LEONE

Letter of Appreciation for Shipment of Hymnals

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The King of Kings Evangelical Lutheran Church wishes to express our many thanks to you brothers and sisters for shipping a consignment of Lutheran Books of Worship across to us from the States. We were overjoyed on receiving the hymnals as they are going to replace the tattered unusable ones. Some will be reserved for the use in our new sanctuary when it’s construction which is now going on shall have been completed hopefully by next year. We are thankful to God for people like you enhancing our worship of the Lord in the Lutheran communion. Thanks very much.

Sincerely yours,

Pastor Dalton Levi-John

MEMBERSHIP NEWS & UPDATES

SYMPATHY

Lowell Niklason
father of Peggy Miller

Cyndi Dunn
daughter of Norm & Sharon Hild

Walter Hick
brother of Bob Hick

Susanna Follmer Potocnjak
aunt of Margie Belleville

NEW ADDRESS

Earl Crenshaw
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NEW EMAIL

Dorothy Norland
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Amy Bossi
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If your email address or cell phone number has changed, or if we don't have your information, please let the church office know, JoinUs@tlc-stl.org or 636.227.5432.

THANK YOU!

- Brenda Liescheidt, Kevin & Karen Johnson, Ron Jones, Morris & Elaine Larson for helping set up and take down tables and chairs for the Area 10 Bishops meeting this past Sunday!
- Ken & Lisa Hardebeck for coordinating the memorial luncheon and all who helped out with Cindy Dunn's Memorial Service: Morris Larson, Margie & Pierre Belleville, Susan Meyland-Smith, Pat Irmscher, Dorothy Norland, Debbie Wolf, Marilyn Rowan, Judy Sieve, KJ and Mike Sharitz, Dottie Rasche, Leslie Steinmeyer, Margie and Pierre Belleville, Becky Luethy, Sandy Lindenberg, Lynn Sapp, Glenda and Jerry Partlow, Barb and Jon Trettel, Ron Jones, Christie Tietjen!
- Eric Petersen for spending an entire Saturday prepping and cleaning up the Preschool garden!
- Mike Sharitz for installing new solar lights on our parking lot!
- Jon Trettel, Roger Thomas, and Ron Jones for replacing ballasts and light bulbs around the building!
- Aru Mapari for matting artwork for the Preschool Spring Social!
- Mike Sharitz for helping to restore hot water in the Sacristy and Preschool!



A BIG THANK YOU TO ERIC PETERSEN!

A big thank you to Eric Petersen who came in on a Saturday and got our preschool planting beds all ready for planting this spring. Our planting beds look amazing and we can't thank him enough!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS & UPDATES

PRAYERS FROM MARCH 2017

Please pray for... Florence Artaserse, Ameenah & family, Sean, Joyce & Brian Lappin, Cam, Cameron Jadali, Jadon & Anias, Bob Banas, Ron, John Szott, Robert Gerst, Marilyn Miles, Brett Miles, Dorothy Norland, Bill Arand, Bob Mudd, Butler family, Chuck, Hassan Jadali, Howard Webber, Kama Gregory, Kelly, Kent B, Leland, Reilly, Sandra Wilson, Stella, Stephen Ministers & Care Receivers, Umesh & Aru Mapari, Barb Brown, William, Robert, Kat & Matt, Julianna, Gary & Alma, Mia Knowles, family of Jason Newton, Derek, Max Schwartz, Ralph, Edward & his daughter, Tabitha, George, Jill, Mary Ann Immer, Spencer Daly, our country, homeless, all who suffer from injustice, people in war-torn countries, Trinity Call Team

Those who are hospitalized / having surgery... Susie Weinstein, Parker Doty

Those in need of healing... George, Clarence Seckel, Anne Doelger, Dick Johnson, Wallace Larsen, Declan, Steve J, Shickoh Jadali, Arjun Mapari, Hillary, Buddy Cason, Dick Tate, James, Jonah Gregory, Karen Troyer, Melisa Rice Guthrie, Michelle, Nick Smith, Barbara MacPeek, Bridgette, Hillary, Buddy Cason, Betty Slater, James L, Joanie E, Pat Meyer, Win Winter, Bridgette, Lee McFarland, Amy Trepanier

Those undergoing treatment... Earl Lindenberg, Drew Aufderheide, Steve Hild, Dennis Anstine, Azideh, Hamid, Lou Ann Ditchfield, Maggie, Edith Vanderbeek

Those in hospice care... Trudy Mueller (mother of Jim Mueller), Walter Hick (Bob Hick's brother)

The family and friends of...

- Marilyn (Barb Trettel's cousin)
- Brian Murray, who passed away at the age of 37 on February 22. Brian is survived by his wife and three young children, ages 7, 4 & 7 months
- Lowell Niklason, who passed away on March 19 (beloved father of Peggy Miller)
- Cyndi Dunn, who suddenly passed away on March 21 (beloved daughter of Norm & Sharon Hild)
- Walter Hick, beloved brother of Bob Hick, who passed away on March 27
- Susanna Follmer Potocnjak, beloved aunt of Margie Belleville, who passed away on March 27
- Dr. Todd Morton, DDS
- Theodore Meiners, MD
- Glenda Rauscher
- Mary Sue Gibilterra
- Paul Silliman

Those serving overseas... Nate K. (Kuwait & Iraq), Jeff Immer (Kuwait)

Thanksgiving and praise for...

- The healthy birth of Esmée Kinsley Kontak who was born March 14, daughter of Andrew & Lety Kontak, granddaughter of Carl & Dot Kontak!
- Win Winter's successful hernia surgery!
- Good test results for Buddy Cason!
- Buddy Cason's successful surgery on March 16!

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To make a prayer request...

- Call the church office-636.227.5432
- Email news@tlc-stl.org or bpecher@tlc-stl.org
- Enter prayer requests on our website: www.YouMattertoGod.org
- Prayers remain on the list for two weeks and may be renewed by request.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

Daniel Fry 4/1
Dan Steinmeyer 4/1
Jennifer Tietjen 4/1
Judie Van Hooser 4/1
Lori Haberman 4/2
Will Meyland-Smith 4/3
Amanda Anstine 4/4
Steve Rowan 4/4
Joe Worzer 4/4
Cheryl Hick 4/6
Austin Hope 4/6
Myrt Munzlinger 4/6
Pam Staggs 4/6
Walter Goerss 4/7
William Munroe 4/7
Kendall Baumgart 4/8
Carole Borchelt 4/8
Sharon Hild 4/8
Gary Kovash 4/8

Luke Schwartz 4/8
Arjun Mapari 4/9
Doris Obermeyer 4/9
Jack Hinrichs 4/10
Adelyn Johnson 4/12
Blakeley Merenda 4/12
Owen Hughes 4/13
Carolyn Stewart 4/13
Emma Stewart 4/13
Matthew Stewart 4/13
Amy Zambrano 4/13
Dot Kontak 4/16
Olivia Cornelisen 4/17
Michael Little 4/17
Anna Ellsworth 4/18
Karen Henselmeier 4/18
Lizzy Johnson 4/20
Tina Johnson 4/20
Steve Bierschenk 4/21

Bernard McLaughlin 4/21
Lori Roseman 4/21
Doug Bruening 4/22
Stephen Mueller 4/22
Roger Thomas 4/22
Wendy Anstine 4/23
Colin Heyer 4/23
Peggy Schaefer 4/23
Marianne Biangardi 4/24
Colin Hughes 4/24
Madeline Blakeley 4/26
Scott Miller 4/26
Leslie Pfleger 4/26
Danny Steinmeyer 4/26
Helen Staehle 4/27
Tommy Harper 4/28
Nora Meyland-Smith 4/29

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

Jon & Kristy Baumgart 4/1/2006
Dick & Marian Wegner 4/7/1951
Lorin & Loretta Lofgren 4/8/1967
Dan & Vi Steinmeyer 4/9/1961
Terry & Karen Call 4/13/1991

Jarrett & Khara Surtin 4/17/2010
Michael & Amy Bossi 4/21/1998
Gary & Amy Kovash 4/22/1972
Dan & Valerie Fry 4/25/1992
Bobby & Rachel Lyerla 4/25/1992

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