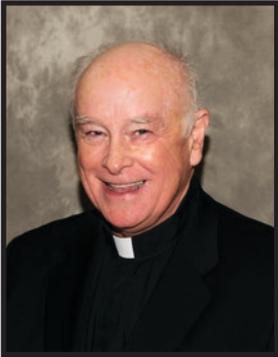


## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



### REFORMATION, HISTORIC CELEBRATION AND AN ONGOING RESPONSIBILITY

We are preparing to celebrate the 499th anniversary of Luther's reformation of the church. Luther initiated this reformation accidentally as he posted articles for debate on the Wittenberg church door on the eve of All Saints Day. This conversation got a little out of hand. Luther, as a Bible scholar, was concerned that the church was obscuring the centrality

of salvation by grace through faith alone. His concern was that the church was being self-serving in trying to be sure that the selling of indulgences and other institutional support systems would be attended to, even though they are not central to our justification in the sight of God.

That attempt at a significant and critical conversation within the church resulted in a split in the Western Christian community between the church at Rome and followers of the Reformation in Germany and then throughout northern Europe. That split was not his intention. But neither was backing down from the important issue about how it is scripture reveals God's intention to gift us with grace, if only we will place our trust in God.

That reformation of the church has allowed the followers of Luther to self-identify as people of grace. It is the primacy of grace in our relationship with God that allows Lutherans to identify themselves in the larger Christian community. In the important document between Roman Catholics and Lutherans adopted in the late 1990s called the Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification, the Roman Church and the Lutheran Church agreed that the understanding Luther articulated about the primacy of grace was the appropriate biblical understanding of how we are justified in the sight of God.

Our dialogues between Lutherans and Roman Catholics that have continued for the last 50 years, have brought our traditions much closer together. And our ongoing conversations bear the promise of a kind of growing consensus and cooperation that would've been unimaginable 50 years ago when the dialogue started. In fact, Roman Catholics in St. Louis plan to join our 500th anniversary observation

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### Oktoberfest

Sunday, October 30  
Noon - 5:00 PM

**Bring your family, friends  
and neighbors!**

### Special Congregational Meeting to Approve Ministry Site Profile

Sunday, November 6  
10:00 AM

Worship Center

**Please Plan to Attend**

### ELCA World Hunger Good Gifts Program Vote For Your Favorite Animal

Sunday, November 13  
8:00 AM - Noon  
Atrium

### Stewardship Campaign Ends

Tuesday, November 15

**Please make your  
2017 pledge!**

### The Gathering

Sunday, November 20

### Trinitell Monthly Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submitting articles for the December Trinitell is November 15. Email articles or information to [news@tlc-stl.org](mailto:news@tlc-stl.org) or mail to Trinity.

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next year. Even this year, we will host Fr. Finbarr Dowling as our preacher and adult forum speaker. Moreover, Pope Francis will celebrate with Lutherans in Lund, Sweden.

Now however, our responsibility is the continuing reforming of the Church of God. Just as Luther demanded changes in the structures and behavior of the institutional church in his day, so in our day we need to take seriously our responsibility as reformers and as people called to live by the truth of the Scriptures. For Lutherans in our time and place, beyond the theological issues there are practical ones. And for Lutherans at Trinity Lutheran Church in Town & Country, it seems to me that one of the most important is the understanding of the radical change the Reformation made in how we understand authority in the church. It used to be that authority flowed from the Bishop of Rome, through other bishops of the church, and down the hierarchy of priests, and finally baptized Christians. Luther stood that whole understanding on its head. He teaches and our Constitution proclaims that the authority of the church is invested in the community of believers called by the Gospel, gathered by the Holy Spirit and sent into the world to speak and live on God's behalf. Therefore, the congregation is the primary source of authority and responsibility within the church.

When we are angry with, or have disagreements with the hierarchy of the church, be they bishops or pastors or even church councils, we need to remember that we as baptized Christians, are the repository of the Holy Spirit and the responsible agents for the Reformation and evolution of the church in service to the world. That means, practically our temptation to blame others when the church isn't what we wanted to be, is misplaced. In fact, it is our responsibility to actively shape and reshape the church that it will be true to its primary theological insights and active in mission and ministry to the world. If the church isn't behaving as it should, we have met the enemy, and he is us.

I highlight this particular aspect of our reformation witness because we will be tempted to think that the new pastor we are preparing to call will need to come to us to make all things right. Such fantasy is both unwarranted and dangerous. Pastors are called to service with Word and Sacrament and to minister actively among us. Our responsibility is to make of the church the kind of community which the pastor can lead, and to roll up our sleeves and work with the pastor to create the kind of mission and ministry we can be proud of. What I'm suggesting to you is that for the ongoing reformation of the church, that you need to roll up your sleeves and recognize there is no retirement in the body of Christ. We are all needed to work together, to think together, to act together, and to live together as the body of Christ in the world. Only then can we expect our new pastor to be able to serve God and the community as he or she is called to . . .

Yours in Christ's service,  
Pastor John Mann



## OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

**NOON  
UNTIL  
5PM**

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**TICKETS** \$15 Adults (ages 13 & up)  
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# WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

## PREVIEW OF COMING ATTRACTIONS

### **Reformation Sunday, October 30**

We will celebrate the reformation of the church on Sunday, October 30 with festival worship at both services. At the 9:00 AM service, Fr. Finbarr Dowling, from Saint Anselm Roman Catholic Church and the Priory, will be preaching. We will look forward to that time of celebration together. If you can, **wear red** as a symbol of the Holy Spirit present in the midst of the church at Reformation.

### **All Saints Sunday, November 6**

We will celebrate All Saints Sunday on November 6 at both worship services. All Saints is a time of remembering and giving thanks for those saints of God who have joined the church triumphant since our last celebration of All Saints. Those who lost loved ones will be able to remember them by lighting a candle and speaking their names. Members of the church will be remembered as we light candles at the altar, toll a bell, and call out their names. You may remember others who have died previously by writing their names in our All Saints Memorial book which will be available in the Narthex on All Saints Day.

### **The Reign of Christ, November 20**

On the last day of the church year (November 20), we will celebrate the Reign of Christ and begin to think together about the promised future of God as scripture articulates it. We will particularly highlight the contrast between the kingdom to which God calls us, and the ways of the world in which we live. This is important to our ongoing efforts to shape our lives not by the culture around us, but by the world to which we are called. We are in fact ambassadors of a different kingdom, called to represent Christ in a strange land.

### **The First Sunday in Advent, November 27**

On Sunday, November 27, we will celebrate together, the first Sunday of the church year and the first Sunday in Advent. The Advent season is a special preparatory time of waiting and watching for the arrival of the king, Jesus Christ. We look forward to that season, as we prepare together for the festival of our Lord's nativity at Christmas.

# NEW TRINITY EMAILS ARE COMING

## OUR EMAIL ADDRESSES ARE CHANGING

We are switching to shorter email addresses! Rather than: "[Name@trinitychesterfield.org](mailto:Name@trinitychesterfield.org)" our new email address will be: "[Name@tlc-stl.org](mailto:Name@tlc-stl.org)." This means less typing for you!

We have already made the switch to the new email addresses. But, no worries, you can continue using the old email addresses until January. We are in the process of changing all of our letterhead, signs, publications, websites, etc. . . to reflect these new addresses. As you can see, we have already made the changes to the November Trinitell.

# A LETTER FROM OUR BISHOP

## BISHOP'S MESSAGE ON THE GARDEN CITY TERROR PLOT

Racism has once again reared its lethal head as three men have been arrested for their alleged plot to kill Muslims in Garden City, Kansas, by blowing up an apartment complex. Several others in an unrelated group are the focus of an investigation in Lindsborg, Kansas, in which white supremacist messages were scrawled on Bethany College sidewalks and threatening phone calls made to the college president.

Both of these recent events have something in common: fear presented as anger over the fact that history refuses to stand still. In Garden City, one of the alleged plotters said this: "Unless a lot more people in this country wake up and smell the . . . coffee and decide they want this country back . . ." In Lindsborg, some of the sidewalk chalkings urged: "Make Lindsborg white again." In other words, "Return to the past, those glory days when because of our privilege we were in charge and dominated 'the other.'"

But one of the lessons we learn when we pay attention to the Church's memory – the Bible – is that the story of creation continues to evolve and change. Very little is fixed; in fact, only "Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today, and forever." (Heb 13:8) The past will not return, no matter how desperate our attempts to recreate it. God is not God of the past but of the present and future. Race-hate crimes, whether in Kansas or elsewhere, are an affront to God's clear desire for diversity, which we see expressed gloriously in the creation stories of Genesis through the New Testament accounts of the spread of the Christian movement whose hallmark was radical inclusion.

What can faithful Christians do in the face of these developments? The one thing we must do as people of God is refuse to stay silent. Don't simply walk away from the racist "joke" or comment; speak up and call this sort of cruelty offensive and demeaning. This way of witnessing to our faith may not be easy, but it is effective.

And we can do more. Pray for those who are so driven by fear that they devise murderous schemes; they are also people God loves and for whom Christ died. Seek out a member of a minority group and intentionally strike up a relationship. Make contact. There is nothing like personal experience, patiently and persistently worked at, to help us make progress in our race relations. Because in the end, there is only one unity that counts, and that's the unity which Jesus sought as he prayed for us ". . . that they may be one . . ." (John 17:11)

Peace,

The Rev. Roger R. Gustafson, Bishop  
Central States Synod, ELCA  
[rgustafson@css-elca.org](mailto:rgustafson@css-elca.org)



# ADULT FORUM

## NOVEMBER ADULT FORUM

### November 6, 13: Discovering the Trinity

**Speaker: Dr. Adam Ployd**, Assistant Professor of Church History and Historical Theology, Eden Theological Sem., B.A. Wake Forest Univ., M.Div. Candler School of Theology, PhD Emory Univ. He is committed to the idea of tradition not as something that dictates what we have to do, but that our religious language is given to us by past generations.

The Trinity is one of the most important and confusing parts of Christian belief. For some, it represents the heart of our faith. For others, it is a philosophical challenge. How did we come to affirm this strange vision of God? Are we still monotheists? Does it even matter? Come explore both the origin of the doctrine of the Trinity and why it still remains relevant for Christian life in the 21st century.

### November 20: I'm Spiritual but Not Religious

**Speaker: Dr. Daniel J. Finucane**, Associate Professor-Dept. of Theological Studies, St Louis University PhD in Historical Theology, Dir. of SLU's Catholic Jesuit Studies.

"I'm spiritual but not religious" is a claim commonly heard these days. It could be a friend or a family member. Are "spiritual" and "religious" at odds? What does it mean to be "spiritual?" What does it mean to be "religious?" Can I be both? What is behind the tension expressed in wanting to be called spiritual, but not religious?

### November 27: No Adult Forum (Thanksgiving Day Weekend)

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

### OCTOBER 2016:

- 23 – Stewardship Campaign for 2017 – “Forward in Faith”
- 30 – Oktoberfest! At Trinity (Noon-5:00 PM) – Invite your friends, neighbors, colleagues at work, and bring your entire family.

### NOVEMBER 2016:

- 6 – Special Congregational Meeting to Approve Ministry Site Profile (10:00 AM). We must have a quorum to move the pastor call process forward. All available members should plan to attend. See the Trinity Data Page for additional documents.
- 15 – Conclusion of the Stewardship Campaign for 2017 – “Forward in Faith”
- 27 – First Sunday of Advent!

### DECEMBER 2016:

- 11 – The TLC 2017 Preliminary Budget Review (8:30 AM)
- 24 – Christmas Eve Worship Services (4:00 PM & 7:30 PM)
- 25 – Christmas Day Worship (9:00 AM **only**)

### JANUARY 2017:

- 1 – New Year's Day Worship (9:00 AM **only**)
- 8 – Final Budget Review (10:15 AM)
- 29 – Annual Congregational Meeting & Potluck Supper (5:30 PM)

# TRINITY PRESCHOOL

Carol Bentley  
cbentley@tlc-stl.org

## GRANDPARENTS, DIAPERS, AND BOOKS, OH MY!

“Children will experience and hear daily of Jesus’ love for them” is one stated purpose in the philosophy of Trinity Lutheran Preschool. In our November Gospel Light curriculum, the children will be hearing stories about Abraham and how God helps us to make good choices. These are skills the preschoolers can apply to their lives. We had over 20 parents in attendance last month. Chapel is on November 2nd & 3rd this month—Please join us!

October was a busy month. We had Grandparents/Special Friend days with over 157 in attendance. The Fall Festival was a big hit. Thanks to all who helped make this event happen. Our Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success. We were able to fill our library with many new books! The children enjoyed a visit from the Magic House and had their Halloween parties also this month.

Our Mission Project was a big success! We collected so many baby items for Nurses For Newborns. They are a program that believes every baby should be as safe and healthy as possible and their families strong and confident in their care. It is great to see our kids helping other kids!

Many of our November projects focus on harvest and thanksgiving. Please join us in thanking God for His many blessings!

Carol Bentley  
Preschool Director



*Nurses For Newborn donations!*



*Our Scholastic Book Fair*

# CONGRATULATIONS TOMMY HARPER

## Eagle Project Takes Scout To Mexico

Lantern Hill is an organization in El Zorrillo — now Cañon Buena Vista — in Baja California, Mexico. Lantern Hill's mission is to break the cycle of poverty by helping the children of the community continue their education beyond the typical grade school or middle school education that most of them receive.

In July 2014, Tommy Harper, Troop 631 in Ballwin, and his family went on a mission trip to Lantern Hill. During that trip, it was shared that the children in that area typically start to work in the fields at approximately age 14 to help feed their families. Ever since that trip, Tommy stated that he wanted to do his Eagle project for Lantern Hill.

Tommy's church began organizing another mission trip to Lantern Hill in December 2015, and Tommy started planning his project. He contacted Abby Williams, co-founder of Lantern Hill, about possible ideas. Together they decided that he would lead his team in building three raised planting tables for the small greenhouse at Lantern Hill.

He also worked with his troop's assistant Scoutmaster for Life to Eagle and New Horizons Eagle Board of Review chairman, Paul Ke, to insure that doing his Eagle project out of the country would be acceptable. After receiving approval from his troop and district Eagle Board, he was ready to go.

The mission team went to Lantern Hill July 2-8 and included three families. Represented in those families were a Second Class Scout from Troop 783,



From top: Shopping for supplies. Building the planting tables. Tommy (black Cardinals shirt) and his crew. Painting the designs. The finished planting tables.

a Girl Scout from Troop 1409, trained leaders from both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, one other youth, two additional adults, and Tommy's brother, an Eagle Scout from Troop 631.

Tommy directed this team along with 12 youth and one adult from Mexico in the construction, decoration, and installation of the three planting tables. When completed, they added garden soil to the tables and planted tomatoes and moringa — a plant used in Mexico to help the many locals who have diabetes, including Lantern Hill's handyman/gardener, Manuel, and their cook, Yolanda.

Upon completion of the project, the tools for the project that had to be purchased in Mexico were donated to Lantern Hill to assist with other projects and repairs.

While at Lantern Hill, in addition to the Eagle project, the mission team:

- helped organize donations that had been sent by others.
- prepped and painted more than 600 square feet of block wall.
- assisted the youth in giving a fresh coat of paint to a dozen benches.
- assisted with the fall school program that helps more than 30 local students in the areas of math, English and Spanish, and sports.
- used a \$250 donation from the Dierberg family to purchase food that will feed 23 families of four for a week.

For more information about or to support Lantern Hill and its mission, visit [lanternhillmx.org](http://lanternhillmx.org) or contact Tommy and his family at [robmaryharper@gmail.com](mailto:robmaryharper@gmail.com).

# CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

Amy Jones  
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## OUR YOUTH NEED FAITH PARTNERS

**Can You Be One?**

Think about this . . . you are 12 or maybe 13 years old . . . you are sitting in Confirmation Class ‘cause you have to, according to your parents. Your eyeballs are rolling into the back of your head . . . it’s the weekend and here you sit, LEARNING about God.

As if that is not enough, suddenly the Pastor hits you with a zinger of an assignment.

**“Go out into the congregation and pick an adult you don’t really know, and ask if they would be your faith partner,” states the Pastor.**

The next thought in your pre-teen head: “SERIOUSLY . . . you actually want me to talk to an adult. An adult IN the church. An adult I don’t know, AND then talk about God. What?! Are you crazy, Pastor?”

Now come back to present day . . . This is actually an assignment that both Pastor Mann and I have given to the Confirmation Class. And as you would guess, it was greeted with “that look” from the youth, like, Really?! . . . No way . . .

I guess you can’t really blame the youth – I would have given the same look back when I was their age. SO . . . in an attempt to make this assignment seem a bit less gut wrenching to the youth, I am turning to you all, the slightly older youth of Trinity (those who are celebrating their 39<sup>th</sup> birthday for perhaps the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> time!).

How about YOU turn to one of our youth, introduce yourself, and then get to know the youth and what they are all about when they are OUTSIDE of the sanctuary? Go sit somewhere, grab a cookie and TALK.

What are you supposed to talk about? I have a list of conversation starters on the table outside my office. Just help yourself. Really, I almost guarantee that conversation will come easily for you both!

WAIT – don’t just talk this one Sunday . . . talk at least once or twice a month OUTSIDE of Trinity (according to the assignment for the youth). Call on the phone, meet for a soda, attend one of the youth’s events. NO emails, texts, Tweets, Facebook – all that doesn’t count! This is an old fashioned, spoken with a voice, type of conversation!

The due date for the assignment of meeting a Faith Partner is November 13<sup>th</sup>!

P.S. This assignment is ongoing . . . so have fun with it!

Amy Jones  
Children, Youth and Family Ministry Director

# 2017 STEWARDSHIP



## 2017 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN FORWARD IN FAITH ENDS ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

For over 100 years, the members of Trinity Lutheran Church have been faithful and living out God's call with our children, families and friends in the surrounding St. Louis community. So, it seems fitting that the Forward in Faith Stewardship Campaign continues our journey together. In 2017, we intend to enhance and expand our ministry to and with one another at Trinity.

True to our mission and legacy, the 2017 Stewardship Campaign will support our outreach efforts to help those less fortunate and help build relationships beyond our walls. I am very proud that a significant portion of the Forward in Faith Stewardship Campaign will enable us to help others as part of our commitment to "You Matter to God; You Matter to Us."

My hope is that you will take the time to participate in the 2017 Forward in Faith Stewardship Campaign and to prayerfully consider your personal financial investment in this important time in our history. Pledge cards and envelopes are available in the atrium, or [click here](#) to make your confidential pledge online. Equally as important to the success of the Campaign is your willingness to support this community-wide effort with your time and talent, and there will be several opportunities for you to share these gifts in the days and months ahead.

With your help, your participation and your prayers, I know that we will fulfill the needs at Trinity as we continue building a stronger faith community for our future.

Sincerely,  
Renato Cataldo  
2016 Congregational President

# TRINITY MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND

Steve Paquette  
steven.paquette@experis.com

## TRINITY MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND UPDATE

Dear members of Trinity,

The following is an update on the status of the Mission Endowment Fund:

<b>Balance as of 12/31/2015</b>	<b>\$116,460</b>	
<b>Fund Donations</b>	<b>(\$ 3,000)</b>	<b>distributions to various causes</b>
<b>Additions</b>	<b>\$ 5,899</b>	<b>donations from members</b>
<b>Fund Earnings</b>	<b>\$ 7,219</b>	<b>includes market changes</b>
<b>Current Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$126,578</b>	

The Mission Endowment Fund current balance has increased by about \$10,000 from the start of 2016. In addition to the current year contributions, we have been notified by the ELCA of a \$20,000 charitable gift annuity. Also, various church members have included the fund in their estate planning.

The Mission Endowment Committee set a goal to increase the fund by \$100,000 by the end of 2016. We need your help to increase the current fund balance. We know that many of you have started your 2016 tax planning and the Mission Endowment Committee hopes that you will consider a donation to the Mission Endowment Fund as a means to make a tax deductible donation that will enhance the Mission Endowment Fund for years to come.

The most common donations we have received to date are the following:

- Cash, Stock
- IRA-Qualified Charitable Distribution
- Charitable Gift Annuity
- Life Insurance
- Memorials

Each of the above methods provides tax advantages and a way to enhance the mission and ministry of Trinity. The Mission Endowment Committee will be sponsoring a tax planning session in early December to further assist you in your financial planning. An invitation will follow soon.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Trinity Mission Endowment Fund! Feel free to contact me or other members of the Endowment Committee with any questions.

Blessings and peace,  
Steve Paquette, Chairman

# WALKING TOGETHER

Andrea Gress  
[agress@wt-stl.org](mailto: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. It is also my honor to extend services to anyone at Trinity needing social work assistance, whether it be for yourself, family, extended family, friends or neighbors. Simply stop by my office at Trinity, call 314.933.0711 or send me a confidential email at [agress@tlc.stl.org](mailto:agress@tlc.stl.org). I hope to get to know each of you in the coming months.

Andrea Gress  
Walking Together Manager

## NEWS

Welcome to our new ministry mentors: Scott and Michelle Wilson (Trinity-Chesterfield), Janet Schaper (Zion-Ferguson), Peggy Pittenger (Dayspring Baptist-Town and Country), and Sandi Bahr (Good Shepherd-Manchester). The new mentor teams have been paired with mentee families from Humanitri, our newest ministry partner.

Farewell and blessings to Kerwin and Jacqueline Lay. We send our prayers and best wishes with the Lay family as they move out of state and settle into their new home. We are sad to see them go, but thankful for the service they gave as mentors in the Walking Together Mentoring Ministry.

Thank you to our existing mentors for their continued service with the ministry: Charles and Betty Forde, Dick and Diana Tate, and Larry and Linda Lemke. This ministry would not exist without the dedication and service of these mentor teams! The existing ministry mentor teams have been paired with mentee families from Gateway 180 for the second round of mentor-mentee relationships with this ministry partner.

## NEEDS

Sandi Bahr needs a mentor partner. If you have ever been curious about or interested in becoming a mentor for the Walking Together Mentoring Ministry, please speak to Andrea Gress at 314.933.0711 or [agress@wt-stl.org](mailto:agress@wt-stl.org).

Please continually pray for our mentor teams as they enter into new relationships with their mentee families.

## NEXT

The ministry is excited to begin the process of developing a new outreach strategy to garner increased support for the program. The process will involve bringing an additional person on-board to create and implement the plan. More information to come next month.

# PLUG IN - GET INVOLVED

## TRINITY BOOK GROUP

Monday, November 28 at 11:30 AM

**Tribe: On Homecoming and Belonging**  
by Sebastian Junger

We have a strong instinct to belong to small groups defined by clear purpose and understanding - "tribes." This tribal connection has been largely lost in modern society. Decades before the American Revolution, Benjamin Franklin lamented that English settlers were constantly fleeing over to the Indians-but Indians almost never did the same. Tribal society has been exerting an almost gravitational pull on Westerners for hundreds of years. The most recent example of that attraction is combat veterans who come home to find themselves missing the incredibly intimate bonds of platoon life. "Tribe" explores what we can learn from tribal societies and explains the irony - that for many veterans as well as civilians - war feels better than peace, adversity can be a blessing, and disasters are sometimes remembered more fondly than vacations.

Bring your lunch and join our lively discussion.

**December Potluck:**  
**December 12 at 11:30 AM**  
**Potluck Lunch and the Movie**  
**Babette's Feast**

Questions? Call Karen at 314.275.9905.



**MEALS DO MATTER**  
**Our Freezers are Full!**

Our freezers are once again full! We have the following meals:

- Turkey with Stuffing
- Chicken & Stuffing
- BBQ Shredded Pork with Buns
- Parmesan Crusted Chicken with Stuffing
- Pepperoni Pizza Chili
- Sloppy Joes with Buns
- Chicken & Wild Rice Casserole

Do you know a friend, a family member, a co-worker, a neighbor, a classmate or a stranger that needs some extra love? Please share one of our meals with them and live out:

**"You Matter to God. You Matter to Us."**

Meals Do Matter has the best volunteers! A Hug and Thank You to all who helped plan, shop, prep and assemble at our October 2<sup>nd</sup> Cooking Session. This ministry would not exist without each and everyone of you. A BIG thank you goes to Thrivent for helping to fund this cook session.

## WE NEED YOUR COIN DONATIONS

Keep bringing in your coins and placing them in the collection container of your choice in the upstairs hallway. This change will be sent to Lantern Hill in Mexico to purchase food, personal hygiene items, books, school supplies and maybe a computer!

# PLUG IN - GET INVOLVED

## CHICKS, PIGS, AND GOATS . . . OH MY!

Vote for Your Favorite Animal on November 13

**Trinity's Mission Team needs your help!** The Mission Team is partnering with the ELCA World Hunger's Good Gifts program to help poor and hungry people throughout the world. A portion of Trinity's mission funds have been dedicated to supply farm animals to those in need.

**How can you help?** On Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, vote for the animals you want us to purchase. Each person attending services on November 13<sup>th</sup> will receive 5 tickets. Go to the atrium, and place your tickets in the box for the animals of your choice. Choices include: chicks, pigs, goats, bees, cows, fish, oxen, sheep, roosters, or even an entire farm! Join the fun, vote, and help end poverty and hunger!

## FAIR TRADE MARKET

Sunday, December 4

Atrium from 8:15 AM to 12:30 PM

Trinity's Mission Team is partnering with the ELCA World Hunger's Good Gifts program and The Bridge, a joint mission of the ELCA's Central States Synod and the Reformed Church, to hold a Fair Trade Market. Farm Animals can be purchased through the ELCA's Good Gifts program. Cash and checks will only be accepted for "Good Gifts" items. Clothing, jewelry, décor items and decorations, food and more can be purchased through The Bridge. Cash, checks and credit cards will be accepted for items purchased from The Bridge.

**Christmas is coming!** This is a wonderful opportunity to purchase gifts with a purpose for friends and family—or maybe even a little something for yourself! For more information, contact Peggy Beljan Schaefer at [pbschaefer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pbschaefer@sbcglobal.net), or Corlyn Salisbury at [rwscms@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rwscms@sbcglobal.net). For more information about The Bridge, visit their website at [www.thebridge-online.org](http://www.thebridge-online.org).

## THE BRIDGE CELEBRATION AND MISSION SUPPORT EVENT

"Connecting People and Communities in Mission"



**Hope Lutheran Church**  
1975 S. Old Highway 94  
St. Charles, MO  
Saturday, November 12  
6:00 to 9:00 PM

Come and join in an evening of fun, food, and entertainment while helping a good cause. The Bridge, a joint ministry of the ELCA Central State's Synod and The Reformed Church, is holding a fundraiser on November 12<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$65 per person, and all proceeds will support The Bridge Ministries. For additional event/sponsorship information and registration, please visit [www.thebridge-online.org](http://www.thebridge-online.org).

# PLUG IN - GET INVOLVED



## GATEWAY ACTION TEAM NEWS

*Be the Hands and Feet of Christ*

We are in need of volunteers to assist with the monthly dinners for the residents at Gateway 180. Our next 2 dinners are scheduled for:

- Saturday, November 19
- Saturday, December 17

It's easy! Volunteers typically meet at Trinity at 3:00 or 3:30 PM to prepare a simple meal. We then carpool to Gateway to serve the meal by 5:30 PM and then participate in a short activity with the residents (playtime/crafts with the children or bingo with the adults). We are usually back at Trinity by 7:30 PM. No experience is necessary! Our team will provide all the assistance you will need.

If you can give a few hours of your time for this worthwhile mission, please add your name to the sign up sheet in the mission room next to the atrium area or better yet, contact Ken Hardebeck at [lhardebeck@aol.com](mailto:lhardebeck@aol.com) or 636.391.7130 for more information. If you sign up, more details will be forthcoming via email. Dinners at Gateway are typically scheduled for the 3rd Saturday of each month.

## OFF-SEASON LANTERN HILL MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY

As many of you know, youth and families from Trinity have taken several summer mission trips to Lantern Hill, just south of Ensenada Mexico. The Mission Team from Trinity is now offering support for Lantern Hill and all that they do to help educate the youth of their community.

We are exploring the idea of an off-season trip to Lantern Hill. Currently the thought is sometime in February, March or April, 2017. On the 2 or 3 days for the week that the program is open, we would work with the children, to the best of our abilities, on their studies. We would also be involved in their noon meal and generally be there to show that we care. During the time that there are no children present, we could help with any projects that need to be completed as well as have time to explore the area.

A typical trip leaves St. Louis on Saturday morning and flies to San Diego. We would then be driven in a van to Lantern Hill. This trip takes approximately 3 to 4 hours. Sunday we would go to a local church and explore the waterfront of Ensenada. Monday through Friday would be spent mostly at Lantern Hill with a couple of side trips, and we would leave early Friday morning to drive back to San Diego and fly home.

The cost of a summer mission trip is \$900 per person plus airfare and money for a few meals and shopping. Lantern Hill is willing to reduce the price to \$500 per person, plus the extras mentioned above for Trinity if we can come at a time other than the summer.

If you might be interested in going or would like to find out more information, please contact Rob Harper at [robmaryharper@gmail.com](mailto:robmaryharper@gmail.com). Thank you!

# PLUG IN - GET INVOLVED

## THANK YOU!

- Corlyn Salisbury for getting the word out about Thrivent benefit dollars!
- To all the Trinity members who have directed their Thrivent benefit dollars to Trinity's outreach programs!
- Ron Jones for fixing holes in the wall in the gym, fixing the door closer in the preschool and raking leaves!
- Amy Jones for organizing volunteers for Feed My Starving Children!
- To everyone who volunteered and packed food for Feed My Children, including: Richard, Corlyn and Kelsey Salisbury, Susan, Grace, Nick and Sam Herrmann, Todd, Nicole, Ethan and Kaitlyn Maloy, Claire and Lindsey Dunn, Amy, Claire and Connor Jones, Susan Meyland-Smith and Pastor Mann!

*Thank you, Trinity, for your prayers, cards and love. I have few relatives, so you are my extended family, and you mean so much to me. My new shoulder is working beautifully, because of God and your caring.*

**Joyce Parrott**

## MOST WANTED LIST

We all want Trinity to be a welcoming place for us to worship and serve the Lord. In order to be a more welcoming place, we need more help taking care of God's house here at Trinity. We have developed a "Most Wanted List" which is a way for donations or volunteer help to be directed toward repairs and/or items needed within the church:

- Help with recycling materials (boxes, glass, etc.)
- Paint gym and other areas inside of the building (Love to paint? We have X 2 volunteers so far – more are needed please for a painting team!)
- Scrape and paint eaves around the building
- Contribute to replacement of all older tables
- Volunteer assistance for snow removal from sidewalks in winter (We have 1 volunteer so far!)
- Contribute to replacement of worn carpeting
- Volunteer assistance to help set up chairs & tables for large meetings
- More volunteers to help with handyman repairs of all sorts
- Volunteers who enjoy gardening (We have 1 volunteer so far!)

If you are interested in donating either your time or treasure to any of these projects, please contact Morris Larson at [mlarson@tlc-stl.org](mailto:mlarson@tlc-stl.org) or call the office at 636.227.5432. Thank you!

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## CURRENT SMALL GROUPS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>7 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting</b></p> <p>Location varies 1x per month</p> <p><b>Betty Forde</b> 636.256.7780 bforde9696@sbcglobal.net</p>	<p><b>8:30 AM Gateway Brown Bag Group</b></p> <p>Gym Kitchen 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the Month</p> <p><b>Kathy Gaal</b> 314.540.2690 kgaal@sbcglobal.net</p>	<p><b>10:00 AM Bible Study led by Pastor Mann</b></p> <p>Room 123 Weekly</p> <p><b>Pastor John Mann</b> 636.227.5432</p>	<p><b>6:30 AM Men's Bible Study</b></p> <p>Room 123 Weekly</p> <p><b>Gene Kerr</b> 636.265.2776 GKerr@aol.com</p>	<p><b>7:00 AM Men's Bible Study</b></p> <p>Room 123 Weekly Oct. to May</p> <p><b>Larry Lemke</b> 314.307.4363 lalemke@sbcglobal.net</p>	<p><b>9:00 AM MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)</b></p> <p>2x per month Dates Vary</p> <p><b>Kim Boschert</b> 314.570.7008 kimboschert@yahoo.com</p>	<p><b>2:00 PM TOWS (The Ones Who Serve)</b></p> <p>Gym/Kitchen 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the Month</p> <p><b>Denise Jadali</b> 314.749.4500 dmjadali@SSDM.org</p>
	<p><b>11:30 AM Book Group</b></p> <p>Room 123 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the Month</p> <p><b>Karen Johnson</b> 314.275.9905 mrsDRJx5@gmail.com</p>		<p><b>9:30 AM Women's Small Group</b></p> <p>Upper Room 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month</p> <p><b>Kim Stewart</b> 636.391.8807 JGalenS@aol.com</p>	<p><b>1:00 PM Christ Care Group</b></p> <p>Room 123 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month</p> <p><b>Lynn Sapp</b> 314.540.2634 jksapp@charter.net</p>		<p><b>3:00 PM Gateway 180</b></p> <p>Meal &amp; Activity 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the Month</p> <p><b>Ken Hardebeck @</b> 636.391.7130 lhardebeck@aol.com</p>
	<p><b>1:00 PM. Christ Care Group</b></p> <p>Upper Room 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month</p> <p><b>Ruth Rangel</b> 636-532-5949 MoopsnDoops@aol.com</p>		<p><b>7:00 PM Parish Choir</b></p> <p>Room 261 Weekly Sept. to May</p> <p><b>Jennifer Spohr</b> 314.307.0161 jennifer@spohrpiano.com</p>	<p><b>6:45 PM Thursday Night Small Group</b></p> <p>Room 123 every other Week</p> <p><b>Sandi Thorp</b> 314.322.6009 skipsandi@sbcglobal.net</p>		
	<p><b>7:00 PM Itch to Stitch</b></p> <p>Upper Room 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the Month</p> <p><b>Sandi Thorp</b> 314.322.6009 skipsandi@sbcglobal.net</p>		<p><b>Various Times Irmscher Small Group</b></p> <p><b>Pat Irmscher</b> 636.230.5937 patcatless@aol.com</p>	<p>If you are interested in joining a small group, please call or email the contact person listed above or Sandi Thorp at 314.322.6009 or <a href="mailto:skipsandi@sbcglobal.net">skipsandi@sbcglobal.net</a></p>		

# MEMBERSHIP NEWS & UPDATES

## PRAYERS FROM OCTOBER 2016

**Please pray for...**Arjun, Umesh & Aru Mapari, Florence Artaserse, Ameenah & family, Sean, Brian & Joyce Lappin, Shickoh Jadali, Cam, Bob & his family, Karen, Jack, Jane, Mary Bentley, Olive Barbagallo, Bob Bergman, Emily Bounds, Linda & family, Mandy, Precious, Patrick Johann, Gary Lack, Hazel, Lowell & Lucille Niklason, Heather & Aly, Michelle, Theresa Rose, Marilyn Miles, Bryson, JoAnne, Janet, Olive Barbagallo, our country as we elect a new president, the people of Syria, peace, all in need of healing of body & soul, community of Bethany College & Lindsborg KS, the homeless and those living in poverty, Trinity Lutheran Church as it moves into the Call Process, victims of violence, care receivers everywhere, House of Hope & Patti's School in Haiti, people of Haiti & those affected by Hurricane Matthew, care receivers, Stephen Ministers, people recovering from disaster

**Those who are hospitalized / having surgery...**Steve Odin, Darren Green, Michelle Waters, Dick Johnson

**Those in need of healing...**George, Clarence Seckel, Sharon Mertz, Maxie Miller, Jim Anderson, Buddy Cason, Joyce Parrott, Sharon Rau, Pat Irmscher, Don, Dorothy, Anne Doelger, Dan Steinmeyer, Kristen Petersen, Katherine McNamee, Gail, Birgitte, Daria, Azideh

**Those undergoing treatment...**Earl Lindenberg, Drew Aufderheide, Steve Hild, Marsha Alvey, Dennis Anstine, Sharon, Shelia, Maggie

**Those in hospice care...**Wallace Larsen (father of Cindy Anderson)

### **The family and friends of...**

- Jean, who was killed in a car accident
- Marcella Mertz, beloved sister-in-law of Hazel Makowski, who died on September 4
- Margaret Sundberg, grandmother of Lindsey Dunn. We were blessed to have her for 97 years!
- Alice Tourville
- St. Louis County Police Officer Blake Snyder
- Pearl Francis, beloved mother of Bob Francis, who passed away on Saturday, October 15
- Esther Hellmers, beloved sister of Marie Gomez who passed away on October 26 in New Orleans

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

### **Thanksgiving and praise for the...**

- Arlene Spector's successful eye surgery on September 20!
- Joyce Parrott's successful shoulder replacement on September 22!
- Pat Irmscher's successful back procedure!
- The benign biopsy results for Emily Williams!
- The birth of Kira Helen Johnson on September 19, granddaughter of Kathy Gaal and great-granddaughter of Dick & Marian Wegner!
- The birth of Luke Matthew Range on September 19, great-grandson of Emily Williams!
- Ruth Hughes' successful pacemaker implant on October 5!
- The birth of Raven Jay Mitchell on October 25, great-grandson of Larry & Linda Lemke!

To make a prayer request...

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

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*If your email address or phone number has changed, or if we don't have your information, please let the church office know.*

## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

Connor Jones 11/1  
Adrien Zambrano 11/1  
Emily Hobgood 11/3  
Susan Seckel 11/4  
Addison Bossi 11/5  
Riley Bossi 11/5  
Rohan Bossi 11/5  
Cheryl Pflieger 11/5  
Erika Mortenson 11/6  
Nick Schaefer 11/7  
Denise Beale 11/8  
Darrell Fee 11/8  
Jennifer Larsen 11/10  
Bob LePoire 11/10  
Mike Hope 11/11

Dick Wegner 11/13  
Susan Anderson 11/14  
Elizabeth Rourke 11/14  
Nolan Sanders 11/14  
Joseph Huls 11/16  
Harrison Hinrichs 11/19  
Lillian Mueller 11/19  
Jon Trettel 11/19  
Janice Zimmerman 11/19  
Michael Anderson 11/20  
Lou Ann Ditchfield 11/20  
F. Dale Whitten 11/21  
Linda Whitten 11/22  
Becky Tidswell 11/23  
Shirley Sajban 11/24

Kelsey Salisbury 11/24  
Stephanie Grossman 11/25  
Dottie Rasche 11/26  
Jim Cornelison 11/27  
Rob Harper 11/27  
Joan Magruder 11/28  
KJ Sharitz 11/28  
Mark Wismar 11/28  
Patsy Sobey 11/29  
Sidnei Chollet 11/30  
Sandy Lindenberg 11/30  
Amanda Miller 11/30  
Daniel Miller 11/30

## UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

Truman & Carrie Loberg 11/1/1944  
Greg Huschka & Jessica Tietjen 11/1/2014  
Ron & Gwen Birke 11/10/1973

Bruce & Phyllis Baker 11/16/2002  
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