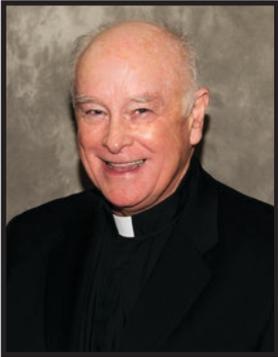


FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

CONSTRUCTIVE CONVERSATION



In response to some of the ongoing tragedy in our society, I believe the church has a more active and important role than we have been playing. We have repeatedly seen violence in the streets. Particularly troubling have been the shootings of unarmed civilians as a function of the increasing anxiety and fear in our larger community. Most distressing has been the retaliation with indiscriminate violence toward

peace officers who are charged with protecting public safety and human life. In response to all of this, I recently heard a government official cry out that we, in the larger community, need to begin to build relationships and come to better understand each other. I believe that is true.

Nothing helped me understand and appreciate some of the challenges in the African-American community like spending 15 years as a member of the Interdenominational Ministerial Association, which was the African-American pastors' group in the community where I served. I met with them twice monthly, worshiped with them in their congregations and perhaps, most importantly, listened to their stories. I learned that their experience of church, of government, of family, and of society, was quite different from my own. I began to see that I had opportunities and relationships that opened doors locked closed to most of them. What I learned in those relationships was, I suspect, far more important than they learned from me.

Therefore, I'm going to be proposing to our church council at its August meeting, an occasional series of constructive conversations with neighbors who are too often strangers to us. I'm going to ask willing and interested members of Trinity to come out for meetings from time to time with our brothers and sisters who are Christians in the African-American community, with our Muslim neighbors who are so widely misunderstood and stereotyped, with our ecumenical partners among whom we ought to address the community more regularly, with interfaith partners in West County and with other members of the larger community.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Conversation on Contemporary Worship and Its Future at Trinity

Sunday, August 7
Noon

Oktoberfest Planning Meeting

Sunday, August 7
6:00 PM

Church Unique: Trinity's Ministry Site Profile Process Conversations

Sundays at 10:15 AM

The Gathering

Sunday, August 21

Celebration at Gateway 180

Saturday, August 20
5:30 PM

Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, August 27
8:30 AM

Blessings for Students & Teachers

Sunday, August 14
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Trinitell Monthly Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submitting articles for the September Trinitell is August 15. Email articles or information to news@trinitychesterfield.org or mail to Trinity.

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It is my hope that the church might allow us to stand together on many issues that might otherwise have been divisive. It is after all a community of mutual encouragement and mutual forgiveness, and might be a place where relationships can be built, understanding can be promoted and faith can be shared. Look forward to more on this.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor John Mann

CONVERSATION SCHEDULE FOR SUMMER 2016

During the summer season we will be leaning deeply into transition and visioning the future. This process will be a direct contribution to the ministry site profile which needs to be completed in early fall. It is my hope that these conversations will lead to fruitful and substantive material which can be used to screen pastoral candidates for your pastoral office as well as to build the congregational commitment and unity toward your future. These conversations will be largely discussion but will be guided by a process implemented by Will Mancini in a forum called Church Unique. I find it a helpful way of focusing and intensifying our perceptions of Trinity's identity and its best future. Please feel free to participate in as many of these discussions as your schedule permits. **Your voice is extremely important in our process.**

WEEKS 5 & 6 - AUGUST 7 & 14: Vision Frame. This important conversation tries to build boundaries for our mission conversation. It concerns itself with mission motives, mission measures, mission mandate and mission map. It is within these boundaries that our mission language will take shape. Think of it as a puzzle where you carefully pick out all of the straight edge pieces and make the outline of the puzzle before you try to fit the rest of the pieces together. This is what we will be doing both for August 7 and for August 14 as we carefully consider the Vision Frame. It will be helpful to look at the details of each of the sides of the frame and their points of discussion.

WEEK 7 - AUGUST 21: Vision Casting Diagram - This conversation will take our vision and vision frame and put them into a context in which we properly can communicate. We will continue our focus moving forward on the pieces we have identified as critical to our mission and vision. We will spend time trying to be sure that what we have articulated thus far actually integrates well into the trajectory of Trinity's vision and mission. We want to see that the ministry behind us flows seamlessly into the future ahead of us.

WEEK 8 - AUGUST 28: The application of our mission and vision to the questions of the ministry site profile and our planning process moving forward. This week will be involved with trying to be sure that the conversations we have spent the summer engaging in are speaking specifically and clearly to the items on the ministry site profile going forward. We will have an opportunity to actually digest those and fill out the mission site profile from our group as other groups will also be doing. These inputs will be digested for the final report of the mission site profile which will be considered in a congregational meeting where we approve and buy into the statements about the future and our priorities in calling a pastor as we move forward.

"Church Unique" has a separate page through the TLC Data Page:
<http://www.youmatteredtoGod.org/#!/church-unique/r40ef>

A video recording of each week's session will be posted online by Monday of that week. If you miss a week, you will be able to catch up to the discussion through the video.

CONVERSATION ON CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP AND ITS FUTURE

Sunday, August 7, immediately following the Second Service

On August 7, immediately following the second service, we will meet to have a conversation about the Contemporary Worship Service and its future at Trinity. We hope that all of those with some investment in the second service, its shape, and its possibilities might meet with us in that conversation following the service itself. We will keep the meeting brief, but want to have adequate input from those who participate in contemporary worship for our later conversations.

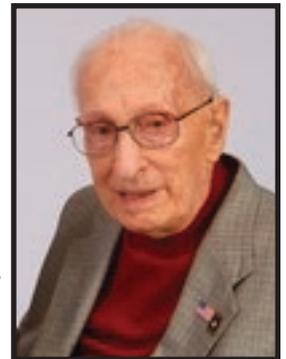
At The Gathering on August 21, the Worship MIT will be discussing the Contemporary Worship Service and making recommendations for its future to the church council. We are happy to have input from all of those in our congregation who have an interest or an opinion about this important subject. The Worship Meeting starts at 6:30 PM and the Council meeting at 7:30 PM. Please feel free to lend your voice to these conversations.

EL CASON IS TURNING 102!

Larry Lemke had an opportunity to catch up with El Cason on July 27.

Dr. El Cason, long time member of Trinity Lutheran Church, was born (he kiddingly says *hatched*) on August 17, 1914. For those of us who are math-challenged, that means he will celebrate his 102nd birthday on August 17, 2016!

El served in WWII as a medic. Up until a few years ago, El served in the medical profession in St. Louis (close to the end of his medical career, Buddy drove him to his practice). El & Buddy have been members of Trinity for 43 years. As I talked with him, it was difficult to keep from laughing as El kept kidding about his answers to my questions.



Larry: "El, how long have you been at Trinity?"

El: "Well, I went to Kindergarten there." (El laughing)

Larry: "El, how do you remember Trinity, after all these years?"

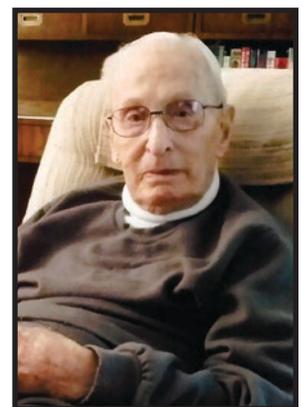
El: "Trinity is MY church, I will be there forever." (No laugh this time ... he was serious)



El on his wedding day

If you would like to send a birthday card to El, his address is:

Dr. Elbert Cason
321 Woodsmill Terrace Lane
Chesterfield, MO 63017-3440



El at 100 years old

May the Lord Bless El!

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LANTERN HILL MISSION TRIP

On Saturday July 2nd at 9:20 AM, 4 adults and 5 youth from Trinity boarded a Southwest flight bound for Baja California Mexico . . . Canon Buenavista . . . Lantern Hill.

What Mark, Tommy, Erika, Claire, Connor, Rob, Mary, Wendy and Amy didn't know was how much they would help, learn, and laugh with Poncho, Alma, Ava, Yolanda, Manuel, Alissa, Colton and many, many, many more! And what a special place Lantern Hill would now hold in their lives and the lives of those in Lantern Hill's programs.



The Trinity group spent 5 days at Lantern Hill . . .



- * The week started with Sunday worship at a local church.
- * That was followed by a local street fair in Encenada.
- * 4th of July was celebrated on the beach with a campfire with our new friends - plenty of laughter and fellowship. . . despite the language barrier.
- * Our group worked with the local caretaker - we prepped and painted over 600 square feet of block walls!



- * We assisted Lantern Hill interns in hanging a tarp to provide shade for the outdoor make-shift math classroom.
- * We cleaned trash from the compost bin.



- * Our group purchased and organized, with the help of the interns, items and clothes which had been donated to Lantern Hill – taking them from ripped and dirty garage bags to clean and placed in bins.
- * Youth from here, there and everywhere worked alongside each other and painted 12+ benches the Lantern Hill children sit on for studies and eating lunch (most likely their only balanced meal for the day).



- * Tommy Harper's Eagle Scout project (building three raised planting tables with the help of Trinity's Youth AND Lantern Hill's Youth) was completed.



- * Much needed tools were purchased for Tommy's Eagle Scout project and for the continued upkeep of Lantern Hill.
- * With the assistance of Manuel who cares for the garden regularly, we purchased garden soil, planted tomatoes (to provide fresh veggies to the Lantern Hill kids) and moringa (a plant that is used in Mexico to help the many locals who have diabetes).

- * We spent 4 hours each morning for 3 days, alongside interns and local teaching staff, working with over 30 kids at all levels of math, Spanish, English and sports.
- * On the fourth morning, we worked with the children in elective activities – arts and crafts, soccer, games, engineering paper airplanes and LAUGHING!



- * We spent an evening listening to Manuel tell his story (via English translation). He told how being a part of the Lantern Hill program allowed his 2 children to get out of the fields and into the classroom. He was able to graduate from High School this year (Manuel's children are 21 and 27 years old!)

- * Using a \$250 donation from the Dierberg Family, we were able to purchase, assemble in reusable tubs, and distribute basic (and nutritional) food needs to 23 families that will last them well over a week.
- * We enjoyed a little taste of local nature with a visit to La Bufadora (a geyser formed when the ocean waves are forced through an opening in the rocks on the shore).



- * Countless afternoon hours were spent working with, playing with, reading with, and loving on the children of Lantern Hill - being the Hands and Feet of Christ to this little area of the world that could use a ray of sunshine!

So how did you spend your week?

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

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WHAT A GREAT WEEK WE HAD AT VBS!

The tide has gone out on another fabulous VBS week here at Trinity. Twenty-two youth “surf” through games, crafts and bible lessons with 102 kiddos as they “Caught the Wave of God’s Amazing Love.” Preparation for VBS started in January with the creation of the “beach,” handmade by Gail and Bob Garthe!

Then for the next seven months, with the help of over 35 adult volunteers, VBS came together . . .

- * Shopping for supplies
- * Cutting out turtle and octopus shapes
- * Creating active and hands on learning experiences for many bible stories
- * Learning the motion to all the songs
- * Planning obstacle course games
- * Collecting shoes to help create clean drinking water in underprivileged countries
- * Making hundreds of cups of blue Jello
- * Practicing the part of Snappy the Crab
- * Taking pictures
- * Tie dyeing t-shirts

and the TO DO list continues . . .

As the bible verse says - All things are possible with God . . . I would like to add that all things are possible and a TON OF FUN with all the helping hands of Trinity and Trinity’s friends. So I will close our Surf Shack VBS 2016, with one simple thought: VBS 2017 is right around the corner, any volunteers?

A HUGE Thank You to all of our VBS volunteers:

Bob & Gail Garthe	Kelly Sturm	Greg Jones	Taylor Hensler
Cheryl Hick	Pierre & Margie Belleville	Ron Jones	Chloe Schellman
Betty Forde	Ken Hardebeck	KJ Sharitz	Rachel Bierschenk
Carol Bentley	Rob Harper	Jamie Pusateri	Ellen Resek
Jon & Barb Trettel	Tommy & Mark Harper	Mei-Li Hyers	Elijah Lofton
Bonnie Kerr	Chris Krejci	Melissa Zaegel	Lauren Calvin
Kristen Hughes	Kim Stewart	Rebecca Henderson	Julianna Rourke
Michelle Halter	Karen Johnson	Rhonda Patrick	Jason Berger
Faith & Paige Halter	Fred & Susan Meyland-Smith	Kim, Nick & Sam Dolson	Carol, Gaby & Millie Sall
Claudia Pico	Nicole & Kaitlyn Maloy	Claire & Connor Jones	
Becca Pecher	Rachel McClellan	Molly Ripper	
Leslie Steinmeyer	Veronica & Cami Levy	Jack Thomas	
Gracie Steinmeyer		Jillian Cole	

WALKING TOGETHER

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Walking
Together
Mentoring Program

The Walking Together Mentoring Ministry begins in August with 5 new mentee families!

As the Program Manager, I have the pleasure of meeting one-to-one with each new mentee candidate to explain the program, discuss their interest and willingness to participate, and to talk about their family and their current situation.

Having met with the family, I then contact the mentor team and ask them to consider partnering with the family. Upon their agreement, we schedule a time for introductions. It's been exciting to facilitate this first meeting, introduce them, tell them a bit about each other, and then watch them get acquainted.

Of our 5 new families, 4 are living in "transitional housing" through their agency. Transitional housing gives the family peace of mind and security as they work to complete an education or training program and/or to find permanent employment. Most transitional housing programs allow the family 2 - 5 years to work on their education/employment goals.

One of our mentee families has been introduced to their mentor team; their relationship is off and running! Two families are scheduled to be introduced to their mentors during the first week of August, and the Program Manager will be meeting with the remaining two families by mid-August.

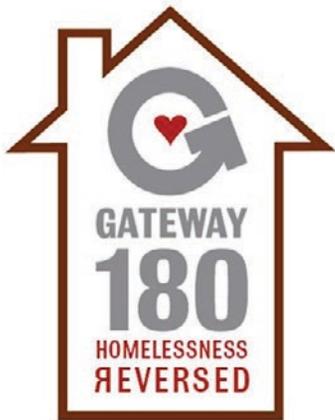
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Walking Together is an example of a "relational," rather than a "transactional" ministry. Churches and other service organizations are finding that being purely transactional ("*giving a man a fish*") seldom meets the real need of the individual and often sets up an unhealthy dependency. "Relational" ministry, however, provides moral support, encouragement, guidance and direction, thus "*teaching a man to fish.*"

In celebration of the completion of our first round of mentoring, and to share the joys of relational ministry, we will be hosting an event on August 24. Please save the date and look for more information to come!



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GATEWAY ACTION TEAM NEWS

Be the Hands and Feet of Christ

Gateway holds Empowerment Workshops on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of every month from 9:00-11:00 AM. These workshops are an important part of their clients' journey to become independently housed. The Gateway Action Team would like to provide childcare assistance on a regular basis for these workshops on the 1st Saturday of every month. This assistance will allow the moms to fully participate in the workshop. Please contact Kathy Gaal at kgaal@sbcglobal.net or 314.540.2690 if you are interested or would just like more information.

Gateway is also looking for volunteers in several other areas to help support their clients. If you are interested in helping in any of the areas below, please contact Kathy Connors or Mary Evers at 314.231.1515.

Allen Green Children's Room Monitor: Gateway is trying to open this child-friendly space to moms and their children each morning between the hours of 9:00 and 11:00 AM. Moms supervise their children and the volunteer simply serves in a librarian-type role. Gateway currently has Tuesday and Thursday covered and is looking for assistance on Monday, Wednesday and/or Friday.

Inspirations Store Facilitator: Gateway would love to set up a routine schedule and have a volunteer "staff" the Inspiration Store to assist and supervise client shopping. They are also in need of individuals that can recruit donations specifically for the Inspirations Store.

Organizing Donations: Gateway has a team of volunteers that are on site Monday mornings to sort and organize donations. It would be beneficial to have a couple of volunteers on site, maybe for 2 hours per week, to sort and organize the donations of clothing.

Thank you for your consideration of these opportunities to be the hands and feet of Christ.

JOIN US FOR A PAINTING PARTY AT GATEWAY

Saturday, August 20
5:30 - 7:00 PM

This summer, Katie Steinmeyer painted Trees of Hope in the basement at Gateway. The trees are now ready for some leaves (*check out the pictures on the following page*). On August 20th, Trinity volunteers will help the residents at Gateway put their handprints on the trees to create leaves. Your help is needed to make this a successful event. We have the paint and other supplies, but we need volunteers to help this event run smoothly. If you've ever been curious to see what our Saturday dinner and activities are all about, our event on August 20th is the perfect opportunity to come and learn more about our missional service at Gateway 180. Contact the church office or Kathy Gaal at kgaal@sbcglobal.net or 314.540.2690 if you can help out.

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SPOTLIGHT ON GATEWAY 180 VOLUNTEERS

Living out our Mission to be the Hands and Feet of Christ



Dorothy Wilhite made lovely fabric pouches and filled them with personal care items for the ladies at Gateway. They were a coveted bingo prize at our July dinner.

Sandy Lindenberg & Sharon Hild wrote Thank You notes for the Gateway staff. The handwritten notes were given, along with a small gift, to the Gateway staff to show appreciation for the work they do.



Clayton Fry, along with his parents Valerie and Dan, began volunteering with the Trinity/ Gateway Saturday Monthly dinners back in July, 2014. Since that time, Clayton has been one of our top volunteers, helping prepare and serve dinners for the homeless a total of 17 times! Clayton was also gifted at developing a special bond with the Gateway children during after dinner playtime. Clayton said he enjoyed volunteering at Gateway 180 because it feels good to help others. Clayton recently graduated from Parkway North High School and will be attending Missouri S&T (Rolla) in August. One of Clayton's passions is sports, playing soccer, basketball and volleyball. In addition to sports, Clayton played cello in the orchestra and was involved in various activities including the National Honor Society and Captains' Council. While we will miss Clayton at the monthly Saturday dinners, we wish him well on his college career.

If you or anyone in your family is interested in being the hands and feet of Christ at Gateway, please contact any member of the Gateway Action Team (Kathy Gaal, Ken Hardebeck, Linda & Larry Lemke, Barb & Jon Trettel).

GATEWAY TREES OF HOPE

Read the article about our Painting Party on Page 8



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TRINITY BOOK GROUP

Monday, August 22 at 11:30 AM

The Invisible Wall by Harry Bernstein

96 year old Harry Bernstein writes of the narrow street where he grew up in a small English mill town. A street identical to countless other streets in countless other towns except for the “invisible wall” that ran down its center, dividing Jewish families on one side from Christian families on the other. Only a few feet of cobblestones separate the families but they are miles apart socially. On the eve of WW1, Harry’s family struggles to survive. Then the unthinkable happens and Harry’s sister falls in love with a Christian boy.

Read this charming memoir, bring your lunch and join our discussion.

Reading ahead:
September 26
The Water is Wide
by Pat Conroy

Questions? Call Karen at 314.275.9905.

PROJECT BREAD DOUGHNATION

Volunteers Needed

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

NEW SMALL GROUP FORMING

Pat Irmscher is helping to form a new, bible-based small group which will be meeting in the afternoon. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Pat Irmscher at 636.230.5937 or at patcatless@aol.com.



TRINITY OKTOBERFEST

Save the date: Sunday, October 30

Planning Meeting: Sunday, August 7 at 6:00 PM

Wash your favorite stein and bust out your lederhosen! As you may have read in the minutes from our last Council meeting, Trinity is planning to host an Oktoberfest Celebration. Our event is slated for the afternoon of October 30th – Reformation Sunday. The aim is to invite our neighbors in the community to Trinity, highlight our denomination’s German roots, and kick-off a year-long commemoration of the Reformation’s 500th anniversary. This should be a great opportunity for fun and fellowship and to help our Bridge the Gap efforts, while introducing others to Trinity.

We need everyone’s help! One of the keys to our success will be tapping as many of the skills and talents of Trinity’s members that we can. Our first planning meeting will be Sunday, August 7th @ 6:00 PM. We will be finalizing the schedule of events and putting together teams to help coordinate everything from getting out the word, taking tickets, grilling brats, and twisting pretzels, etc. . . . Specific volunteer opportunities (can anyone play the accordion?) and needs will follow shortly after. If you can’t make it on the 7th and have ideas or want to take part, please contact Todd Maloy at tmaloy.cfa@gmail.com, Richard Leimgruber at richard.m.leimgruber@monsanto.com, or any member of the Congregation Council. We are looking forward to a fantastic event!

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MEALS DO MATTER

Our freezers have been replenished with a great selection of meals: Ham, Chicken & Stuffing, Mini Chicken Meatloaves with Spaghetti and Shredded BBQ Pork with Buns. 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."

Now that hot weather is upon us, there are coolers available in the Atrium near our freezers to use while delivering meals.

YOU ARE INVITED TO BRUNCH

Hosted by the Endowment Committee

Sunday August 14

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Room 123

Come learn about the Endowment Fund, the current status of the fund, and the different ways in which people can make donations to the Trinity Endowment Fund. Stephen Phelps, ELCA Regional Gift Planner will be our guest speaker. Please RSVP to the church office if you plan to attend.

2016 CREATION CARE WORKSHOP

Pallottine Renewal Center

Saturday, August 20 from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM

Members of Central States Synod congregations are invited to attend a Creation Care Workshop led by members of the Lutherans Restoring Creation Mission Table. Join us in the beautiful setting of the Pallottine Renewal Center in Florissant to learn how to incorporate creation care into your congregation's worship life, educational programs, buildings and grounds, discipleship of members at home and work, and public ministry and advocacy. The workshop is designed to engage people in the work of creation as we learn from and are inspired by creation itself. Cost for the workshop is \$25.00. To register online, go to: www.css-elca.org/lrc. For more information, email Noni Strand at nonistrand@gmail.com.

CIRCLE OF CONCERN

Circle Needs Cereal Donations

Cereal is one of the many staples that Circle of Concern is regularly able to offer their clients. And because breakfast is the most important meal of the day, they would be crushed if they ran out!

So, if you are looking for a way to help out your community this summer, please consider picking up a box or two the next time you are at the store and donating them to Circle to help out your own neighbors! We have also had folks hold a cereal food drive, or we have even had kiddos request donations instead of toys for birthday parties! Anything and everything helps!

Please put your cereal in the Circle of Concern bin in the Missions Area off the Atrium at Trinity and we'll see that it gets down to Circle of Concern. Thank you!

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STEPHEN MINISTRY

Calling good Christian listeners with caring hearts! We are looking for a few good men and women to be Stephen Ministers. This is a challenging, yet very rewarding ministry of care. Is God calling you to this valuable service? Your next opportunity to train with a new crop of Stephen Ministers begins the last Monday in August, the 29th. It will continue into November.

For more information, contact the church office or Betty Forde at 314.809.2477. Please let us know you are interested so that we may order the materials needed for this course.

ARE YOU A GIFTED WRITER?

We are looking for 1-2 people who would be willing to interview people for the monthly Trinitell. In future issues of the Trinitell, we hope to feature human-interest articles about some of our members. If you would be willing to interview and write a short article a few times a year, please contact the church office. Thank you!

ST. LOUIS METRO CROP HUNGER WALK

Sunday, September 25
12:30 PM Check-in; Step-off at 1:30 PM
Eden Seminary
475 E. Lockwood Ave., Webster Groves

Get your out your tennis shoes and join members of the interfaith community as we walk to end hunger! One and three mile routes are available. The event is sponsored by Church World Services, a partner of the ELCA. 25% of the proceeds fund St. Louis hunger-fighting agencies: Operation Food Search, Circle of Concern, and the Webster Rock Hill Ministries. 75% goes to Church World Service's international humanitarian efforts or can be designated for Lutheran World Relief. Start today to gather a group of walkers. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Atrium beginning September 4th. Contact Peggy Schaefer at pbschaefer@sbcglobal.net for more information.



34TH ANNUAL LFCS HELPING HANDS AUCTION

Saturday, August 20, 2016
5:00 – 11:00 PM
The Ritz-Carlton St. Louis
100 Carondelet Plaza

\$150 per Guest / \$1500 Per Table
Reservations Required
Black Tie Preferred

To purchase tickets: <https://lfcsmo.networkforgood.com/events/542-34th-annual-helping-hands-dinner-auction>

To donate to the Children's Fund: <https://lfcsmo.networkforgood.com/projects/15470-children-s-fund>



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COMPANION SYNOD BISHOP TO VISIT CENTRAL STATES SYNOD CONGREGATIONS

August 5 at 6:30 PM
Unity Lutheran Church in Bel Nor

The Rev. Jack Urame, newly elected national (Presiding) Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Papua New Guinea (ELCPNG), will visit our synod on his way to the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in New Orleans.

On Friday, August 5th, you are invited to meet Bishop Urame. Unity Lutheran Church in Bel Nor, Missouri will host a potluck dinner for Bishop Urame at 6:30 PM. At 7:00 PM, he will speak to the group about the ministry of the ELCPNG and the challenges facing this island nation. If you plan to attend the meal, please contact Unity Lutheran Church's office at 314.382.4241.

RUN 'CIRCLES' AROUND HUNGER

Sign up now for Circle of Concern's Annual 5K Run/Walk



Begin training now for the 3rd annual 5K run/walk benefiting Circle of Concern Food Pantry.

The event will be held on Saturday, September 17th on the scenic Meramec River Trail.

Register as a team or an individual! For more information check out the Circle of Concern website at: <https://runsignup.com/race/fl/pensacolabeach/circlek5krunwalk>.



REGISTER NOW

Gateway 180 Golf Classic
Tickets \$180

- Date: September 15, 2016
8:00am Registration
9:00am Tee Off
- Location: Tapawingo National Golf Club
13001 Gary Player Dr., St. Louis
- Questions: Contact Kathy Connors at
kconnors@gateway180.org

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CURRENT SMALL GROUPS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>7 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting</p> <p>Location varies 1x per month</p> <p>Betty Forde 636.256.7780 bforde9696@sbcglobal.net</p>	<p>8:30 AM Gateway Brown Bag Group</p> <p>Gym Kitchen 2nd Monday of the Month</p> <p>Kathy Gaal 314.540.2690 kgaal@sbcglobal.net</p>	<p>10:00 AM Bible Study led by Pastor Mann</p> <p>Room 123 Weekly</p> <p>Pastor John Mann 636.227.5432</p>	<p>6:30 AM Men's Bible Study</p> <p>Room 123 Weekly</p> <p>Gene Kerr 636.265.2776 GKerr@aol.com</p>	<p>7:00 AM Men's Bible Study</p> <p>Room 123 Weekly Sept. to May</p> <p>Larry Lemke 314.307.4363 lalemke@sbcglobal.net</p>	<p>9:00 AM MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)</p> <p>2x per month Dates Vary</p> <p>Kim Boschert 314.570.7008 kimboschert@yahoo.com</p>	<p>2:00 PM TOWS (The Ones Who Serve)</p> <p>Gym/Kitchen 2nd Saturday of the Month</p> <p>Denise Jadali 314.749.4500 dmjadali@SSDM.org</p>
	<p>11:30 AM Book Group</p> <p>Room 123 4th Monday of the Month</p> <p>Karen Johnson 314.275.9905 mrsDRJx5@gmail.com</p>		<p>9:30 AM Women's Small Group</p> <p>Room 123 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the Month</p> <p>Kim Stewart 636.391.8807 JGalens@aol.com</p>	<p>1:00 PM Christ Care Group</p> <p>Room 123 1st & 3rd Thursday of the Month</p> <p>Lynn Sapp 314.540.2634 jksapp@charter.net</p>		<p>3:00 PM Gateway 180</p> <p>Meal & Activity 3rd Saturday of the Month</p> <p>Ken Hardebeck @ 636.391.7130 lhardebeck@aol.com</p>
	<p>1:00 PM. Christ Care Group</p> <p>Upper Room 1st and 3rd Monday of the Month</p> <p>Ruth Rangel 636-532-5949 MoopsnDoops@aol.com</p>		<p>7:00 PM Parish Choir</p> <p>Room 261 Weekly Sept. to May</p> <p>Jennifer Spohr 314.307.0161 jennifer@spohrpiano.com</p>	<p>6:45 PM Discipleship Group</p> <p>Room 123 every other Week</p> <p>Chris Krejci 314.605.4109 cnkrejci@aol.com</p>		
	<p>7:00 PM Itch to Stitch</p> <p>Upper Room 2nd and 4th Monday of the Month</p> <p>Sandi Thorp 314.322.6009 skipsandi@sbcglobal.net</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 skipsandi@sbcglobal.net</p>			

HEALTH NOTES

Norma Anderson, RN, PhD - Parish Nurse

ALL ABOUT THE ZIKA VIRUS

Many people are now concerned about the possibility of Zika virus illnesses attacking visitors to the 2016 Olympic Games to be held in the country of Brazil this summer. This virus has been present in many of the warmer climates near the equator.

However, five months after the Zika virus was declared a global public health emergency, researchers are inching closer to a vaccine that protects against the mosquito-borne illness. Two distinct approaches to the virus, which is associated with paralyzing neurological conditions such as Guillain Barre Syndrome, as well as microcephaly and other severe birth defects, have shown particular promise in tests using mice. Immunologists at Harvard have developed a DNA vaccine that trains the immune system to fight Zika using small pieces of the virus' genetic code -- a relatively new technique that has yet to be approved for use in humans in the U.S. Using a more traditional strategy, a team at Walter Reed Army Institute of Research has developed an inactivated virus vaccine that produces antibodies by imitating an infection, according to reports in the Los Angeles Times. According to this report, a Harvard immunologist stated, "We were very surprised -- and quite impressed -- that a single shot of either of these vaccines provided complete protection." Another DNA vaccine, known as GLS-5700, has already received FDA approval for early-stage clinical trials in humans. The developments have raised optimism as Zika spreads northward from Brazil. But the immunologists warn that "we need to be cautious about extrapolating from results involving mice and applying them to humans."

In the meantime, we all need to be cautious about exposing ourselves to mosquitoes, because the very same family of mosquitoes that can cause a number of other diseases in humans are the very insects that carry the Zika virus. It is important to use insect repellent when we are outdoors this summer, especially when mosquitoes are active, such as around nightfall or early in the morning. Repellents that contain DEET are usually effective against mosquitoes.

It has also been reported that the Zika virus can be sexually transmitted. Symptoms seem to mimic the flu, with headache, some fever and malaise. The damage to infants seems to occur during the first trimester of pregnancy if the mother is exposed to the virus. Because this is a newly recognized virus, there may be more information about it reported on a regular basis.

Anyone planning to attend the Olympics this year or to travel to South America should keep informed on the latest reports about this virus.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO RUN THE CHURCH

SHOES COLLECTED FOR SHOEMAN WATER PROJECTS



**THANK YOU FOR
DONATING YOUR
OLD SHOES!**

During VBS week, we collected **hundreds** of pairs of shoes for the Shoeman Water Projects!



Where will the shoes go?

The collected shoes will be exported to places like Kenya, Haiti and South America where street vendors will sell the shoes. Funds from the resale will help Shoeman Water Projects purchase well-drilling rigs and water purification systems in countries lacking access to clean water.

How many shoes has Shoeman Water Projects collected?

Shoeman Water Projects has collected over three million shoes since 2008. This equates to four well-drilling rigs, more than 250 wells drilled serving more than 200,000 people, as well as the installation of water purification systems and repairs to well pumps that serve clinics, schools and villages across the globe.

Does Shoeman Water Projects give any of the shoes to local organizations?

Shoeman Water Projects has also created partnerships in the St. Louis community with the following organizations: Our Lady's Inn, Missouri Children's Division, The Haven of Grace, St. Louis Crisis Nursery, Almost Home, Gateway 180, We Love St. Charles, Mission St. Louis, Pregnancy Help Center of Central Missouri, St. Lukes Pediatric Care Center, Missouri Baptist Children's Home, The Sparrow's Nest, Lincoln Elementary School, Presbyterian Children's Home and Services, Veterans Administration Hospitals & Clinics, and Churches on the Streets. Generous donations of shoes have allowed Shoeman to provide shoes to thousands of children in the St. Louis area.

How can I learn more about Shoeman Water Projects?

To learn more about Shoeman Water Projects visit their website at www.shoemanwater.org.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO RUN THE CHURCH

THANK YOU!

- **Cindy Gesme & Cheryl Hick** for planting and taking care of the beautiful flowers outside!
- **Susan Meyland-Smith** for her help watering all the plants in the building each week!
- **Roger Thomas** for assembling lots of furniture for the new preschool classroom!
- **Bob & Gail Garthe and their friend, Mary**, for creating and setting up all the wonderful VBS decorations!
- **Sharon Hild & Sandy Lindenberg** for addressing all the birthday and anniversary cards that are mailed to the congregation!
- **Gene Kerr, Ron Jones, & Jon Trettel** for painting one of the preschool rooms!
- **Amy Jones** and all the VBS helpers for a wonderful week of Vacation Bible School!
- **Carol Sall and her dogs, Millie & Gaby**, for their keen sense of smell, which helped solve a mystery during VBS week!

OFFERING OF LETTERS UPDATE

Global Food Security Act Passes Congress!

On July 5th, both chambers of Congress passed the Global Food Security Act of 2016 with strong bipartisan support. On July 20th, the Global Food Security Act was signed into law by President Obama! The bill authorizes U.S. led, long-term, sustainable solutions for small farmers in developing nations and will lead to fewer people being hungry in the world. Thanks again to all who wrote letters to their members of Congress asking for increased funding for nutrition programs for women and children, and for passage of the Global Food Security Act. Thanks also to the members of Trinity's Advocacy Network who called or wrote their members of Congress throughout this past year.

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:

- Paint gym and other areas inside of the building
- Scrape and paint eaves around the building
- Contribute to replacement of all older tables
- Volunteer assistance for snow removal from sidewalks in winter
- 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

MEMBERSHIP NEWS & UPDATES

PRAYERS FROM JULY 2016

Please pray for... Sean & Brian Lappin, Loren Forrester, Arjun, Umesh, Aru & family, Ameenah & family, Cam, Terry Hartz, Tony King, Shickoh & Elaheh Jadali, Julia Carpenter, Karen McCallum, Kristin McCallum, Cindy Leffingwell, John Chlpka, Florence Artaserse, Marsha Alvey, Paulette & family, Tom, Dave, Rita LaSalle, Bill, Brian, Camryn, Carla, David, Don & Rosie, Donnie Finau, Jackie, Jack, Karen & Adam Souza, Jessica, Kat & Matt, Linda, Marj, Mia, Nancy & family, Ralph, Ruthie, Sandra, Ann Miller, Sharon, Barb Brown, Cameron Jadali, Chris Krejci, Eleanor McNulty, Gary Lack, Jack Binz, Marie Miller, Theresa Rose all victims of violence, safe travels for Polly King, Bob Bergman, Alexandra Bergman & Coady Hilavedes, peace in God's world, safety of all policemen, Stephen Ministers and their caregivers

Those who are hospitalized / having surgery... Olive Barbagallo, Sonny Moore, Evelyn Longseth, Mary Bussman (mother of Fred Bussman), Jim Aufderheide (Kay Calcagno's brother), Marsha Alvey

Those in need of healing... George, Clarence Seckel, Sharon Mertz, Maxie Miller, Jim Anderson, Jen, John Carlton, Barb Trettel, Carl & Winnie Sievert, Arjun, Julianna, Kat, Lynn Stemme, Ted King, Barb Brown, Frances, Jack Binz, Rich, Lucille Niklason, Officer Mike Flamion, Vi Nilson, Julianna, Dave Porthouse, Loretta, Dan, MaeBeth, Marj, Carla, Patty, Dorothy, Jenette, Jan, Shickoh Jadali

Those undergoing treatment... Earl Lindenberg, Drew Aufderheide, Steve Hild, Buddy Cason, Barbara MacPeek, Denise, Anne Doelger

Those in hospice care... Wallace Larsen (father of Cindy Anderson), Pearl Francis (mother of Bob Francis), Alice Tourville

The family and friends of... Marie Begeman who passed away on June 14th, Judy Lutor, Olive Cernik who passed away on June 6th, Evelyn Longseth who passed away on July 10 (Larry Lemke's aunt), Patrick Hartman (friend of Kay Calcagno), Russell Duncan who passed away on July 18, Steven Courtney (close friend of Bruce & Phyllis Baker)

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

Thanksgiving and praise for the...

- Baptism of Benjamin William Klug, son of Dan & Jenny Klug, who was baptized on June 26, 2016!
- Birth of Jack Binz, son of Liz & Dave Binz!
- Claire Luethy's engagement to Robert Foehrkolb of Austin, TX! An October, 2017 wedding is planned!
- Wedding of Elizabeth Seckel & Timothy Murphy on July 16! (daughter of Clarence & Elizabeth Seckel)
- Good news for KJ Sharitz's father, Bob McGaffin!
- Wonderful VBS at Trinity!

To make a prayer request...

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

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UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

Peter O'Neil 8/1
Evan Hardebeck 8/2
Willis Kunz 8/2
David Luethy 8/5
Trudy Mueller 8/6
Judy Hartz 8/7
Kathie Haferkamp 8/8
Diana Tate 8/8
Sarah Haferkamp 8/10
Betsy Meyland-Smith 8/10
Evan Kuo 8/11
Kyle Tate 8/11
Tyler Sharitz 8/12
Scott Deaton 8/13
Evan Meyland-Smith 8/13

Teri Francis 8/14
Rylan Baumgart 8/16
Linda Lemke 8/16
El Cason 8/17 (102!)
Gail Garthe 8/18
Norm Hild 8/18
Jeanne Johnson 8/18
Morris Larson 8/18
Vicki Dohrmann 8/20
Teddy King 8/21
Aidan Kirkpatrick 8/22
Laura Kueker 8/22
Bobby Lyerla 8/22
Rachel Lyerla 8/22
Alex MacPeck 8/22

Nicole Maloy 8/22
Timothy Petersen 8/22
Mark Schwartz 8/22
Cesar Gomez 8/23
Greg Pflieger 8/23
Florence Artaserse 8/24
Norah Bullock 8/26
Keith Frank 8/26
Katie Steinmeyer 8/26
Matt Biangardi 8/27
Brian Thomas 8/27
Joyce Parrott 8/28
Kristen Petersen 8/28
Matthew Petersen 8/28
Paul Pohlars 8/31

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

Kevin & Karen Johnson 8/1/1981
Pierre & Margie Belleville 8/3/1974
Larry & Christy Tietjen 8/4/1979
Mike & Susan Herrmann 8/4/2001
Paul & Tammy Hinrichs 8/6/1988
Jim & Kim Stewart 8/8/1981
Bob & Gail Garthe 8/11/1962
Mark & Gin Wachter 8/11/1973
Ron & Carol Kohlmeier 8/12/2006
Carl & Dot Kontak 8/13/1977
Justin & Ellen Huls 8/13/2011
Bob & Teri Francis 8/15/1970

Darrell & Judy Fee 8/16/1969
Brian & Lisa Thomas 8/18/2001
Jerry & Arlene Spector 8/19/1967
Rick & Teri Glazebrook 8/20/1983
Kent & Audrey Melton 8/21/1955
Jon & Barb Trettel 8/22/1970
Greg & Sandy Pflieger 8/23/1980
Dick & Sandy Johnson 8/24/1968
Eric & Michelle Halter 8/25/2001
Scott & Betsy Meyland-Smith 8/28/2010
Jim & Norma Anderson 8/30/1958
Earl & Sandy Lindenberg 8/30/1967

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