

February 2018

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



SOME THOUGHTS ON PRAYER

I've been pondering prayer lately; maybe it's the weather, the cancellations and rescheduling. Maybe it's God reminding just what little control I really have here on earth. Maybe it's the simple joys of family, the tug of heart strings, love, daily life, etc. Maybe for you it's _____. Here are some thoughts on prayer for you to ponder and pray on as we enter the Lenten Season...

"Sometimes the first time we pray, we cry out in the deepest desperation, "God help me." This is a great prayer, as we are then at our absolutely most degraded and isolated, which means we are nice and juicy with the consequences of our best thinking and are thus possibly teachable. Or I might be in one of my dangerously good moods and say casually: "Hey, hi, Person. Me again. The princess. Thank you for my sobriety, my grandson, my flowering pear tree." Or you might shout at the top of your lungs or whisper into your sleeve, "I hate you, God." That is a prayer, too, because it is real, it is truth, and maybe it is the first sincere thought you've had in months."

Ann Lamott, from Help Thanks Wow

"The problem, I think, is that divine response to prayer is one of those beauties that remain in the eye of the beholder. What sounds like an answer to one person sounds like silence to another. What seems like a providentially big fish to someone registers as blind luck for someone else. The meaning we give to what happens in our lives is our final, inviolable freedom. Only you can say whether God answered you. If you have any sense, you will ask someone with more experience than you to help you decide what the answer means, but even then the choice is yours. Are you still waiting for God to answer you, or is your life the answer you have been seeking, hiding in plain view?"

Barbara Brown Taylor, from An Altar in the World

Give us, O Lord, a steadfast heart, which no unworthy affection may drag downward; give us an unconquered heart, which no tribulation can wear out; give us an upright heart, which no unworthy purpose may tempt aside. Bestow upon us also, O Lord our God, understanding to know you, diligence to seek you, wisdom to find you

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Scout Sunday
 Saturday, February 4

Pancake Breakfast
 Sunday, February 11
 8:00 am - 11:00 AM
 Gym

Ash Wednesday Services
 Wednesday, February 14
 Noon & 7:00 PM

The Gathering
 Sunday, February 18

**Church Office Closed
 President's Day**
 Monday, February 19

Midweek Lenten Soup Supper
 Wednesdays
 February 21, 28
 March 7, 14 and 21
 6:00 PM
 Room 123

**Midweek Lenten
 Worship Services**
 Wednesdays
 February 21, 28
 March 7, 14 and 21
 7:00 PM

Trinitell Monthly Newsletter Deadline

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

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and a faithfulness that may finally embrace you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thomas Aquinas, 1225-1274

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Martin Luther's Morning Prayer

Our Father, you called us and saved us in order to make us like your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Change us, day by day, by the work of your Holy Spirit so that we may grow more like him in all that we think and say and do, to his glory. Amen.

Soren Kirkegaard, 1813-1855

Serving Christ together,

Pastor Chris



A poster for Ash Wednesday Services. On the left is a large, black, hand-painted cross. To the right of the cross, the text is arranged in a vertical stack: "Ash" in a large serif font, "Wednesday" in a larger serif font, "Services" in a large serif font, "February 14" in a large serif font, and "Noon & 7:00 pm" in a large serif font. The entire poster is enclosed in a black border.

LENT NEWS

WE THE JURY. . . THE PEOPLE vs. JESUS OF NAZARETH

Lenten Midweek Worship

Drama Sermon Series

Wednesday Evenings at Trinity

February 21, 28 and March 7, 14 and 21

7:00 PM in the Worship Center

This year's Wednesday evening Lenten Worship series is titled, **"WE THE JURY" – The People vs. Jesus of Nazareth**. Each Wednesday's sermon will include a drama staging a courtroom scene which will imagine Jesus of Nazareth on trial. Prosecuting and defending attorneys will cross-examine a witness each week. The witnesses are: John Zebedee, Mary Magdalene, James, Herod, and Mary, portrayed by members of Trinity. They will be called to the stand and share their knowledge and beliefs about the Man, Jesus from Nazareth, who is on trial. He is accused of blasphemy, treason and fraud. On the basis of the testimony of the witnesses, the prosecuting attorney will show why she thinks Jesus should die as an enemy of the state and the people. The Defense Attorney will show that Jesus has spoken only the truth about who He is. The congregation will serve as the jury. The dramas gain emotion as we are to imagine that the life of Jesus hangs in the balance.

How will you cast your vote as a member of the jury? His life is in your hands. Join us each Wednesday in Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday on February 14 and the five weeks following for **"WE THE JURY"—The People vs. Jesus of Nazareth**.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

Join us before the Lenten Midweek Service for a Soup Supper

Wednesday Evenings at Trinity

February 21, 28 and March 7, 14 and 21

6:00 PM in Room 123

We already have volunteers scheduled to provide the Midweek Lenten Soup Suppers. Now we just need **YOU!** Please plan to join us each Wednesday in Lent for fellowship, supper and stay for our Midweek Lenten Worship!

HELP WISH JENNIFER SPOHR GODSPEED

Due to Jennifer Spohr's busy schedule, she will be unable to return to Trinity for a Godspeed service and reception. We have placed blank Godspeed cards outside the Sanctuary so our Trinity family can write Jennifer a note to thank her for her many contributions and wish her all the best with her future endeavors. We will be collecting cards until February 11. Please feel free to take a card to write your message or bring in your own card. We will be mailing the cards to Jennifer on February 12.

JANUARY COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: January 21, 2018

Attendees: Todd Maloy, Ron Jones, Richard Leimgruber, Steve Paquette, Pastor Paul Bauermeister, Becky Luethy, Kim Stewart, Cindy Gesme, Claudia Pico, Mike Sharitz, Nancy Buffum, Pastor Chris Naig, Kathy Gaal

Meeting Minutes: Recorded by Council rotation.

Todd Maloy called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM following the Gathering. The meeting began with an opening devotion and prayer by Pastor Naig. Todd presented the agenda and asked if there were any additional topics to be included in the evening's schedule.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Chris thanked all that provided cover when he was called away unexpectedly last week to attend his grandmother's funeral. Special thanks to Pastor Kotovsky for stepping in to the pulpit on short notice. Easter prep underway. Continuing area and local ecumenical opportunities—look for a cross-denomination canned food challenge in February. Meetings with staff and volunteers are ongoing and productive—looking forward to his first Annual Meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Steve Paquette reported final financial results for 2017. We finished the year with a surplus to budget of just over \$10,000, due primarily to reduced expenses and strong preschool revenue. Late push in December from year-end letter and stewardship efforts put us just over the top. December 31 offering posted to 2018 so that should help get us off to a good start in the new year. Budget presentations to the congregation provided good feedback and helped us complete the forecast for next week's Annual Meeting.

Discussion of reports received from Staff and Teams:

Worship & Music: Advent and Christmas services received great feedback. Blue Christmas and Epiphany Bonfire both well attended. Continuing plans for Lent & Easter, as well as work related to identifying a new music ministry leader (see "New Business" below). Thank you to Dr. Bonnie Wilson for a great job temporarily pinch hitting on the organ and piano.

Missional Service: Kathy Gaal reported from the Missions team. Somewhat light activity to start the year as they await confirmation of the 2018 budget proposals. Informational session coming up between services to glean additional feedback from the congregation and engage more volunteers. Meals Do Matter prep session on January 28th open to all.

Children's Ministries: Preschool enrollment is off to a tremendous start—great interest from returning students and the community. Sunday School and Confirmation are both back in session. Involvement in Youth Quake (slated for January) was cancelled, but other youth events are expected to pick up in February and beyond. Pancake Breakfast to support Lantern Hill scheduled for Sunday, February 11th.

OSC Committee: Facilities remained very busy over the holidays. Remaining theater lights in the sanctuary were replaced during Advent decorating. No other significant facility needs or work currently underway.

JANUARY COUNCIL MINUTES

Endowment Committee: Endowment Committee put forth their recommended distributions for 2017. These are:

- \$1,500 Lutheran Senior Services, Adopt-A-Senior Program
- \$2,000 Lutheran School of Theology Chicago for scholarships
- \$ 500 Lutheran Campus Ministry for snacks
- \$1,000 Russian Companion Synod, salary for Pastor Lapencecko
- \$2,000 to Trinity facilities for flooring in the office areas.

Members discussed briefly and unanimously approved.

Other written staff and committee reports were reviewed with no additional discussion.

Old Business:

Annual Meeting: Plans are set for January 28th. Proposed budget and nomination info has been shared with the congregation. Feedback has been positive; no new business or other reports needed for the meeting. Expecting a good turnout to complete our work and, more importantly, share some time in community. Todd and Cindy will be rolling off after the meeting, with the new Council to be installed during services on February 4th.

2018 Council Retreat: Ron presented the agenda and other logistics for the Council Retreat at the Mercy Center (off Geyer Rd) February 9-10. Goal will be to further build out the priority areas identified by the current group and congregation as well as to look at longer term planning.

New Business:

As reported since the last meeting, Jennifer Spohr informed the Council of her decision to resign her position as Organist and Interim Music Director effective December 31st. Jennifer had been an important part of Trinity's family for several years, sharing with us her many gifts in directing the choir and leading our music ministry. She will be missed. A small steering group from the Worship Team and Council (led by Mike Sharitz and Steve Paquette) has been working with Pastor Chris to update the job description for the Music Director role based on Trinity's needs going forward. The position summary and budgeted amount were presented to Council for discussion. The new document and compensation were unanimously approved and the hiring team authorized to move forward in identifying candidates and, if possible, make an offer based on these parameters.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

ADULT FORUM

FEBRUARY ADULT FORUM

February 4: In Search of the Real Paul

Speaker: Pastor Christopher Naig

This will be a presentation/travel log in search of the real Paul of the first century Christian movement alongside imperial theology. St. Paul's proclamation and travels in the 1st century were radical and the implications more relevant than ever for you and me today. What does a 1st century gospel mean in a 21st century context? These are some of the questions we will explore as we travel through the world of the early church, focusing on Paul's autograph letters.

February 11: Mission Team Update

Join the Mission Team as we share how, on behalf of the Trinity family, we worked to be the hands and feet of Christ in 2017. Initial plans for 2018 will be reviewed, and you will have the opportunity to provide input.

February 18: Whole Child Parenting

Speaker: Ken McManus, director of Alliance for Healthy Communities. Ken McManus serves as the coalition director of Alliance for Healthy Communities, a grant funded, public health coalition hosted in the Parkway School District. Additionally, he is a licensed professional counselor in the state of Missouri, operating a private clinical practice with a primary emphasis on the needs of children, teens and their families. He is a frequent speaker to community groups about a wide variety of child development and behavioral health topics.

Parenting is an investment in episodic connections that will facilitate long-term success, success that is often measured in witnessing your child's increasing capacities to navigate life. This session will present useful information about child development, particularly early childhood and strategic ideas for maximizing your and your child's healthy development. Importantly, content will include ideas about setting expectations for your child and yourself.

February 25: Meet your Stephen Ministers and learn more about Stephen Ministry

We will share its history in St. Louis and here at Trinity, its mission, how it works and how you can become involved. We will be viewing a short video demonstrating how Stephen Ministers care for Care Receivers and how this program benefits churches, their members and the community. It is our hope that we can grow our numbers of those who serve as Stephen Ministers and Stephen Leaders so we can serve more of God's children.

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*Saturday
February 24th*



\$18
per person

*6th Grade - 12th Grade
5:00 to 10:00 pm*

Friends Welcome!

**RVSP to Amy Jones
by February 9
ibamywinter@gmail.com**

*Parent chaperones
appreciated*



**Admission includes
All You Can Eat Pizza
and ONE drink
(bring \$ for extra drinks)**

Choose (2) types of pizza:
Cheese
Pepperoni
Bacon/Sausage/Pepperoni
Veggie
Meat/Veggie

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

Amy Jones
ibamywinter@gmail.com

FUN BIBLE FACTS

As I was preparing the Bible Dedication for the Preschool Kids (thank you Trinity's Mission Team for putting a Children's Story Bible in the hand of each of our preschoolers attending school at Trinity) . . . I speak about how the Bible is God's way of teaching us to be good and how to say "I am sorry" when we make a mistake.

- * The Golden Rule is found in Matthew 7:12 . . . **What is the Golden Rule?**
- * I also speak of how the Bible is made up of wonderful stories about adventure, animals, friends, miracles and so forth . . .
- * There are 3,566,480 letters in the Bible—that is plenty of letters to tell some awesome stories.
- * Fun Fact about those letters—*Ezra 7:21* contain all the letters of the alphabet except the letter J.
- * And for those stories about animals . . . animals speak in two places in the Bible (*Genesis 3:1-5* and *Numbers 22:28-30*)
- * Also to ease the preschooler children's mind when they see how thick the Bible is, I explain that the words in the Bible are really simple every day words . . .
- * *For example, the word **SNOW** appears in the Bible 24 times in the Old Testament and three times in the New Testament.
- * There are no words or names of more than six syllables in the Bible.
- * I explain that it is best to read the Bible in little bits—one story at a time.
- * Maybe start with the shortest verse in the Bible (*John 11:35*) "Jesus started crying."
- * **Why was Jesus crying?** Open your Bible and find out . . .

Amy Jones
Children, Youth and Family Ministry Director

TRINITY PRESCHOOL

Carol Bentley
cbentley@tlc-stl.org



PRESCHOOL NEWS

During February, our preschoolers are introduced to some of Jesus' stories. Through the parables of the Forgiving King, the Good Samaritan and the Good Shepherd, the students learn about Jesus' love for them. We will talk about ways to show love by helping and serving others. These are important lessons which preschoolers can practice on a daily basis in their activities. During Chapel this month, there will be a bible dedication led by Amy Jones and Pastor Chris. Each child (3 and up) will receive their own bible to take home. These bibles were donated by the Trinity Mission Team. We can not thank them enough. It will be so wonderful for our children/families to be able to read the stories we are talking about in the classroom.



This month is filled with many other activities. We will hold our second parent-teacher conference and celebrate Valentine's Day. Trinity Preschool will be attending the West County Preschool Conference for area preschool teachers on February 20th. We always look forward to learning new things to bring back to our classrooms. Delta Gamma Center for Children with Visual Impairments will be coming to preschool on the 14th and 15th to do vision screening. What a busy month!

Preparation for the 2018-2019 school year is well underway at Trinity. Initial registration has taken place, but we continue to accept enrollment as space permits. Please call the Preschool office, 636-227-5720 if you or someone you know would like more information about Trinity Preschool. Our program offers a quality, Christian preschool experience to area families.

Please call the Preschool office, 636.227.5720, if you would like more information or to schedule a tour.

Carol Bentley
Trinity Preschool Director



Some highlights from Alice the Thinking dog

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GATEWAY ACTION TEAM NEWS

Be the Hands and Feet of Christ

Volunteer at Gateway 180—No Experience Necessary

We are in need of volunteers to assist with the monthly dinners and activities for the residents at Gateway 180. Gateway180 is a valuable resource for women, children and families experiencing homelessness. They provide safe, nurturing emergency shelter and offer supportive housing programs that empower adults and families to become independent and permanently housed.

Our next 3 dinners are scheduled for:

- Saturday, February 17
- Saturday, March 17
- Saturday, April 21

It's easy to volunteer! Volunteers typically meet at Trinity at 3:00 PM to prepare a simple meal. We then carpool to Gateway and serve the meal by 5:00 PM (exact meeting times will be communicated in a follow-up email once the menu is finalized). Following dinner, we participate in a short activity with the residents (playtime/crafts with the children and 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 to contribute and feel comfortable.

If you can give a few hours of your time to this worthwhile mission, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Missions Room next to the atrium area, or better yet, contact Ken Hardebeck at 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.



JOIN US FOR GATEWAY 180'S THIRD ANNUAL FEAST 4 FAMILIES DINING EVENT!

Feast out with your family and friends at participating restaurants, and a portion of your bill will go towards helping homeless families in St. Louis.

For more information, visit <https://www.gateway180.org/feast4families>

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**JOIN US FOR
FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, AND FUN AT THE
INTERFAITH FELLOWSHIP GATHERING
Sunday, March 4 from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm
Trinity Lutheran Church**

Come together for a time of sharing with people from various faith traditions in our neighboring West County area. This is a great opportunity to get to know one another, gain understanding and build community while having fun and enjoying great food. Also, as a joint mission, each faith community will be collecting canned goods during the month of February. All the cans will be brought together at the event and then distributed to Circle of Concern food pantry. Bring your donations of canned goods to Trinity and place them in either the Circle of Concern bin or the Mission of the Month bin, located in the Missions Room.

Participating faith communities include: Christ Prince of Peace, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, the Hindu Temple of St. Louis, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, the Islamic Foundation of Greater St. Louis, St. Anselm Parish, St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, United Hebrew Congregation and Trinity Lutheran Church.

Join us for a

PANCAKE

Breakfast

**to benefit the Mission Trip to Lantern Hill
Everyone is invited!**

Sunday, February 11
8:00 am to 11:00 am
Trinity Gym



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Mission of the Month

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING
to benefit



**Circle Of Concern
Food Pantry**

Feeding Families is Just the Beginning

During the month of February, we will be collecting cans of soup for Circle of Concern.

Donations may be placed in the Circle of Concern bin or the Mission of the Month bin in the Missions Room.



MEALS DO MATTER
Our Freezers are full
Take a meal to someone in need!

Thank you!

On Sunday, January 28, dozens of Trinity youth, families and individuals came together to help assemble new meals for our Meals Do Matter freezers! A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped out.

Take a meal to someone in need!

Our freezers are now packed with meals. 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 show them Christ's love by taking them a home-cooked meal.



FEBRUARY 4 IS SCOUT SUNDAY

In recognition of "Scout Sunday," Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of ALL AGES are invited to wear their uniforms to worship Sunday, February 4th.

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GARAGE SALE PLANNING MEETING

Tuesday, February 13

11:30 am in Room 123

Everyone is invited! No experience required. Can't volunteer? Start saving your treasures for Trinity's Annual Garage Sale. Set-up will take place the week of June 10th. The 2018 Annual Trinity Garage Sale will take place on June 15 & 16. For further information, contact Susan Meyland-Smith, 314.878.0220.

NEW TRINITY DIRECTORY AVAILABLE ONLINE

Here are the steps to access the New Online Trinity Directory:

- Go to www.YouMatterToGod.org
- Click on the **Contact** tab (top right of home page)
- Scroll down to the bottom of the Contact page, and click on "**Click Here for the Trinity Directory**"
- This will take you to a new page.
- Enter the Password **tlc2018** (case sensitive). Note: This is the same password you use to access the TLC Data page.
- Click on "**Click Here for Directory**"
- Simply scroll through the document. The photo section is first, followed by the directory portion.

Is your photo an old one? Don't see your photo? Simply send in a digital photo to the office at joinus@tlc-stl.org, and we will include it!

See an error or you have changed your phone, email, etc.? Just send us the correct information, and we will fix it! Thank you!

TRINITY BOOK GROUP

Monday, February 26 at 11:30 AM

The Children's Blizzard
by David Laskin

Read this gripping story of an epic prairie snowstorm that killed hundreds of newly arrived settlers and cast a shadow on the promise of the American frontier. January 12, 1888 began as an unseasonably warm morning across Nebraska, the Dakotas and Minnesota, the weather so mild children walked to school without coats. Suddenly that afternoon the atmosphere changed. Temperatures plunged and the sky exploded with horizontal snow and hurricane-force winds. By Friday morning, some 500 people lay dead on the drifted prairie. Drawing from family interviews and contemporary accounts, Laskin creates an intimate picture of the families that were forever changed.

All are invited to bring their lunch and join our discussion.

Reading ahead:

Martin Luther: Renegade and Prophet
by Lyndal Roper
March 26 at 11:30 AM

Questions? Call Karen Johnson at 314.275.9905.

PLUG IN - GET INVOLVED

Support Trinity Preschool by Shopping at Schnucks in February

Visit the Schnucks at 141 & Clayton
(1060 Woods Mill Road)
and purchase a bag



20TH ANNUAL A NIGHT FOR NEWBORNS AUCTION GALA To benefit Nurses for Newborns Saturday, February 17, 2018

The Sheldon Concert Hall & Art Galleries
3648 Washington Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63108

5:30 pm Cocktails & Silent Auction
7:00 pm Dinner & Live Auction
9:00pm Live Performance by TBD

Visit the Nurses for Newborns website to register or donate: <https://nfnf.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/Missouri2018ANightforNewborns/tabid/937487/Default.aspx>

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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 314.809.2477 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 Chris Room 123 Weekly</p> <p>Pastor Chris 636.227.5432</p>	<p>7:00 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 Oct. 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>Kristen Kraus 314.323.3833 krauskm27@gmail.com</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>10:00 AM Women's Small Group</p> <p>Upper Room 1st & 3rd 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>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>7:00 PM Parish Choir</p> <p>Room 261 Weekly Sept. to May</p> <p>Brian Parrish 314.707.1043 bparrish0503@gmail.com</p>	<p>6:45 PM Thursday Night Small Group</p> <p>Room 123 every other Week</p> <p>Sandi Thorp 314.322.6009 skipsandi@sbcglobal.net</p>			
			<p>1:00 PM 3rd Wednesday Irmscher Small Group</p> <p>Pat Irmscher 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 skipsandi@sbcglobal.net</p>			

MEMBERSHIP NEWS & UPDATES

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Charles & Maureen Hoppin

35 Steeple Hill
St. Louis MO 63011
636.697.4784



Charles & Maureen were born & raised in St. Louis. The couple has adult children who also grew up in St. Louis. Charles is retired from the car business. He enjoys golf, swimming and biking. Maureen is a hospice representative. She enjoys pickleball, hiking, golfing and dancing.

Paula Parkin

11629 Conway Road
St. Louis, MO 63131
636.443.5856



Paula Parkin is a retired registered nurse. She grew up on a farm in southeast South Dakota. She and her husband raised six children in Iowa. She moved here in 1997 and after her husband passed away, she moved in with her daughter. Paula enjoys traveling, gardening, reading and baking. She enjoys spending time with her ten grandchildren.



WELCOME BRIAN PARRISH—TRINITY'S NEW DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES

Brian Parrish serves as Director of Choirs and Jazz Bands at Parkway West High School and Director of Music Ministries at Trinity Lutheran Church in Chesterfield, MO. In addition, he conducts the Young Men's Chorus at The St. Louis Children's Choirs and is the musical director for Vocal Edge, St. Louis' premier vocal band. Brian is an active clinician and guest conductor for festivals and honor choirs. His dynamic and engaging style ensures a valuable and memorable experience for his students and audiences.

Brian sings tenor with Pro-Arte Saint Louis early music vocal ensemble, and has been a guest tenor and bass for various choral projects. He is also an accomplished pianist and accompanist.

In 2017, Brian was the recipient of the Parkway Alumni Association's Albert Award for excellence in teaching. In the same year, he also received the Outstanding Director award for the St. Louis Suburban district awarded by the Missouri Choral Director's Association.

Brian taught Chorus and Conducting at Maryville University and served as the Director of Music Ministries at New Hope Presbyterian Church in St. Charles. Brian received a Bachelor of Music Education from Millikin University and graduated from The University of Missouri with a Master of Music in Choral Conducting.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS & UPDATES

THANK YOU!

- Thanks to the following for helping take down Christmas decorations: Amy Jones, Scott Meyland-Smith, Jeff & Kathie Haferkamp, Fred & Susan Meyland-Smith, Dorothy Winter, Mike & KJ Sharitz, Jon & Barb Trettel, Ron Jones, Pastor Chris & Eli Naig, Todd, Nicole & Ethan Maloy, Emily Williams, Lorin Lofgren and Bob & Cheryl Hick!
- Thanks to Todd Maloy, Trinity's 2017 Church Council President, who did an outstanding job serving as council president in 2017!
- Thanks to Trinity's 2017 Church Council: Ron Jones, Richard Leimgruber, Steve Paquette, Paul Bauermeister, Nancy Buffum, Cindy Gesme, Becky Luethy, Claudia Pico, Maike Sharitz, Andrew Sobey and Kim Stewart!
- Thanks to Cindy Gesme for serving on Trinity's Church Council for four years!
- Thanks to Trinity's 2017 Nominating Committee: Mike Hope, Karen Johnson, Peggy Schaefer, Phyllis Baker, Gene Kerr and Barb Trettel!
- Thanks to Trinity's 2017 Endowment Committee: Carl Kontak, Emily Williams, Lorin Lofgren, Jeff Haferkamp, Roger Thomas and Jim Wilhite!



ALTAR GUILD DONATES NEW LINENS IN HONOR OF HAZEL MAKOWSKI

In honor of Hazel Makowski's 100th birthday, the Altar Guild took up a collection to purchase new linens for the credence shelves in the Sanctuary. Margie Belleville generously embroidered them with a special message. Thank you ladies for all that you do!



MEMBERSHIP NEWS & UPDATES

PRAYERS FROM JANUARY 2018

Please pray for... Doug, Cindy Leffingwell, Jeanne Johnson, Kelly, Marian, Maura, Florence Artaserse, Umesh, Aru & Arjun Mapari, Mindy, Ron Johnson, Robert Gerst, Jadon & Anias, Bob Banas, Jessica Tietjen, John Szott, Ameenah & family, Cam, Emma W, Sean Lappin, Shickoh Jadali, Michelle, Tom & Robin, Betty Frye, Brian J, Aly, Heather, Elena Ubben, Helen Etling, Johnny Lee, Kari Frank, Laurie Belleville, James, Ross family, Garrison family, Tommy Janicik, refugees, homeless, friends fighting and/or recovering from cancer, our country, memory of Maxie Miller, peace, Pastor Gleb Pivavarov, his family, and the congregation in Krasnoyarsk, Russia, those who are unemployed

Those who are hospitalized / undergoing surgery... Julie Herot, Morris Larson, Buddy Cason

Those in need of healing... Clarence Seckel, Dick Johnson, Lou Ann Ditchfield, Ruth Sprague, Jerry Spector, Pastor John Mann, Margie Belleville, Kris Lohman, Mary & Larry, Mary Alice Long, Sharon Hild, Bob Garthe, Barb Brown, Buddy Cason, Christie Tietjen, Dan, Paula Minogue, Dick Eissfeldt, Gary Sonnabend, Johanna Cox, Morris Larson, Pat H, Robert Bergman, Silas, Emily & Adam Harrow, Tom Etling & Tom Etling, Jr., Vicky Champlin

Those undergoing treatment... Earl Lindenberg, Drew Aufderheide, Steve Hild, Barbara MacPeck, Mary Alice (aunt of Peggy Miller), Ali, Gerry, Hamid, Irene, James Wilhite, Azadeh, Leann

Those in hospice care... Trudy Mueller (mother of Jim Mueller), Steve R (family friend of Dorothy Norland), brother of Peggy Hohl (co-worker of Phyllis Baker)

For the family and friends of...

- Marjorie Jensen, beloved grandmother of Pastor Chris Naig, who passed away on January 10
- John Gorman, Jr., beloved father of John Gorman III, who passed away on January 24
- Marcellus Custard, beloved brother of a team coach that practices at Trinity
- Steve Mueller, beloved friend of the Meyland-Smith family
- Lucille Colbert, beloved grandmother of Emily Hobgood

Those serving our country... Eric Mueller, Eric Oberg, Collier Gorman, Mike Antel

Thanksgiving and praise for...

- Major Matthew Greb safely returned from his latest deployment!
- The birth of Kaelynn Mae Rickey on January 5, granddaughter of Kathy Gaal, great granddaughter of Dick & Marian Wegner!
- The marriage of Rev. & Mrs. Lapenchenko!
- The birth of Ella Marie & Emma Jean Kaufman on January 19, twin daughters of Stacia & Clay Kaufman and granddaughters of Jerry & Arlene Spector!
- Marie Sievert—celebrating her 89th birthday!

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.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS & UPDATES

SYMPATHY

John Gorman, Jr.
father of John Gorman III

Marjorie Jensen
grandmother of Pastor Chris Naig

Lucille Colbert
grandmother of Emily Hobgood

NEW PHONE NUMBER

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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.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

James Hildreth 2/2
Ron Jones 2/2
Jim Wilhite 2/2
Michael Hobgood 2/3
Susan Hugery 2/4
Kim Stewart 2/4
Dylan Devine 2/5
Cooper Kirkpatrick 2/5
Pierre Belleville 2/6
Lindsey Dunn 2/6
Mary Hower Hepperly 2/7
Elaine Yokubat 2/7
Alexandra Menz 2/8
Olivia Sanders 2/8
Kellan Kirkpatrick 2/9

Todd Maloy 2/9
Sydney Staggs 2/12
Vi Steinmeyer 2/13
Terry Wolf 2/13
Phyllis Baker 2/16
Dan Blakeley 2/16
Skipper Thorp 2/16
Betty Forde 2/17
Aru Mapari 2/17
John Zimmerman 2/17
Shari Menz 2/19
Lisa Mild 2/19
Mike Sharitz 2/19
Jim Stewart 2/19
Dana Wilhite 2/19

Marilyn Rowan 2/20
Sophia Zambrano 2/22
Barbara Goerss 2/24
Stephanie Petersen 2/24
Lisa Haferkamp 2/26
Paul Hinrichs 2/26
Kevin Johnson 2/26
Vi Nilson 2/26
Erin Haberman 2/27
Luke Surtin 2/28

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

Norm & Sharon Hild 2/12/1961

James & Dorothy Wilhite 2/14/1953

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