

The  
**NEWSLETTER**

Of

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**FROM PASTOR ZIEGLER'S DESK**

**CALLS AND MEETINGS IN OCTOBER**



<b>Home</b>	<b>12</b>
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<b>Shut-Ins</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Meetings &amp; Classes</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Hours Counseling</b>	<b>9</b>

**BAPTISMS**

Two infants were brought by their parents to receive the gift of baptism on October 21<sup>st</sup>: Theodore Joseph Cairo and Caroline Whitney Schuler. We pray God's blessings upon these children and their families

**FUNERAL SERVICE**

On October 3rd, funeral services were held for Ronald Turpin, 78. Ron was a lifelong member of Trinity. We pray our Lord's comfort to his family.

**SECOND LIST**

We have received our second list of pastors from our District President. Three are from Illinois, one each from Missouri, Texas and California. Five are married with families. One is single. All six are in their 30's. Our Elders will be studying the profiles of these men and will eventually bring a call recommendation to the Voters.

**BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Our Building Committee (Bryan Becker, Jim Duitsman, Rachel Goodpasture, Bart Lennington, Terry Mills) met on October 9<sup>th</sup>. The committee interviewed Larry Lisbona, an architect from Kansas City. Mr. Lisbona is a member of one of our LC-MS churches in Kansas City, he is primarily a church architect and has done much work in and around Kansas City. On November 8<sup>th</sup>, the committee is going to visit some of his work in Leavenworth plus look at some other new church construction in the area.

**GARAGE/MAINTENANCE BUILDING**

Contracts have been signed for our Garage/Maintenance Building. We have run into a couple of problems with city zoning and the Atchison Planning Committee but hope to have these resolved in the near future.

**NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING**

Mr. Curley tells me that 14 youth have signed up to go to the National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis next summer. This is GREAT! They will be raising money for this so please support them.

**BLOOD DRIVE**

On Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, we will have a Blood Drive, 2:30-7:30 p.m. Please call the church office to make an appointment or just walk-in. The need is real and so important. Remember our first blood drive was on August 14, 2007. Since then we have collected 1,309 units of blood for the Red Cross.

**ANNUAL DAY OF PRAYER**

Please remember that our Annual Day of Prayer will be on Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Plan now to spend an hour in prayer that day here in the sanctuary. We have lists of people and petitions and thanksgiving to bring to the Lord. Let's make it a day of spiritual renewal and refreshment.

**SCHOOL SPONSORS**

We now have TWENTY-SIX School Sponsors for 2018-19. We are looking for 40. A Schools Sponsor makes a gift of \$200.00 which helps a child receive a Christian education at Trinity School. Please consider being a sponsor. You can give the \$200.00 at one time or over a course of several months. If you cannot do that yourself, maybe you can join with one or two others to make that amount.

## OCTOBER 20th

Saturday afternoon, October 20<sup>th</sup>, was a great time. First, Linda (used to be Kirkendoll) came to the office to visit. She is now retired, an active member of Our Savior, in Platte City. We did a lot of "catching up". Then at 3:00 p.m., I met Craig and Laura Schlattman at Pete's for coffee and an hour and a half conversation. Craig is now a retired Air Force Colonel, working for the V.A. as a counselor for military people. He and Laura live in Colorado Springs. And, then at 5:00 p.m., I went to Diane Schletzbaum's. She had fixed a fine meal for the Kennedy Callers at which there was not only good food but good conversation and fellowship.

## THANKSGIVING SERVICES

Thanksgiving Services will be on Wednesday evening, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 p.m. and Thursday morning, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion will be given in the morning. Please bring food for the pantry. The offering will go to make up our deficit. We have so much for which to be thankful. Pray that all of our people will be here to give thanks and praise.

## LOYALTY DAY SUNDAY

Loyalty Sunday will be on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Please read the article in this Newsletter about our ministry needs in 2019.

## ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER

Our annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be at noon on Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. This is not a potluck. All the "fixins" will be provided. Just come. Bring the family.

## HOLY COMMUNION

We continue to pray for those who have not been to Holy Communion this year. If you still have your Small Catechism, please read what Luther says about this Sacrament in the "Preface".

## ADVENT SERVICES

Advent Services this year will begin on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

## TREE TRIMMING SATURDAY

November 10<sup>th</sup> will be "tree trimming" Saturday. Bring your equipment and come to the parking lot at 9:00 a.m. On our campus and at the two parsonages, there are many trees that need trimming.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to Randy Jewell and Keith Peuker for installing a new furnace in the H.E.L.P. House. And thank you to Dennis Draper and crew for painting in the youth mobile. And, thank you to all the people who brought and made and put together; 1,529 bars of soap, 239 quilts, 50 tie blankets, 48 baby kits and 200 health kits, all of which

was sent to the "least of our brethren", through Lutheran World Relief.

See you in worship and Sunday School and Bible Class next Sunday, and to everyone you see and meet, with a big smile say, "Welcome to Trinity!"

**PEACE!**

**Pastor Robert Ziegler**

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## THE FINANCIAL REPORT

Home	Needed in 2018	\$ 764,459.17
	Given in 2018	744,273.03
Missions	Needed in 2018	35,268.30
	Given in 2018	31,246.10
Building	Needed in 2018	27,279.23
	Given in 2018	27,102.64

In October we doubled our deficit in the home budget. At the end of September we were behind \$10,900.55. At the end of October we are behind \$20,186.14. We also lost some ground in the other two areas of our budget. At the end of the month we were behind \$4,022.20 in our mission budget and behind \$176.59 in the building budget. We pray that during the last two months of this year we will be able to do some catching up. Your third-quarter giving report is in the narthex.

We received a GREAT RESPONSE on Garage Sunday. Sixty-two (62) families and individuals brought \$14,118.00 in gifts. With the \$17,000.00 we already had, we have received almost one-third of the cost of the building. I'm sure that many more members are going to participate in this special project. If you have not, please do so in the next few weeks. Please use the special envelope you received in the mail.

### **Special gifts during October were:**

Lutheran Heritage Fund	25.00
Lutheran World Relief	315.00
Emergency Fund	85.00
School Sponsor Plan	720.00
Steak Fry	330.57
Technology (current) Fund	47.00
Thanksgiving Dinner	50.00
Bethesda Home	10.00
Organ Fund	50.00
Loaves and Fishes	20.00
Lutheran Hour	20.00
Flower Fund	20.00



**With these gifts this is how our  
BENEVOLENCE PICTURE looks:**

<u>BENEVOLENCE</u>	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>GIVEN</u>
Bethesda Home	\$ 1,100.00	664.00
Luth. Heritage Found.	600.00	577.00
Lutheran Hour	900.00	836.00
Luth. World Relief	3,500.00	2,591.00

We are doing well in reaching our goals in three benevolences but are lagging in reaching our goal for Bethesda Home. Bethesda Home is one of our Synod's homes for those with intellectual or developmental disabilities. The envelope for this very important institution is in the front of your packet.

We continue to pray for School Sponsors. We need 40. We now have twenty-seven (27). Let me invite you to be one of the 13 we still need. Remember, a School Sponsor gives a gift of \$200.00 (all at once or over a period of several months) to help a child attend Trinity School.

Gifts received in the Reformation envelope go to the Memorial Scholarship Fund (for students at our Lutheran Colleges). Offerings received in the Thanksgiving envelope will go to make up the deficit in the home budget.

We pray that all of our people will be here on Loyalty Sunday. Increasing the salary to get an associate pastor is a big item in the 2019 budget. Please read the article in this Newsletter about the 2019 budget.

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**BUILDING AND GROUNDS FOUNDATION**

Here it is November and we have not yet this year had an article on our Building and Grounds Foundation. Through gifts, memorials and a bequest this fund has received \$2,219.47 this year which brings the given-assets of this fund to \$272,422.85. Last year (2017) dividend and interest income from this invested amount was \$16,005.83.

Memorials of \$205.00 were received for Ed Sowers and a bequest of \$1,030.97 was received from the estate of Ed. Ed was on our Properties Committee for many many years and did much in maintaining the properties.

Some of the income from this fund goes directly into our budget for property expenses and the rest of it goes for other property expenses. It is a very important part of our funding. There is a Building and Grounds envelope in your packet.

**MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND**

Since the beginning of the year, our Mission Endowment Fund has grown by \$4,061.97. It now has given-assets of \$114,348.47. Last year the income from this invested amount was \$7,107.88. This was given for various mission work here in the U.S. and abroad.

Amounts received in the special offering envelopes were as follows: Epiphany envelopes - \$235.00; Ascension envelopes - \$642.00; Pentecost envelopes - \$367.00.

Memorials received were: Trent Arends - \$200.00; Sam Nelson - \$500.00; Charles Perkins, Sr. - \$25.00; Angela Williams - \$100.00; Karen Keil - \$100.00; Joel Wilburn - \$100.00. Also, one couple on their wedding day gave \$50.00 to this fund.

A bequest of \$1,039.97 was received from the estate of Ed Sowers.

So far this year we have given the following gifts:

New Orleans Lutheran High School	\$500.00
Missionary Ed Hosch – Peru	\$500.00
Atchison Co. Health Clinic	\$350.00
Lutherans in Medical Missions	\$350.00
Atchison Fire Department	\$225.00
Ebenezer Baptist Church	\$300.00
St. Paul Lutheran High School	\$300.00
Atchison Hunger Task Force	\$300.00
DOVES, Inc.	\$500.00
Unity Lutheran Mission, Pittsburg	\$500.00
International Student Ministry	\$200.00
Peggy Haase to Ghana	\$500.00
“Apple of His Eye”	\$250.00
LendaChild.org	\$500.00
Atchison United Way	\$250.00
Evergreen Lutheran School – Detroit	\$500.00

We gave our first gift from this fund on June 1, 1990. Since then, from this fund we have given \$82,821.42 to various missionaries and mission projects. The Gospel has been brought to many. In the front of your packet there is an envelope for this fund. THANK YOU to all who have used it this year. Wouldn't it be GREAT if this fund was as large as the School Endowment Fund?

**2019 CHALLENGE**

After much work our Finance Committee has put together a ministry plan (budget) for 2019. Our budget for 2018 is \$1,000,112.00 Our proposed budget for 2019 is \$1,057,704.00 an increase of \$57,592.00 or 5.7%. The percentage doesn't seem that big, but the numerical figure looks really big.

We must raise our base salary for our teachers by \$1,000.00 from \$25,800.00 to \$26,800.00. To get an associate pastor we are increasing that salary by \$10,340.00. Health insurance costs are increasing \$22,785.00. Social Security and retirements will increase \$4,915.00. Program increases are minimal, a few hundred dollars.

As you can see, increases are connected with our workers. To maintain staff and get new staff is why they are so important and so very much needed.

We are praying that each and every member, in their love for our Lord and concern and love for Trinity will be here on Loyalty Sunday and will help meet the challenge before us.



## **NOVEMBER CHURCH NEWSLETTER**

### **TEAM FALCON CHILI-SOUP SUPPER**

**ON NOVEMBER 9th from 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

The PTL Chili/Soup Supper will be held on November 9 this year. Parents and teachers are preparing and serving the meal. A Chili/Soup meal will be \$5 and a Hot Dog meal \$3. We will also have a silent auction for gift basket! TEAM FALCON uses this money to support school activities.

If you have any questions, please email Candice Jenkins at [Can-dice@graceauburnevents.com](mailto:Can-dice@graceauburnevents.com) or call/ text her at 816-646-1219. Thanks!

### **AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK IS NOVEMBER 12-16:**

We invite you to come and have lunch with your child/grandchild that week in celebration of American Education Week. Just call the office in the morning before 8:30 a.m. so we can include you in the count. Adult lunch is \$3.50 or bring a sack lunch.

We also thank all our parents, grandparents, Team Falcon, neighbors, church members, and friends for all their support of TLS!!

### **LOYALTY SUNDAY:**

Sunday, November 18th is Loyalty Sunday. The students (PK-8) are scheduled to sing in church on that day. We are singing the same song, our hymn of the year, (Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee) at both services.

### **CALENDAR ITEMS:**

November 6	Early Release/2:30 p.m. Falcon of the Month
November 9	Chili-Soup Supper 5:30-7:30 p.m.
November 10	Martin Luther's Birthday
November 14	Jim Bradshaw (KS LCMS District Supt.) here for Chapel
November 20	Day School Committee 7:00 p.m.
November 21-23	NO SCHOOL/Thanksgiving Break

***Lisa Brookover, principal***



**Chloe Brincefield,  
Jr. Fire Marshal**



## News from the Upper Room

### Grades 7 & 8

Greeting from Grades 7 & 8! We have had a very busy year in our classroom! We have been learning so much in order to prepare us for high school!

In October, we wrote essays for the local VFW about "Why We Honor the American Flag". The 8th graders were able to draw from their experiences from visiting Washington, DC last year to help us remember why our America Flag is so important in our history. The 7th graders used personal experiences, such as standing for the Pledge of Allegiance each day in school, and also standing for the National Anthem during sporting events.



The students have enjoyed studying the major battles of the Civil War. We have been filling out maps as we study the battles, and we are showing the Union and Confederate wins of each battle.

Quizlet Live is a game that everyone enjoys playing to reinforce skills in a variety of subjects. The computer randomizes the students into groups, then questions are shown to each group, and only 1 person in each group has the correct answer! They have to use collaboration skills to succeed! Students get very excited each time we play this game!

We have also been involved in many different extracurricular activities! The 7/8th grade girls' volleyball team competed in the KCLAL Volleyball tournament at MLA on October 20. They earned 2nd place!!



We also had many teams participating in the Mathletics competition at St. Paul's in St. Joe on October 18. Our 7th grade team of Preston Blakley, Emily Fuhrman, and Alexis Trautloff earned 1st place!!!! The 8th grade team of Jacob Blanton, Micah Leonardi, and Emma Handke earned 3rd place!!!



Finally, on October 23, we took 2 groups of students to Calvary in KC, MO and competed in our first Academic Meet (quiz bowl). Our boys' team of Preston Blakely, Jacob Blanton, Gavin Moore, and Isaac Hoffman earned 4th place out of 11 teams!!! This is excellent for our first time in this competition! In the spring, we will again compete in Mathletics, Academic Meet, and also the Atchison County Spelling Bee! It is SO great that we have so many opportunities to let our students shine!



The 7th graders are busy raising funds for their trip to Washington, DC in May 2020! Please continue to support them, as this is the best history lesson that our kids can receive!

In May ten 8th graders will graduate from Trinity! Many of them will also be Confirmed! We pray God's Blessing upon this group as they enter high school!



**Mrs. Leonardi & 7<sup>th</sup> Graders**

## Health Topic for November 2018

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### **A Cheerful Heart**

Occasionally we meet people who don't seem to have much joy in their lives. You can sense the lack of it in their faces and the absence of it when they speak. When they speak it is usually to complain about something. That is not so with my dear friend, Grace, aged 99. Grace had breast cancer many years ago. She has had two hip and two knee replacements over the years. Now her ankles and feet are deteriorating. She says she's hoping for a "foot and ankle replacement"!

Yet Grace is always cheerful! "Why shouldn't I be?" she says. "Each morning I wake up, and the grace of the Lord is over me. I'm able to get up in peace, and when the evening comes, I can lie down and sleep in peace, for the Lord, through the Holy Spirit, lets me dwell in safety and joy. Even if sleep doesn't come, and even if the joints ache, I think about the Lord during the night, and he makes my soul rejoice, for **a cheerful heart is good medicine**" (Proverbs 17:22).

Even if the earth may be a vale of tears, and even though one may feel like a stranger here, one can rejoice in the awareness of God's wonder-working power and, by the grace of God, let life also be for the praise of and thanks to God for his glory and power. And that goes for **any** age ... from 9 to 99!

And speaking of thanks ... as we observe a day of Thanksgiving (in November in the United States), let us think about this world that God has created for us to live in! Frederick Buechner had this to say about creation: "To **make** suggests making something out of something else, the way someone makes wooden boxes out of wood. To **create** is to make something out of nothing, the way one makes paintings or poems. To create is to make something essentially new. In creating the world, God made something where before there had been nothing. As the author of the book of Job puts it: **The morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy** (Job 38:7). They shouted at the sheer and shimmering novelty of this miracle.

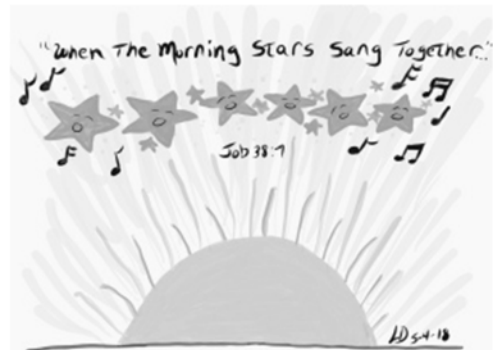
Using the same old materials of earth, air, fire and water, God creates something new every 24 hours. Every morning one wakes up to something that never was before and never will be again. And the **you** that wakes up was never the same before and will never be the same again either! Isn't that something worth rejoicing about, to think and to thank about?

May each of us rejoice, be cheerful, give and live Thanksgiving each day that God gives us!

Lois Peacock, RN  
Zion Lutheran Church, San Francisco, CA

This article really spoke to me. I don't think anyone can be cheerful or even thankful all the time, but no matter what our circumstance, we can choose to be thankful for the world God created and for the forgiveness and salvation we have through His son Jesus Christ.

Blessings,  
Marcene Selberg, Parish Nurse.





“I will praise the name  
of God with a song;  
I will magnify him  
with thanksgiving.”

Psalm 69:30, NRSV