

The  
**NEWSLETTER**

Of

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**FROM PASTOR ZIEGLER'S DESK**

**CALLS AND MEETINGS IN NOVEMBER**



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**BAPTISMS**

One baby girl was brought to Holy Baptism on November 4<sup>th</sup>: Noraa Lynn Cairo, daughter of Aaron and Kylee (Weber) Cairo. We pray the Lord's blessings upon this little one, her parents and brother.

**WEDDING**

On November 10<sup>th</sup>, Janice Elaine Coder and David Wayne Page were united in marriage at Trinity's Altar. We pray God's rich blessings upon Elaine and David.

**FUNERAL SERVICES**

There were two funerals at Trinity during November. On November 1<sup>st</sup>, services were held for James Green, 69. James became a member of Trinity on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013, being baptized and confirmed that day. Services were held on November 12<sup>th</sup> for Jim Johnson, 73. Jim became a member of Trinity, baptized and confirmed in 1968. Through the years he served his Lord in many ways here at Trinity, as an Elder for years, on the Finance Committee, on the Board of Directors, as an offering counter, in Adult Bible Classes. For years he was the person who made the coleslaw for funeral dinners. We pray the Lord's comfort to the families of these loved ones.

**ASSOCIATE PASTOR**

In our search for an associate pastor, we have contacted all the men whose names were recently received from District President Lange. We talked to a man in California,

but he told us he was not interested in our interview until his daughter graduates from high school next May. We scheduled an interview with a pastor in Houston, but before we were to have the interview, he called to tell us he was not interested. We did interview a pastor in Huntley, Illinois. Another man we talked to was not ready to move because he and his wife were expecting a baby in January. By the time you get this Newsletter we will have interviewed another pastor in Illinois. Because of Advent and Christmas, we will probably not call until after the new year.

**NUMBERS**

Recent numbers: 164 members were present during the hours of 8:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. on our Annual Day of Prayer; 361 were present on Loyalty Sunday; 165 present Thanksgiving Eve and 79 were present Thanksgiving Morn (total 244). The weather was beautiful for all these services. Thank you to all who were here to pray, worship, bring their pledges, to praise and give thanks. Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup> was not one of our best in terms of attendance: 8:00 a.m.-138; 10:30 a.m.-49; 6:30 p.m.-8. Perhaps 7 inches of blowing snow had something to do with this, but some folks from Rushville, Sugar Lake and Lancaster did get here. Hmmm.

**GARAGE/MAINTENANCE BUILDING**

Our Garage/Maintenance Building project is at a standstill. We are waiting for the City Planning Commission to re-zone where we want to build. The Commission will meet on December 5<sup>th</sup> to decide.

**BUILDING COMMITTEE**

On November 8<sup>th</sup>, our Building Committee visited two churches in Leavenworth and one in Basehor. The Committee was looking at how these churches have built for childcare, Bible classes, fellowship, etc.



## SCHOOL SPONSORS

We are still looking for School Sponsors. We now have 31. We need FORTY, so we are looking for nine more. A School 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.

## ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER

The Thanksgiving Dinner was GREAT. A BIG THANK YOU to Terry Mills and the Fellowship Committee who spent hours and hours preparing and cooking and serving. The food was wonderful, and the fellowship great. One thing though, to think about. We had more people on Sunday to eat turkey then at our Thanksgiving Services to worship.

## DECEMBER HAPPENINGS

Lots of things happening in December. Advent Services on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>. Sunday School Christmas Program (2:00 p.m.) and Christmas Caroling on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Trinity School, PK-2<sup>nd</sup> grade Christmas Program (6:30 p.m.) on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Adult Confirmation (10:30 a.m.) on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Trinity School, 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade Christmas Program (7:00 p.m.) on December 18<sup>th</sup>. Candlelight Services (6:00, 8:00, 11:00 p.m.) on December 24<sup>th</sup>. Worship with Communion (9:30 a.m.), Worship with Communion (7:00 p.m.) on December 31<sup>st</sup>.

## HOLY COMMUNION

We still have many people who have not been to Holy Communion this year. If you are one of them, we pray that you will be here at one of our Communion services during December.

I pray that this Advent and Christmas Season will be a time of spiritual blessing for you. To each and all, A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

PEACE!

Pastor Robert Ziegler

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## THE FINANCIAL REPORT

Home	Needed in 2018	\$ 835,571.65
	Given in 2018	814,603.76
Missions	Needed in 2018	38,549.06
	Given in 2018	33,780.71
Building	Needed in 2018	29,817.67
	Given in 2018	29,715.16

At the end of November our Financial Picture is similar to what it was at the end of October. Our Thanksgiving Offering (\$6,295.50) helped us stay about the same. At the end of 11 months we are behind \$20,967.89 in the HOME budget, behind \$4,768.35 in the MISSION budget, and behind \$102.51 in the BUILDING budget. We pray that during December we will be able to do a lot of catching up. We also pray that through our Christmas offerings we will be able to catch up our mission giving. There is no doubt about the need.

## Special gifts during November were:

Lutheran World Relief	341.00
School Sponsor Plan	800.00
Technology (current) Fund	42.00
Garage/Maintenance Building	4,387.00
Bethesda Home	96.00
Lutheran Heritage Foundation	11.00
KAIR Broadcast	50.00
Flower Fund	20.00
Loaves and Fishes	50.00
Food Pantry	10.00
Lutheran Hour	10.00
Organ Fund	50.00
Playground Fund	35.00

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

<u>BENEVOLENCE</u>	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>GIVEN</u>
Bethesda Home	\$ 1,100.00	760.00
Luth. Heritage Found.	600.00	588.00
Lutheran Hour	900.00	846.00
Luth. World Relief	3,500.00	2,932.00

We are close to meeting our goals for Lutheran Heritage Foundation and Lutheran Hour. However, we have a way to go to meet our goals for Bethesda Home and Lutheran World Relief. If you have not used these envelopes, please remember them in December.

As of this writing we have received a total of \$18,505.00 from 92 families for our Garage/Maintenance Building Offering. With the almost \$17,000.00 we already had, we have received over one-third of the cost of the building. Every dollar given now means one less dollar we will have to borrow to complete this project.

If you have not made your pledge for 2019, please do so very soon. Our Finance Committee is in the process of putting together our 2019 budget and every pledge is important in establishing anticipated income.

Packets of 2019 offering envelopes are in the church basement. Envelopes are important in keeping ourselves accountable. An unused envelope says I did not support my Lord's work for a given week, I neglected some area of His work or I am not planning for the future of His work in this place.

# *HAPPY HOLIDAYS!*

## **TRINITY CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS:**

Come and join us in celebration of our Lord's birth at our student Christmas programs!

On December 13 at 6:30 p.m., PK- 2 will present "The ABCs of Christmas" and on December 18 at 7:00 p.m., the students in grades 3-8 will present "Star of Wonder".

Bring your friends, neighbors, grandparents, and any others to share the talents of our students and Christmas spirit!

A free-will offering will be taken at the program. The offering will go to the School Grant Fund. This fund enables more students to be able to attend TLS.

## **IMPORTANT DATES IN DECEMBER:**

**12-5 Advent Service K-2 Singing**

**12-9 TLC Sunday School Christmas Program @ 2 p.m.**

**12-12 Advent Service Grades 3- 8 Singing**

**12-13 PK-2 Christmas Program @ 6:30 p.m.**

**12-18 Grades 3-8 Christmas Program @ 7:00 p.m.**

**12-19 Advent Services Grades 7-8 Hand bells**

**12-21-18 thru 1-2-19 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break**

## **PK4**

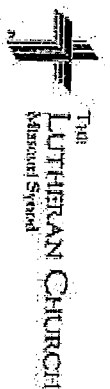
## **GRANDPARENTS DAY**



**Kindergarten celebrating Veteran's Day**

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## December 2018

Nov 2018	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Jan 2019	
	<b>2</b> Worship: 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 6:30 pm 9:15 am Family Bible Hour 9:30 am KAIR Broadcast 4:00 pm Inquirer's Class 7:00 pm NA	<b>3</b> 11:15 pm Staff Meeting 6:25 pm Kennedy Calling 7:00 pm NA	<b>4</b> 8:00 am Ladies Bible Study 1:00 pm Quilting 6:25 pm Elders Calling 6:00 pm Ladies Bible Study 7:00 pm Fellowship Comm. 7:00 pm NA	<b>5</b> 8:30 am School Chapel 9:00 am Morning Break 6:00-6:30 pm Advent Dinner 6:30 pm Wednesday School 7:00 pm Advent Services 7:00 pm NA	<b>6</b> 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Adult Choir 8:30 pm Chamber Choir	<b>7</b> 8:00 am Holy Grounds 6:30 pm 55+ Potluck 7:00 pm NA	<b>8</b> 7:00 pm NA	<b>1</b> 8:00 am Novel Ideas 7:00 pm NA	
	<b>9</b> Worship & Communion 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 6:30 pm 9:15 am Family Bible Hour 9:30 am KAIR Broadcast 2:00 pm Sunday School Christmas Program 4:00 pm Inquirer's Class 5:15 pm Christmas Caroling 7:00 pm NA	<b>10</b> 11:15 pm Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Etschella Guild 6:25 pm Kennedy Calling 6:30 pm Theodora Circle 7:00 pm NA	<b>11</b> 8:00 am Ladies Bible Study 1:00 pm Quilting 6:30 pm Alar Guild Dinner 6:30 pm Ladies Bible Study 7:00 pm NA 8:00 pm Building Committees	<b>12</b> 8:30 am School Chapel 9:00 am Morning Break 5:00-5:30 pm Advent Dinner 5:30 pm Wednesday School 7:00 pm Advent Service 7:00 pm NA 8:00 pm Board of Directors	<b>13</b> 6:30 pm Bell Choir 8:30 pm PK-2nd School Christmas Program 7:30 pm Adult Choir 8:30 pm Chamber Choir	<b>14</b> 6:30 pm Confirmation Rehearsal 7:00 pm Baptismal Inst. 7:30 pm NA 8:30 pm Chamber Choir	<b>15</b> 7:00 pm NA		
	<b>16</b> Worship: 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 6:30 pm 9:15 am Family Bible Hour 9:30 am KAIR Broadcast 10:30 pm Adult Confirmation 7:00 pm NA 7:45 pm Voter's Assembly	<b>17</b> 11:15 pm Staff Meeting 6:25 pm Kennedy Calling 7:00 pm Day School Comm. 7:00 pm NA	<b>18</b> 1:00 pm Quilting 6:25 pm Elders Calling 7:00 pm 3-8 grade Christmas Program 7:00 pm NA	<b>19</b> 8:30 am School Chapel 5:00-6:30 pm Advent Dinner 5:30 pm Wednesday School 7:00 pm NA	<b>20</b> 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Adult Choir 8:30 pm Chamber Choir	<b>21</b> 8:00 am Holy Grounds 7:00 pm NA	<b>22</b> 7:00 pm NA		
	<b>23</b> Worship & Communion 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 6:30 pm 9:15 am Family Bible Hour 9:30 am KAIR Broadcast 7:00 pm NA	<b>24</b> <b>CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES</b> 6:00-8:00-11:00 pm	<b>25</b> <b>CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE</b> 9:30 a.m.	<b>26</b> 7:00 pm NA	<b>27</b> 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Adult Choir 8:30 pm Chamber Choir	<b>28</b> 7:00 pm NA	<b>29</b> 7:00 pm NA		
	<b>30</b> Worship: 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 6:30 pm 9:15 am Family Bible Hour 9:30 am KAIR Broadcast 7:00 pm NA	<b>31</b> <b>NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE</b> - 7:00 pm 7:00 pm NA	<b>Trinity School Christmas Vacation</b> <b>December 20 - January 2</b>						

Please pray for our Financial Picture, that more of our members would become tithers, that every member would "own" the ministry here and support it with generous giving.

### **A QUOTE TO THINK ABOUT AND REMEMBER**

"The Corinthian Church was a troubled congregation in many ways. Paul wanted to make certain they were clear on this matter of stewardship. He tells the church that their spiritual growth will be in direct relationship to their generous giving. "Remember this: the person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously, will reap generously." (2 Cor. 9:6). He left no doubt about the matter. He told the Corinthian church members they could not grow as Christians unless they were giving generously."

Thom Rainer in "Nine Traits of the Outwardly Focused Christian"

### **SCHOOL GRANT FUND**

Since August our School Grant Fund has received \$3,145.00 in gifts and memorials. This brings the given-assets of this fund to \$368,210.47. This year, 2018 income from this invested amount will be around \$17,500.00. This will be used for Tuition grants for Trinity School students.

\$396.00 was received from Thrivent Choice Dollars. A gift of \$100.00 was received from a lady who celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday this year.

A gift of \$1,000.00 was received from a young lady and her husband. She attended our school and wrote, "Dear Pastor and Staff of Trinity School, the school played such a huge role in the formation of my faith! We both have great appreciation for all you are doing to help kids know Jesus. We feel honored to get to give a gift that can hopefully help you carry out God's work!"

Also, a gift of \$1,000.00 was received from a couple who are not members of Trinity and are not Lutheran but are interested in helping children attend a Christian school.

We thank our Lord for how He has blessed our School Grant Fund and continues to do so.

In the front of your packet there is an envelope for this very important fund.



## **LOOKING BACK**

### **Ten Years – December 2008**

.....Under construction, the elevator at Trinity Place was in place, walls and floors were in place for floors one and two and brick work had begun.

.....199 people were present for the Annual Day of Prayer.

.....Max Waggoner was baptized on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

.....On November 8<sup>th</sup>, the Trinity Adult Choir, accompanist, Cheryl Lanter, soloist Rhonda Killip and reader Lori Trainer, participated in the Atchison Veteran's Day Program at Memorial Hall.

.....Trinity's 8<sup>th</sup> grade Mathletics Team (Morgan Keimig, Reagan Maxwell, Zach Wilson) placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Mathletics competition at St. Paul Lutheran in St. Joseph.

.....100 members were present for a Harvest Potluck at the farm of Mike and Terry Mills.

.....Debt on the second parsonage was \$96,941.13.

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### **PASTOR'S ADULT BIBLE CLASS**

Last month Jack Selberg concluded his series of lectures on, "The Family Dynamics of Addiction". What an interesting and informative series. Thank you, Jack. In the last couple of weeks, we have returned to looking at "Biblical Husbands and Wives". We've looked at Boaz and Ruth, Pilate and his wife (tradition says her name was Claudia Procula). God has a word for us in the lives of these people.

In our "Glimpses of Christian History" we looked at "Ordinary Evangelists", how early Christians witnessed, spread the Word and grew the church through their everyday lives and contacts. And, we looked at "A Way in the Wilderness", how Christian preachers and teachers were the people who really tamed the West.

Thank you to Marcene Selberg, Shirley Lassen, Ledeen Berry, Ethel Smith and Diane Schletzbaum who were our cup washers in November. On Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, I'm sure we hit a record low of 32 in attendance. I think the blowing snow had a lot to do with this. This also hurt our perfect attendees during November. However, in spite of this, the following folks had perfect attendance:

Christine Geoffroy  
Debbie Jewell  
David Long  
Penney Long  
Mary Merrill  
Eugene Mueller  
Debbie Schneider  
Lori Trainer

Randy Jewell  
Loretta Lassen  
Jeff Long  
Jessica Lunsford  
Linda Miller  
Diane Schletzbaum  
Marcene Selberg  
Pastor Ziegler

## December 2018 Health Note

The Christmas season is upon us. If you are like me, that thought brings more a feeling of "yikes!". However, I invite you (and myself) to take some time in our busy schedules to really think about the improbable wonder of Immanuel, God with us. We cannot really understand how the all-powerful creator of all things came to dwell on earth as a tiny human infant. We can only marvel that He left heaven to be with us here on earth as one of us. Whatever emotions we feel this Christmas season; be it joy, stress, or even sorrow for those who are no longer here to share the season with us; may we take time to also feel the peace of our Immanuel who tells us, "And behold I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matt 28:20b)

Marcene Selberg, Parish Nurse

# First Grade News

Greetings,

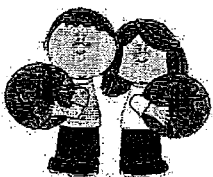
May this letter find your hearts warming for the Season of Advent and the Coming of Our Savior.

There has been a lot of activity in the 1<sup>st</sup> grade room! We took a field trip to the Fire Station with PreK-4 in October. We will be attending the Nativity play in KCMO on Friday, November 30. We are also getting ready for the Christmas Program on December 13.

We have been discovering the stories involving Creation, and the learning about the many prophets during our Religion time. We also work hard to memorize Bible verses. We are leading Chapel on Wednesday, December 12. You are welcome to join us at 8:30 A.M.!

In Language Arts, the students are busy learning how to read and recognize their sight words. We are reading many books for the Pizza Hut Reading Challenge. In October, the students read 140 books!! That is an amazing accomplishment since there are only 6 students in first grade! We are working hard to attain or beat that record! When we return after Thanksgiving, we will begin the third book in our reading series.

We are learning to add and subtract numbers up to 20, add three single digits, read and solve story problems during our math time. The students have worked hard on the addition facts, and after Thanksgiving, we will begin working on subtraction facts 0-12.



**Social Studies**

In Social Studies and Science, we have been focusing on communities and plant life! Up next, we'll learn about the past, present, and the future, different types of transportation, and how to read maps. All of these are important life skills!

We are working hard and would like to thank everyone for the prayers and support.

God Bless,  
Mr. Leon and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade