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FROM PASTOR ZIEGLER'S DESK

CALLS AND MEETINGS IN JULY



Home	22
Hospital	7
Shut-Ins	8
Meetings & Classes	14
Hours Counseling	15

BAPTISM

In July three “little ones” received the gift of Holy Baptism and the gifts that come with it. We welcomed Clara Ann Goodpasture and Charlie Joshua Alford Bradley on July 7th and on 21st, AvaLeigh Renee Hundley. We pray God’s blessings upon each.

FUNERAL SERVICES

During July, funeral services were held for two of our Trinity families. On July 3rd, services were held for Vicky Lynn Felton, 50. Vicky was a graduate of Trinity School and well-known in our church and community for the childcare ministry she had in her home. On July 15th, services were held for Lou Roberts, 80. Lou became a member of Trinity through Confirmation on December 26, 1982. On July 28th, Mike Guidry, 80, was called by our Lord to his eternal home. No funeral service was held. While in good health, Mike was always faithful in worship, Bible Class and attended many of our T.E.A.M. classes. We pray our Lord’s comfort to those who mourn the loss of these loved ones. And, we hold to the promise of Jesus, “Because I live, you also shall live”.

BIG NEWS

The big news at Trinity right now is “no air-conditioning in the sanctuary.” On Saturday, July 6th, there was a power surge which took out the units that cooled the sanctuary. So, on July 7th and Sunday, July 14th, we

worshiped in the sanctuary with the temperature in the mid 80’s. We used some old hand-fans from our store room and borrowed some of the same from Becker-Dyer. On July 21st and 28th, we worshiped in the gym. Our furnaces and air-conditioners were put in in 1992. Because of their age and size complications, we are having to replace all. The bid for doing all of this is \$43,320. So far our insurance company has sent us a check for \$20,992.00 our insurance deductible is \$5,000. We expect to receive more insurance money after the work of replacing is complete.

“EVERYONE HIS WITNESS”

We are looking forward to the one-day workshop, “Everyone His Witness”, which we will have on Saturday, August 17th. It will be led by Rev. Dan Galchutt from the Kansas District Office. The workshop is about witnessing in our everyday lives and contacts, to show us how and equip us too. The materials we will use are produced by Synod and presented by CPH. They will be provided at no cost. We will meet from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Lunch (half-hour) will be served here at church. We will meet in the church basement.



GARAGE/MAINTENANCE BUILDING

The construction of the Garage/Maintenance building is almost complete. David Long is in the process of finishing the electrical work. We will have a prayer of Dedication during the picnic on Friday, August 23rd. Thank you to Jim Duitsman, Terry Hamilton, Jonathan Schmidt, John Hornbostel, the Properties Committee and the Planning Committee for all the work they did in bringing this project to fruition. And thank you to all who have made generous gifts to pay for it.

ADULT INQUIRER'S CLASS

Remember that Adult Inquirer's Class begins on August 25th, 4:00 p.m. Please be praying that there will be 25 people in this class. And, please be praying for that person you know who is not walking with Christ Jesus, who does not know Him as Savior. Then, after much praying, invite that person to class and offer to come with them. Please note that this year, we have on the back of the enrollment blank what each class is about. There are hundreds of people in Atchison who do not know the Lord. Some of them are in your family, your loved ones. Others are your friends and neighbors. What is at stake is their eternal salvation.

Also, do you need to come back through the class for your own spiritual renewal? If you are drifting away from the Lord, your worship attendance is not what it was in the past, you have dropped out of Bible class, your prayer life is not what it once was, it would be good for you to come through this class again.

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Trinity School enrollment is on August 8th and school begins on August 21st. What a BLESSING God had given our congregation in Trinity School. Of the 6,200 congregations in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod only some 750 have schools. Very, very few Protestant churches have schools. The parents of Trinity have an opportunity to give to their children the very best in Christian education. For the past two years our school has been Number One in Atchison County for academic testing. Add to this that in Trinity school you can actually hear the name JESUS, pray to Him, learn about Him, honor and worship Him, what a BLESSING. It doesn't get any better. Our tuition is the lowest of all the Lutheran schools in the area. And, even with this we have grants and scholarships to offer. We have so much for which to be thankful.



WEDNESDAY SCHOOL

Wednesday School this year will begin on August 28th. Wednesday School is for youth in grades 5-8 who do not attend Trinity School. Grades 5-6 study stories from the Old and New Testaments, and in grades 7-8 we study the Small Catechism.

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

Put the Annual Church Picnic, August 23rd, 6:00 p.m. on your calendar. It will be across the street north of the Education Building. Our goal is 300 people plus.



THANK YOU

Thank you to Monica Donaldson for filling in two weeks for Debbie while she was on vacation and to Adam Goodpasture who used a week of his vacation to attend our Synod's convention in Tampa, Florida.

Check out the Music Room in the yellow building. Choir members painted it and had new carpet put down. Thank you to Terry Mills, Joyce Duitsman and Lois Farrell for painting the down stairs in the second parsonage.

A contract has been made with Reverend Marty Reed. He will be joining our staff on September 1st. His wife Lori will be teaching first grade in Trinity School.

Please be sure to read the Financial Report. And, please be praying for your Church Trinity, that we will be faithful in carrying out the mission God has given us here in Atchison. We have big decisions to make and much work to do and we need His help, guidance, wisdom and blessing.

See you in worship, Bible Class and Sunday School next Sunday.

Peace!

Pastor Ziegler

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THE FINANCIAL PICTURE

July was not a good month for our Financial Picture. No air-conditioning plus the Amelia Earhart Festival, plus vacations really hurt our Sunday worship attendance. The "behind" in the Home Budget almost doubled.

Home	Needed in 2019	\$ 558,695.10
	Given in 2019	523,821.84
Missions	Needed in 2019	24,605.70
	Given in 2019	19,379.48
Building	Needed in 2019	19,039.30
	Given in 2019	19,691.58

As you can see we are BEHIND \$34,873.26 in the HOME budget, BEHIND \$5,226.22 in the MISSION budget and AHEAD \$652.28 in the BUILDING budget. Since Pastor Ockree left, being behind in the home budget has not been a problem because we did not have that salary to pay. Now, however that Pastor Reed is coming on board, this will be a problem. We will need to do much catching up and then maintaining. We pray that you will help this to happen.

The above figure for the Building Fund indicates that we are ahead in that area. The "ahead" is because of the special gifts given on Debt-Down Sunday. In the area of weekly needs, we are really behind. All of this seems complicated and if you have questions, please ask.

Special gifts during July were:

Bethesda Home	101.00
Lutheran Hour	15.00
Lutheran World Relief	415.00
Technology (current) Fund	39.00
Garage/Maintenance Building	2,195.00
Dream Fund III	5,153.19
KAIR Broadcast	50.00
School Sponsor Plan	700.00
Flower Fund	125.00
Air Conditioning Fund	2,000.00
Lutheran Heritage Foundation	37.00
Emergency Fund	115.00
Loaves and Fishes	40.00
Organ Fund	50.00
Playground Fund	100.00
Funeral Dinners	20.00
Vacation Bible School	30.00

With these gifts this is how our BENEVOLENCE PICTURE looks:

<u>BENEVOLENCE</u>	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>GIVEN</u>
Bethesda Home	\$ 1,100.00	559.00
Luth. Heritage Found.	600.00	409.00
Lutheran Hour	900.00	1,033.00
Luth. World Relief	3,500.00	1,867.00

Our Debt-Down Sunday (second Sunday of the Month) many people gave special gifts. The amount received was \$1,278.77. This will go to pay down our debt on the new Garage/Maintenance Building. We still have some "completion costs" to pay and when these are taken care of we'll have a report on total costs and what the debt is. Debt-Down Sunday in August will be, August 11th.

On July 28th, (\$119 in '019) \$5,136.19 was given by 40 members. We are praying that many more members will participate in this special offering for Dream Fund III.

Also, we are now looking for 40 sponsors for our 2019-20 School Sponsor Plan. We now have six (6) sponsors, 34 to go. In July we received a gift of \$500.00 from a non-member who believes in the mission of Trinity School. When you give to this, be sure to mark your gift "School Sponsor Plan".

A paragraph I recently read: "Perhaps you have heard it said that 'money is the root of all evil'. I have heard that statement countless time. But that is not what the Bible says. The verse actually reads: 'For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.' The problem is with loving it. To love money is to place a value on it that exceeds what God says it is worth. If you love money we can never give with a smile, we can never be free and joyous. God's desire is not that, we go through life simply collecting things and holding on to them. Instead, he wants us to give and give and give, just as he himself does."

LOOKING BACK

Ten Years - August 2009

.....We did not have an August Newsletter in 2009 because our new computer server was being installed. However, this paragraph was in the September Newsletter: "Thank you to all who have gifts to make this new server possible and a HUGH THANK YOU to Jeremy Blanton and Lottie Lee and their crew for installing it. Literally, HUNDREDS of hours were given by these people to finish this project."

Twenty Years Ago – 1999

.....Roger and Beverly Rench left Trinity to begin DCE ministry at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Sarasota, Florida.

.....An information meeting on our planned elderly housing was held on July 8 in the church basement.

.....On July 14, Ella left for Florida and on July 21, Peggy left for California.

.....In the Home Budget we were BEHIND \$15,141.39.

.....Mrs. Stacie Dougherty was to be our new kindergarten teacher, Melissa Parris our new first grade teacher and Frank Parris our new sixth grade teacher.

.....Paul Gemeinhardt, Director of Ozanam in Kansas City, spoke to our LWML on July 21.

Thirty Years Ago – 1989

.....On July 16, Eric Pennington, Cameron Killip, Ryan Smith and Kimberly Smith were baptized.

.....A new roof was being put on the school (yellow) building. John Seetin was the contractor. Cost was \$4,500.

.....Debt on the new building was down to \$716,221.14.

Forty Years Ago – 1979

.....A bus had been purchased, painted green, and parked in front of the church on Sunday morning for all to see.

.....Patty Finnener who taught at Trinity three years, accepted a call to teach in Memphis, Tennessee.

.....School enrollment was 189.

.....Cost of hot lunches increased from 65¢ to 75¢.

.....Kevin Pieper came to do his student teaching here.

.....Barbara Nobis was our new first and second grade teacher.



SAVE THE DATE
August 23, 6:00 p.m.
ALL CHURCH PICNIC

BUILDING AND GROUNDS FOUNDATION

Since the beginning of the year, this foundation has received \$434.00 in gifts. It now has given-assets of \$273,553.35. Last year the dividend and interest from this invested amount was \$17,682.16. From this amount \$15,000 is going into our regular budget to take care of building needs. The rest is saved for needs outside the budget. For example: in the next few weeks the old school building will be painted. That will be paid for out of "extra" from this foundation.

It is tremendously important that this foundation grow. We have many buildings to maintain. As these buildings grow older, the cost of maintaining will grow. Many churches become building poor or must give up their facilities because they can't maintain them.

Please remember the Building and Grounds Foundation with your gifts, memorials, and bequests. There is an envelope for this in your packet.



PARENT'S CRITICAL ROLE

LCMS (Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod) Youth Ministry recently partnered with LCMS Research to conduct an unprecedented study of young adult retention in the LCMS and in the larger Christian church. The following three paragraphs are from the report given by the research group.

Parents remain the number one person who impacts the faith lives of young people. Nearly 1 in 3 young adults listed a parent as one of the most influential people in their lives. While that influence was usually positive, those who left the LCMS were more than twice as likely to say a parent had a negative influence (13% vs 5%).

Today's Active LCMS youth adults were the most likely to see a high level of faith practiced by their parents. This included frequent Bible reading at home, praying as a family, regular church attendance of both parents together (continuing even today), and at least one parent having a service or leadership role in the church. Of all the other profiles, parents of Nominal LCMS are least likely to be leaders in the church, read the Bible with their children and attend worship regularly now or in the past. Young people cannot emulate faith behavior they don't see. When parents don't prioritize worship and congregational engagement, young people won't either.

Today's Active LCMS were also the most likely to report having a good relationship with parents in high school. They related well with parents in general, specifically with dad. They felt they could talk to both parents about life issues and could talk openly with at least one parent about faith. They felt safe bringing up their questions and doubts to their parents. When parents are open to tough conversations about life and faith, young people are more likely to stay in the church.

HEAVENLY CALLING

Come and praise the God of Heaven
Father, Son and Holy Ghost
Every tribe from every nation
Singing with the heavenly host

O to see the face of Jesus
Smiling at the Church, His bride
O to feel the joy and pleasure
Standing by the Savior's side

He has healed us, truly healed us
From all sin and death and shame
We will know Him, truly know Him
As He knows us each by name

So rise up church and spread the Gospel
Reaching every sinner's ear
Till at last when this world's ended
All who trust in Him will hear, "Welcome home"

By Allison Arends
Easter 2019

SATAN'S BEATITUDES

Christ's beatitudes of Matthew 5 have perhaps done more to mold disciples into the Divine image than any other text. But we must be consistently aware that there is another opposing power, namely Satan, that seeks to influence saints with his own version of the beatitudes. They might read something similar to these:

1. Blessed are they who are too tired and busy to go to church on Sunday, for they are my best workers.
2. Blessed are they who are bored with the minister's mannerisms and mistakes, for they get nothing out of the sermon.
3. Blessed is the church member who expects to be invited to his own church, for his is part of the problem instead of the solution.
4. Blessed are they who gossip, for they cause strife and divisions that please me.
5. Blessed are they who are easily offended, for they soon get angry and quit.
6. Blessed are they who do not give their offerings to carry on God's work, for they are my best helpers.
7. Blessed is he who professes to love God but hates his brother and sister, for he shall be with me forever.
8. Blessed are the troublemakers, for they shall be called children of the devil.
9. Blessed is he who has no time to pray, for he will be easy prey.

Health Topic August 2019
Measles: A Preventable Crisis

Immunization: Worldwide Protection

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August is national immunization awareness month. The following is a brief history of vaccinations and a focus on increased occurrence of measles worldwide and in the United States. Please make sure your child's vaccinations are up to date.

Over two millennia ago in ancient China, someone noticed that people who recovered from certain diseases never became re-infected. Acting on this finding, they tried to prevent disease by inoculating themselves with a bit of infected matter. That idea bumbled through history until Edward Jenner, in 1796, used a cowpox blister to inoculate a young boy against smallpox. The boy did not get smallpox, and the idea of vaccines grew. In the late 19th century, Louis Pasteur developed vaccines against anthrax and rabies. In the 20th century, vaccines were developed for over a dozen more diseases, including polio, measles and tetanus. Research and discovery continue, improving known vaccines and developing new ones.

Today, children and adults of all ages can be protected against such diseases as measles, mumps, rubella, polio, hepatitis, diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, chicken pox, shingles, influenza, pneumococcal pneumonia, meningococcal meningitis, yellow fever and more, by administering weakened or dead virus to make antibodies to stimulate immunity. This works when the body's immune cells, called macrophages, digest most of the injected material but keep a portion, called antigens, to create memory of it in the immune system. Antigens combine with white blood cells, the lymphocytes, to trigger the desired immune response when exposed to the disease. With some vaccines, a single dose produces desired immunity; with others, multiple doses or boosters are required.

Measles is a highly contagious childhood viral infection. Even today with a safe and effective vaccine, it remains a significant cause of death in young people globally, especially children under age 5. It is recommended that children receive two doses of the measles vaccine which is combined with mumps and rubella (MMR). The first dose at 12 to 15 months and again between 4 – 6 years. Older children and adults are advised on an individual basis.

Measles, also called rubeola, is transmitted by nasal and oral droplets from an infected individual. Signs and symptoms appear 10 – 14 days after exposure. Symptoms typically begin with a fever and may include persistent cough, runny nose, inflamed eyes (conjunctivitis), diarrhea, and sore throat with tiny white spots inside the mouth. A skin rash develops several days later. This rash generally begins on the face and gradually spreads downward. The virus infection follows sequential stages over a period to 2 – 3 weeks.

An individual is contagious for approximately eight days, starting four days before the rash appears and ending when the rash has been present for four days. Infected droplets can land on a surface and remain contagious for several hours. About 90 percent of susceptible individuals exposed to the virus will develop measles.

Severe complications occur more frequently in poorly nourished children, especially those deficient in vitamin A. Complications may include bacterial ear infection, bronchitis, pneumonia, dehydration, encephalitis and even death. In addition, measles during pregnancy can cause preterm labor, low birth weight and even maternal death.

Currently there is a measles crisis in the Philippines. In the last month, 70 deaths were reported mainly in children. During the first five weeks of 2019, the United States has confirmed 101 individual cases of measles in 10 states. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), worldwide cases of measles increased by about 50 percent last year. The outbreaks have been blamed on a backlash against vaccinations and misinformation. Despite evidence disproving a 1998 claim that linked the measles, mumps and rubella vaccine to autism, lingering doubt and skepticism remain along with the ability to share misinformation on social media. "Vaccine hesitancy" has been added to WHO's list of top health threats.

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Sources: <https://www.who.int/immunization/diseases/measles/en/>

<https://www.cdc.gov/measles/>

<https://ecdc.europa.eu/en/search?s=measles+outbreak+2018&>

Blessings,

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August Church Newsletter

Trinity Lutheran School150 Years!! Our theme is Psalm 150; Praise the Lord!

Come join in the celebration of our school's 150th anniversary on September 28-29, 2019.

Saturday, September 28: Adult Social Event @ Bellevue Country Club
7:00-11:00 PM

Sunday, September 29: Banquet at TLS gym
Entertainment is the band; Arison

Guest Speaker is Reverend Dr. Brian Friedrich from Concordia University, Seward

Prices for Banquet: Adult \$15 Child (4-12) \$8 Child (3 & Under) Free

Website for Reservations or Call the Church Office (913-367-2837)

<https://sites.google.com/view/trinity150/home?authuser=1>

REGISTRATION DAY IS AUGUST 8, 2019 IN THE TLS GYM

TIMES: 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM AND 5-8:00 PM

COME MEET THE TEACHERS!

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL IS AUGUST 19 @ 6:30 PM



Trinity Lutheran School welcomes NEW STAFF!

Kindergarten: Miss Monica Lenington is a recent graduate from Concordia University, Seward. She has earned her degree in Early Childhood. She attended TLS as a student and has been a part of Trinity's church for many years. We are excited to have her embark on her teaching career here at Trinity!

First Grade: Mrs. Laurie Reed was Called from Poplar Bluff, MO to serve as our first-grade teacher. She has taught Preschool through Grade 8 over the course of her career, with First Grade being the most recent and her favorite. She will be joined by her husband, Pastor Reed, who will be serving Trinity with its ministry needs. Pastor Reed and Laurie have one daughter who is attending college. We are blessed to have them both here at Trinity!

Third Grade: Mr. Paul Bloom recently retired from Lawrence Public Schools as one of their Gifted Coordinators. His career has spanned a total of 34 years. He grew up in Fremont, NE attending Lutheran schools through grade 4. His career includes teaching in Germany and Papua New Guinea. Paul is married with three grown daughters. It will be wonderful to have his knowledge and experience, especially with enrichment programs!

Teacher Aide: Jennie Fuhrman will be our teacher aide assisting teachers, especially in grades K and 1 this year. She has served on the Day School Committee for the past couple of years and has stepped down to take this position. Jennie and her husband, Ross, have three children in our school; Emily, Michael, and Riley. Jennie is also an alum of TLS!

Secretary: Karen Swendson is joining our staff after retiring from Topeka Public Schools as an Orchestra Teacher. Twenty plus years of her career was spent in the Salina Public Schools. She has a love of music, which will be wonderful! She is excited to meet our families and the students! Karen recently married Dale Swendson and moved to Muscotah. Dale teaches at Highland Technical School.

We know that our families and church members will make all our new staff feel right at home!