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FROM PASTOR ZIEGLER'S DESK

CALLS AND MEETINGS IN SEPTEMBER



Home	4
Hospital	8
Shut-Ins	2
Meetings & Classes	30
Hours Counseling	7

BAPTISMS

On September 15th, three “little ones” were brought into God’s family through Holy Baptism. They were Weston Clyde Burton, Walker Lea Shewey and Holden Lea Shewey. We welcome these new members of our family and pray God’s continued blessings upon them.

WEDDING

There was one wedding in September. On the 14th, Ashley Nadine Pride and Dalton Wyatt Stalder made their vows in front of Trinity’s altar. We pray God’s continued blessings upon them.

FUNERAL

On September 25th, the Lord called Larry Kiehl to his eternal home. Larry was baptized here at Trinity on January 30, 1955, attended Trinity school and was confirmed here on April 11, 1965. Funeral services were held at Trinity Lutheran, Leavenworth on October 4th. We pray God’s blessings and comfort to Melissa and the family. We remember the words of Jesus, “Because I live, you also will live”.



SCHOOL SPONSORS

As of this writing we have 23 School Sponsors for the 2019-20 school year. We still need 17, our goal is 40. Please remember that a School Sponsor makes a gift of \$200.00 to help a child receive a Christian education at Trinity Lutheran School.

SAVE THE DATE!

At noon on Sunday, October 13th, the Fellowship Committee will be serving Hot Roast Beef Sandwiches, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Corn, desserts and drink. The free-will offering will go to the bus/coach fund for maintenance. Both the food and fellowship will be GREAT! See you there.

MORNING BREAK

Morning Break is now meeting every Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m. The fellowship/Bible study group is now studying Acts. So far, 19 ladies have been present. If you are free on Wednesday morning, please come. You will enjoy.

ELDER/USHER ANNUAL DINNER

The Annual Elder/Usher Steak Dinner will be on Thursday, October 17th, at 6:00 p.m. We have several vacancies on our Usher staff. Please consider serving our Lord in this very important ministry. Please let Bart Lennington know that you are coming, 913-240-7624, for him to have your steak, potato, salad and ice cream ready, he must know you are coming.

TRINITY BOOKSTORE

Have you stopped in our Trinity Bookstore? The new Sunday hours are 8:30 – 9:30 and 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. For special times if you can’t make it on Sundays, please contact Roschelle Bisping.

THANK YOU

And, by the way, thank you to John and Roschelle Bisping who for many years have been the ones who take care of the Church sign, putting up letters, changing the words, washing the sign, etc. They are so quick in keeping the sign current.

And thank you to John Bisping for making a new set of shelves for my office to take care of our DVD's and some books. They really compliment the other shelving in the office. And thank you to Alvin Wehking for giving his Thrivent dollars to this project.

JAIL MINISTRY

Are you aware that Mike Farrell goes to the County jail every Tuesday night to conduct Bible studies in the men's and women's pods? Each week he brings back prayer requests from the prisoners which he places on the table in the prayer room for the Eight-to-Eight Prayer Ministers. Thank you Mike for this very important ministry.

NEW ORGANIST

We have a new young lady playing the organ at our 6:30 p.m. service. She is Hope Giesen, a sophomore and organ student at Benedictine College.

SECOND MILE OFFERING

We are going to have a Second Mile Offering on Sunday, November 3rd. You will receive a letter and envelope for this. Let's pray that every member of Trinity will participate in this. The "TOTAL PICTURE" shows the need.

ANNUAL DAY OF PRAYER

Our Annual Day of Prayer will be on Saturday, November 16th. Our goal is 300 (men, women, teens). Sign up sheets will be in the bulletin starting October 6th. Let's be encouraging one another. Let's make that day a great day of spiritual renewal and revival at Trinity.



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Our Sunday worship attendance is hurting, down to 356 per Sunday, with three services this should not be. Also, we have 378 members who have not been to Holy Communion this year. In September I sent post cards of "invitation and encouragement" to 127 of the above numbers. Five (5) of the 127 came. How can one choose/refuse to worship and come to the Lord's Table? "Do this often in remembrance of Me."

THROUGH THE BIBLE

If you have not been reading Through the Bible with us this year, why not start on October 15th. On October 14th we complete the Old Testament with the reading of Malachi and on the 15th – we begin the New Testament by reading Matthew 1-4.

SOAP

It's not too late to bring SOAP. Our goal is 1,900 bars, if you have not, bring it by Tuesday, October 8th.

Our celebration of the "150th Anniversary of Trinity School" was GREAT!

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

Peace!

Pastor Ziegler

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THE FINANCIAL PICTURE

Home	Needed in 2019	\$ 726,303.63
	Given in 2019	681,058.60
Missions	Needed in 2019	31,987.41
	Given in 2019	24,851.29
Building	Needed in 2019	24,750.79
	Given in 2019	25,928.97

Our HOME budget income took a big drop in September. At the beginning of September we were BEHIND \$35,836.31 in the HOME budget. At the END of September we are BEHIND 45,245.03. This is a drop of \$9,408.72. OUCH! As you can see above we are BEHIND \$7,136.12 in the MISSION budget and we are AHEAD \$1,178.18 in the BUILDING budget. That AHEAD is because of extra giving for the debt on the Garage/Maintenance Building.

Third quarter stewardship reports will be out on October 20th. Please read our report carefully and prayerfully. If you are behind in your pledge, we pray you will be able to catch up. If you have not been giving, we pray that you will, in thanksgiving to your Savior and to support His work here at Trinity.

Also, please look forward to November 3rd. That is when we will have a "2nd Mile Offering". You will receive a letter about this and an envelope for it. Let's pray for a 100% participation by our membership.

Special gifts during September were:

Lutheran World Relief	273.00
School Sponsor Plan	1,455.00
Technology (current) Fund	75.00
Lutheran Heritage Foundation	20.00
Loaves and Fishes	40.00
Flood Offering	2,077.50
Food Pantry	10.00
Funeral Dinners	5.00
Organ Fund	50.00
Fellowship Committee	60.00
Lutheran Hour	35.00
Emergency Fund	70.00
Flower Fund	80.00
Bethesda Home	152.00
Altar Guild	70.00

With these gifts this is how our BENEVOLENCE PICTURE looks:

<u>BENEVOLENCE</u>	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>GIVEN</u>
Bethesda Home	\$ 1,100.00	731.00
Luth. Heritage Found.	600.00	434.00
Lutheran Hour	900.00	1,098.00
Luth. World Relief	3,500.00	2,281.00

We have now made our Lutheran Hour goal, this last quarter, let's work on making the goals set for the other benevolences.

In our "\$119 in '019" Offering this year, 84 families participated, bring a total of \$9,358.57 in gifts. Thank you to all who participated. These gifts will go into Dream Fund III.

As of this writing we have 25 sponsors for our School Sponsor Plan. We need 15 more. Please consider helping a child attend Trinity School by giving a gift of \$200.00 (in one gift or many over several months).

Loyalty Sunday this year will be on Sunday, November 17th. Soon you will be hearing about the challenges of 2020.

A Stewardship Prayer: "Dear Lord, you are so generous to me. Help me to give freely to you. Please open my eyes and heart to the needs of others. Place in me a spirit to live generously. Let your Holy Spirit enable me to fulfill the purpose that you have for me. In Jesus's precious name I pray. Amen."

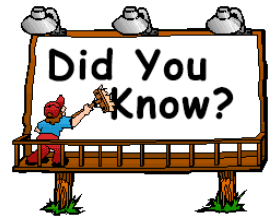
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LOOKING BACK

Ten Years - October 2009

.....Funeral services were held for Betty Cline, 82.
Fellowship Committee took forty-one folks from Trinity to see "Church Basement Ladies-Second Helping", at the New Dinner Theater.

.....Bob Weatherford and David McRae painted the entrance to the old school, brown.



.....On Rally Day, \$1,523.33 in pennies, several jars were taken to the altar.

.....Jessie Miller retired from being "coffee maker".
Debt on the second parsonage was \$71,178.56.
118 families gave \$11,884.50 for "\$109 In '09."

Twenty Years Ago – October 1999

.....Melodi Shaver and Max Bono were married on September 4th.

.....Pastor was having, "Visits with Pastor" on Sunday evenings and Thursday mornings.

.....Esther Ziegler was teaching a T.E.A.M. class, "Pray, Praise, Give Thanks and Party."

.....On Monday nights and Thursday mornings, 36 Kennedy Callers were taking the name of Jesus to the community.

.....New Sunday School Teachers were: Kathy Neill, Lori Trainer, Ledeen Berry, Kristin Smith and Richard Pennington.

Thirty Years Ago – 1989

.....387 children and adults were here in Sunday School and Bible classes on Rally Day.

.....New Kennedy Trainees were: Eric Berry, Joyce Duitsman, Steve Mixon, Tim Neill and Mary Reinke.

.....A new roof was put on the school. Cost was \$4,900 (it wiped out the Emergency Fund). Work was done by John Seetin.

Forty Years Ago – 1979

.....Ernie Schmidt and Ken Buttron mounted the light on the South Mobile to shine on the chancel window. Funds for the light were given by Alice Puliver in memory of Scott.

.....Larry and Doris Guess were confirmed on September 23.

....."Come Together", a musical directed by Jon Schultz, was presented on two evenings to a total of 561 people.

PASTOR REED

Pastor Reed is a new addition to the staff of Trinity Lutheran Church, serving as Associate Pastor. He began his duties on September 1.

Pastor Reed was born and raised just south of San Francisco, California. Unfortunately, his parents didn't take him to church as a boy and he grew up not knowing Jesus and His salvation, though he considered himself to be a Christian.

After High School, he served in the U.S. Navy and visited many countries in the Pacific Ocean, traveling as far south as New Zealand. During one cruise, he remembers the ocean appearing as smooth as glass, with only the ship's wake disturbing the water. On another cruise, he remembers super-size waves caused by a typhon that swept over the sides of the ship.

After the Navy, Pastor Reed worked a few years as a telephone technician in San Francisco. It was during this time that he first heard the Good News about Jesus. Through the ministry of Christians from Holy Spirit Lutheran Church in San Francisco, God gave Pastor Reed the gift of faith in Jesus. He was baptized and confirmed on Christmas Day.

God also gave Pastor Reed the desire to learn how to better tell others the Good News. So, he quit his job to attend Concordia University in Irvine, California, where he met his future wife, Mrs. Laurie Reed, currently Trinity's First Grade teacher. After the Reeds were married, Pastor Reed became a student at Concordia Seminary in Saint Louis, Missouri, and graduated in 1993.

During his 25-years of ministry, Pastor Reed has served churches in Wyoming, California, and Missouri and he still enjoys telling people about Jesus. For the last decade or so, he also served as a chaplain of the Missouri State Highway Patrol and would occasionally ride along with troopers, developing relationship, and hoping for an opportunity to speak the Gospel.

In his spare time, Pastor Reed enjoys woodworking and DIY projects.

Having joined Trinity Lutheran Church's pastoral staff, Pastor Reed is especially excited to be assigned the chaplaincy of Trinity Lutheran School. He is anxious to get to know the names of all the members of Trinity and all the students and parents of our school.

Pastor and Mrs. Reed are delighted to be here in Atchison, serving the Lord and proclaiming the Gospel along with the people of Trinity.

The Reformation

In October we celebrate the Reformation! October 31st is a special day for Lutherans. While most people think of October 31st as Halloween, Lutherans remember this date as "Reformation Day". Why?

On October 31, 1517, an Augustinian monk posted 95 statements for discussion on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. Dr. Martin Luther hoped these 95 statements (i.e. "the Ninety-five Theses") would spark an academic debate within the church on topics such as repentance, indulgences, and other concerns. Church leaders, however, didn't want a debate. Eventually, Luther was excommunicated and judged a heretic. But that didn't stop Luther.

Luther's reforms centered on three solas (sola is Latin for alone): sola Scriptura (Scripture alone), sola gratia (grace alone), and sola fide (faith alone). Luther preached, taught, wrote and debated that a sinner is justified by God's grace alone, through faith in Jesus Christ alone, as revealed in the Scriptures alone. Luther's work sparked religious reforms throughout Germany and in many European countries. The Gospel is powerful! Romans 1:16, *"I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes."*

Although there were many notable events during Luther's life and course of the Reformation, today we look at October 31st as Reformation Day because in 1667 (150 years after Luther posted the Ninety-five Theses), elector John George II of Saxony designated this day to commemorate Luther's work of pointing Christians to the joy of the Gospel. May we always recall the blessings of the Reformation, especially on October 31st.



A THANK YOU NOTE FROM PASTOR AND LAURIE REED

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you" (Philippians 1:3). THANK YOU! My wife and I are moved by your warm welcome to Trinity! It has been great getting to know you. During the stress and hecticness of the move to Atchison, we were calmed by the many welcoming and smiling helpers who came to unload our stuff and move our heavy furniture into the parsonage. We were impressed by the men of Trinity who braved the steep, curved parsonage stairs lugging our heavy things upstairs. We were humbled by the people who helped get the parsonage ready for us (painting, cleaning, etc.) and who aided Laurie in August to set things up and take care of the occasional crisis (e.g. our dog running away in a storm, who by the way was found) while I was still packing up our stuff in Missouri. We are grateful for those who loaned or gave window AC units when the outside unit failed. Et cetera, et cetera, et cetera... Please accept our sincere appreciation! And now, as we move forward, thank you for your ongoing patience as Laurie and I get to know you and learn your names. We are glad we are here at Trinity and look forward to working together with you, for the glory of the Lord and the salvation of the lost!

We thank you. In Christ's name,
Pastor and Laurie Reed

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT AND CHILI COOKOFF

Saturday, October 19th, at St. Pat's Church, there will be a Cornhole Tournament (2 divisions: competitive \$40.00 a team and social \$30.00 a team). Registration at 9:00 a.m. Bags in the air at 10:00 a.m. Chili Cookoff, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.. Entry fee is 6 quarts of chili. For \$5.00 you can come taste chili and judge. To enter the Cornhole Tournament, contact Jody Wilburn at 426-0647; and the Chili Cookoff, call Johnette Clark, 426-2123. Proceeds go to the Joel Wilburn Memorial Scholarship.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Fifty years ago, October 1969, we started the Trinity Lutheran School Endowment Fund.

There were twelve "charter" givers to the fund: Larry Kruger, Pastor Ziegler, Harvey Buckley, Karl Ohlmann, Nelson Welsh, Bill Zabel, Ted Buddenbohm, Durel Seetin, Bill Niemann, Ernie Schmidt, Don Kempin and Bob Volk. Their gifts added together amounted to \$635.00. Since then the Lord has blessed this fund. Today, October 3rd, 2019, the fund has "given" assets of \$1,520,062.14.

We received our first dividend from the fund on March 31, 1970. It was from Allegheny Power System, Inc., and the amount was \$3.30. 1970 was the first full year that we received interest and dividends from the fund's investments. That amount that year was \$191.95. In 2018 dividend and interest income was \$160,679.98.

What a GREAT BLESSING this fund has been to our Trinity School. It has helped pay teachers salaries. Teacher education, purchased carpeting, audio-visual equipment, VCR, videos, books, tables, chairs, desks, overhead projection, computers, software, filing cabinets, lowered ceilings and light fixtures in the old school, tuck-pointed the new building, purchased air-conditioners, paid moving expenses for teachers, LEA conventions and memberships, and MORE and MORE.

The following men are on the Endowment Board which oversees the fund and makes investment decisions: Ron Estes, chairman; Ed Bosshammer, secretary; Bryan Becker, treasurer; Don Kempin, Scott Taft, Adam Goodpasture and Pastor Ziegler. Others who have served on this Board in the past were: Ted Schmidt, Floyd Ruhnke, Bob Volk, Francis Burchett, Roy Estes, Hank Schlattman, Larry Kruger, Jim Duitsman, Lou Boknecht, Ron Graham. Betty Jamison-Sowers was our dividend income treasurer, Monica Donaldson fills that position.

In the next couple of months, we are going to send a 50th Anniversary letter and leaflet to all who have attended or been part of Trinity School. In thanksgiving for 50 years of blessings we will be asking for a generous gift. Our goal is \$50,000 for 50 years.

Looking to the future, let's pray God's continued blessings upon this very important fund. THANK you to ALL who through the years have so generously remembered this fund with gifts, memorials and bequests.

Health Note for October 2019

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I really liked this nurse's article. I know enjoying nature is probably not everyone's "cup of tea", but for some, being out in God's creation is a wonderful way to connect with our Creator. The nurse who wrote the article didn't list her sources for the conclusions she came to about the benefits of spending time enjoying God's creation. However, for me at least, her conclusions ring true.

Blessings,
Marcene Selberg RN, parish nurse

The Nurture of Nature

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. (Genesis 1:1) ***God called the dry ground 'land' and the gathered waters 'seas'. And God saw that it was good. Then God said 'Let the land produce vegetation; seed bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it according to their various kinds'. And God saw that it was good.*** (Genesis 1:10, 11)

Reading on in Genesis, after creating living creatures for the water, land and sky, and creating mankind in his own image, God saw that all he had created was very good, as stated in Genesis 1:31. God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. God created the heavens and the earth, clean air, light, the sea, lakes, rivers, streams, mountains, meadows, forests; sea creatures, birds and animals to inhabit the earth, and humans to enjoy and care for this world.

It seems only natural then that getting outdoors to experience and appreciate nature ... to pause to give God glory ... to pray and meditate in his creation ... to allow his created beauty to nurture us, has been proven to benefit us physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually in many ways.

Be still and know that I am God. (Psalm 46:10)

Studies have found that getting into nature settings for relaxation and renewal decreases anxiety, stress, anger and depression. Levels of serotonin increase to help improve mood, focus, memory, self-esteem and energy levels. Quiet time in nature boosts creativity and increases problem-solving abilities. It can nudge our brains into new thoughts. The emotion of awe gives a mental boost and drives the benefits of physical, mental, social and spiritual well-being. Being around or with others in a natural setting adds a sense of community, sharing and social connection.

Physical benefits are numerous. Sunlight helps us produce Vitamin D, which is important for such things as bone health, a strong immune system, absorption of minerals such as calcium and phosphorous and other essential functions. Spending time outdoors can help in maintaining healthy weight. People are more likely to increase movement and exercise because it's easy and convenient to just walk out the door. Walking in the push of the wind and on uneven terrain, biking or gardening, all help to burn more calories. Exercise, along with light and dark cycles, help to adjust our internal clock, allowing for better sleep, adding even more health benefits to getting outdoors. Related and connected benefits to all of the above, are decreased inflammation, lowered blood sugar, cholesterol; lowered incidence of stroke, heart disease, cancer, asthma and improved management of pain.

He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside quiet waters. He restores my soul. (Psalm 23:2, 3)

The presence of water has been found to enhance the many positive effects of being in nature. In one study, students were found to have less near-sightedness. Also, stress hormones and blood pressure, lung and kidney disease were reduced. Memory and brain health were found improved. Healing took place faster and reported pain levels were lower.

Time spent outdoors can support health care and therapies, save costs, decrease the use of medications, and increase productivity at work and school. Wellness and reported overall health are improved. God rested at Creation, and Jesus took time to rest and renew. May we find peace, gratitude, joy and renewal as we take time and opportunity to be nurtured in God's awesome creation!

Dottie Simon RN, Parish Nurse
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Round 'em Up Rally Sunday

It was a “Giddy Up Good Time” at Trinity’s Sept. 15th Rally Sunday. Our Sunday School teachers “Rounded Up” the cowboys and cowgirls with bandannas in hand from the good “ole saddle bag”.

Bible time was led by the group teacher with their “Circle of Friends”. Our Bible verse was taken from the book of Psalms, chapter 34 verse 7 – God sets up a circle of protection around us. We hit the trail with our trail mix snack from the Rally Sunday Chuck Wagon. A big YEEHAW goes out to our Preschoolers on their “Trail Ride” of fun. Kindergarten-grade 2 were reminded that we can always go to God in prayer – over and over again as He listens and answers us too. A special thank you to Mike Lowe, Robert Frisbie, and Phil Sinclair for sharing some rope tricks with grades 3-8.

On a walk to the “pasture”, we met our guest Cowboy Mike Twombly and his wife Judy. Cowboy Twombly showed the kids how to lasso and shared why lassoing is important for bringing in and caring for those in need. A roped off corral for the horse named Katie and her foal was a real “Yippee ki-yay” for all the kids to see. Joey the family dog also made the trip to Trinity.

A special thank you to James Collins for bringing “Sugar” to Rally Sunday. This miniature horse was a real “treat” of sweetness for all of us. She dressed the part in her red bandanna too!

Our high school class certainly “Circled Around” and helped in setting up, being the teachers’ “right-hand man”, and clearing the pasture. Thank you to the Parish Ed. Comm. for helping make this a Rally Sunday to remember!

Have you ever felt that you were OUT of the LOOP - AT the END of YOUR ROPE? God’s love and protection circles around us in good and in bad times. With God there is no ending - the Word of God lasts forever.



**You are always welcome to join us at Trinity Lutheran Sunday School
9:15 every Sunday morning.**

**Sylvia Thompson
Sunday School Coordinator**

IN NEED OF HOME HEALTH CARE ASSISTANCE?

Are you looking for assistance with an elderly member of your family who wishes to stay in their home? Someone you can trust with their care and needs...? Someone with a **Caring Heart** and a **Gentle Touch** that you can **Count On**...? Then I’m that individual...CSM Home Health Care, LLL. I offer many solutions in helping meet the needs of you and your family member! If you would like a consultation to create a plan of action for your loved one, you can reach me at: 913/426-5212. Thank you, Connie McRae.

BIG THANKS to everyone who attended our 150th Celebration for our school!! It was great to see so many familiar faces, renew friendships, catch up on news, and share stories about Trinity Lutheran School!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: TLS Walk-a-Thon will be October 19th.

On October 20th TLS students and families will be holding a Walkathon. Themed “150 Miles for 150 years”. The students and families will be walking together at TLS in celebration of 150 years at Trinity. All donations raised by students and business sponsors will go toward the playground fund to purchase new equipment. The goal for this year is to raise \$6000. Thank you for your support!!

TEACHERS ATTEND LEA:

TLS teachers will head for St. Louis on October 10th for the Lutheran Education Association (LEA) Convocation. This thirteenth triennial convocation provides professional growth, worship, and fellowship opportunities designed for educators in Lutheran schools and other educational agencies at all levels.

We are looking forward to learning new instructional strategies and meeting educators from across the country! Thank you to the congregation for all its support through our fundraiser!

Upcoming Dates:

- October 1 NO Early Release
- October 9-11 NO School (LEA)
- October 18/19 Parent-Teacher Conferences

Students ‘Coding’ Activity



150th PSALM 150 POSTER

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the LORD.



Happy October! Happy Reformation! (a little early)

We have been busy in 5th and 6th grade! We painted sunflowers using the bouquets of sunflowers in my room. The students had several options as I have quite a few sunflowers in my room 😊! (Stop by and see them hanging by our room.) We then wrote paragraphs describing the paintings. Each picture was able to be identified by the description students wrote.

We have been studying classification in Science. We learned about each kingdom and now are focusing on the Animal kingdom. Students are working on animal reports and stories. We are planning a trip to the Topeka Zoo to wrap up our animal studies.

We love studying spelling words on Spelling City - a website with games and activities. We also use Quizlet - another website - to study vocabulary words for Reading, Science, and Social Studies. We played Quizlet Live for the first time. It is a game format where the students are placed on teams to answer questions. It gets a little rowdy during the games as students collaborate on (shout out) answers with their teammates!

We continue to celebrate Trinity’s 150th year - still praising God every day! We look forward to 150 more days of school this year (give or take - but who’s counting?!). Thank you for your continued support and prayers for our school!

Jill Lowe, 5th/6th Grade Teacher

Jail Ministry

Jail Ministry? Why jail ministry? Does Jesus truly want His followers to go behind bars and minister to people who have committed serious crimes?

".....For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" MATTHEW 25:34-40

Most every Tuesday night for the last three years I have gone to the Atchison County Jail to do a Bible Study. It seemed like a natural extension of what I had done for twenty-three years. Some of you know I taught at the Atchison Juvenile Correctional Facility. My students were juvenile delinquent middle school and high school age boys. They were imprisoned for anything and everything that adults were incarcerated for. So, when I was getting close to full retirement I started looking for ways to serve. Jail ministry seemed like a good fit.

Also, what led me to Jail Ministry was my wife Lois and her commitment to serve the incarcerated through a program called "Angel Tree". Some of you here at Trinity have been recruited by her for this program. In a nutshell, this is what Angel Tree does: Volunteers from an organization called Prison Fellowship go into a prison and ask prisoners (mothers and fathers) if they have a child at home that they would like to send a Christmas present to, in their name. Volunteers in the prisoner's community buy gifts for these children and deliver them in their incarcerated parent's name, along with "The Good News" of Jesus' birth found in the book of Luke.



So here I am three years into this. Tuesday nights from roughly 8:00 to 10:00 PM I go and present the Gospel. I bring the hope of a loving, merciful, graceful God to those who are feeling hopeless, unloved and full of shame. The looks on their faces sometimes when God's word penetrates their guilty, hurting soul is a Divine experience. God just touched a soul. There are three dorms called Pods at the jail A and B Pods are for men and C is for women. I see them one Pod at a time. They come into a central recreation area. It is optional for them to attend, I will see anywhere from 5 to 20 individuals a night. I also give them a blank note card to write a prayer on. I explain that I take their prayers back to our Prayer Ministry. Those of you in 8 to 8 give these people hope and encouragement by your praying for them. I invite them to come to our church when they get out. Some of them have told me they would. I have not had a taker yet. I provide them a Bible if they need one. We pray together, we read scripture together and the last thing we do is sing a hymn. It is amazing to me how enthusiastically they sing when they don't know the melody. We make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

Mike Farrell

Prison
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Martin Luther and Reformation

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