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FROM PASTOR ZIEGLER'S DESK

CALLS AND MEETINGS IN OCTOBER



Home	5
Hospital	5
Shut-Ins	3
Meetings & Classes	28
Hours Counseling	7

BAPTISM

On October 20th, Trevor Dwight Peuker, son of Keith and Paulyanne (Cooper) Peuker was received into the Trinity family through Holy Baptism. We welcome Trevor and pray God's continued blessings upon him.

WEDDING

On October 5th, Reagan Whitney Maxwell and Dustin Alan Falk were united in marriage here at Trinity. Deacon Mike Carney was the officiant. On October 19th, Megan Fay Blazic and Austin Lee Hamilton made their marriage vows before Trinity's altar. Pastor Ziegler was the officiant. We pray God's continued blessings upon these couples.

150th ANNIVERSARY

As you know, on September 28-29, we celebrated the 150th Anniversary of Trinity School. Saturday evening, there was a Social Gathering at Bellevue Country Club. On Sunday, my message was "Trinity School: Past, Present and Future". At noon, in the gym, we had a wonderful meal. Some 200 people were present. Our speaker, Rev. Dr. Brian Friedrich, brought an excellent message. Jennie Williamson, from Nashville entertained and inspired with her music and witnessing. We were really glad to see and welcome

former teachers, Ralph and Anita Geisler, Bob Johnson, Kristine Sharp, Mary Miller, Carene McCorkle, Joyce Duitsman, Tohnya Aversman, Frank Parris, Ella Lehl. We also welcomed many former students. THANK YOU to the committee that gave many hours and much work to make it all happen: Tim and Lisa Brookover, Tim and Sara Becker, Bart and Joy Lennington, Tom and Julie Wilson, and Adam and Rachel Goodpasture.

SCHOOL SPONSORS

As of this writing we have 32 School Sponsors for the 2019-20 school year. We still need 8, 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.

ELDER/USHER ANNUAL DINNER

Some 40 men gathered on October 17th, for the Annual Elder/Usher Steak Dinner. Thanks to Bart Lennington and his helpers who fried the steaks, baked the potatoes and worked hard to once again make this a great event.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

On October 11th, Bob Williams and Bob Weatherford took 247 quilts, 44 adult and 29 baby fleece blankets, 2,142 bars of soap, 51 baby care kits and 50 school kits to Topeka to be shipped to Lutheran World Relief. In all of the above there was lots and lots of working and giving by many, many people in the congregation. Thanks to each and all. Please NOTE the number of bars of soap. Our goal was 1,800.



ANNUAL DAY OF PRAYER

Saturday, November 16th, is our Annual Day of Prayer. As of this writing (Monday, Oct. 28) 132 people have signed up to come to pray. On this day, we come to the church and sit in the pews with brothers and sisters, to pray. We have pages of petitions and thanksgivings that you use for your praying. We do not pray out loud. We begin on the hour and end on the hour. We still have a couple of Sundays to sign up. Let me encourage you to join your Trinity brothers and sisters to pray.

Also, the next day, November 17th, will be a big day. First, it is Loyalty Sunday. The day when we bring our pledges to the altar, looking forward to the doing of the Lord's work in 2020. At noon that day, we will have our annual Thanksgiving Dinner, planned and prepared by our Fellowship Committee. The folks on that committee always do a GREAT job. Plan now to be here for all.

THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving comes later this year. Services will be Thanksgiving Eve at 7:00 p.m. and Thanksgiving Morn at 9:00 a.m. The offering will go to the home budget.

Our first advent service will be on Wednesday, December 4th, 7:00 p.m. Pastor Reed will be bringing our Advent messages.

ON A PERSONAL NOTE

I was in Marcus, Iowa on September 30th and October 1st for the funeral of my niece, Charlie Nelson, 31. And on Thursday and Friday, October 24-25, I was in St. Louis at Concordia Seminary to celebrate my 60th year since graduation. At Charlie's funeral, I met again family members whom I had not seen for some time and at the Seminary I met classmates whom I had not seen for years. Funerals and class reunions are always bittersweet experiences.

On October 17th, Pastor Reed, Marcene Selberg, Diane Schletzbaum, Jeremy Blanton and I went to the Westside Family Church in Lenexa to hear a presentation, "Reclaiming Irresistible", by Andy Stanley. To say the least, it was very good.

HOLY COMMUNION

We still have 371 members who have not been to Holy Communion this year. Some of them are your children, your brothers, your sisters, your cousins, your friends. Please, pray for them, encourage, plead, beg, show them that you care, invite them to come with you. To

say "no" to the Lord's Supper is to say "no" to the Lord Jesus Himself. He bids us "come".

One final note: please remember our 2nd Mile offering, next Sunday, November 3rd. The need is REAL, and it is BIG. Please use the envelope you received in the mail and please read the letter you received and think about all that it says.

Pray for all that is happening at Trinity in November. 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	\$ 800,796.31
	Given in 2019	746,775.61
Missions	Needed in 2019	35,268.17
	Given in 2019	27,363.14
Building	Needed in 2019	27,289.23
	Given in 2019	29,601.83

Our HOME budget income took another big drop in October, some \$9,000. At the end of the month we are BEHIND \$54,020.70 in the HOME budget. Our MISSION budget also took a hit, we are BEHIND \$7,905.03 in it. We are AHEAD \$2,312.60 in the BUILDING budget. This is because included in it are extra gifts received for the garage debt.

The shortage above is the reason for the 2nd Mile Offering. We are praying that EVERY MEMBER will participate in this special effort. To be a member of a congregation is to be responsible for the Lord's work in that congregation. Even if you are living away from the congregation, away from Atchison, that responsibility is still yours.

Special gifts during October were:

Bethesda Home	30.00
Lutheran World Relief	250.00
School Sponsor Plan	1,400.00
Playground Fund	50.00
Operation Christmas Child	29.00
Lutheran Hour	30.00
Emergency Fund	30.00
Technology (current) Fund	11.00
Loaves and Fishes	60.00
Garage Fund	30.00
Organ Fund	50.00
Lutheran Heritage Foundation	5.00
Gideon Society	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	761.00
Luth. Heritage Found.	600.00	439.00
Lutheran Hour	900.00	1,128.00
Luth. World Relief	3,500.00	2,531.00

As you can see, we have made our Lutheran Hour goal. Let's be praying and giving so that we can make the goals we've set for the other benevolences. Each is so very important.

The debt on the Garage/Maintenance building now stands at \$46,336.09.

The Gideons were here on October 6th to tell about their work of Bible distribution. Through the door offering we received \$650.91.

In our "\$119 in 19" offering this year 84 families participated, bringing a total of \$9,358.57 in gifts. Thank you to all who participated. These gifts have been put into Dream Fund III, which is invested in the Lutheran Church Extension Fund.

Please be praying for Loyalty Sunday, that all of our members will be present, that each will see his or her responsibility as a member of Trinity, that each will realize how important his/her pledge is to the ongoing ministry of our Lord here at Trinity. November 17th is Loyalty Sunday.

Please be sure to read "Challenge 2020".

I'll close with these thought-provoking words of Dr. Donald Barnhouse, one of the great preachers of the 20th Century: "If by our giving, souls may be saved on the other side of the world, if by our giving, young people may be saved who then carry the torch of truth into the next generation, then when our control of money fails, when death relaxes our hold upon the possessions to which we have so tightly held, we shall find on the other side in the presence of God, those whom we have blessed with our gifts, the souls who have been reached through all we have expended for the Lord, those who have been blessed through the teaching of the Word because we gave – these will be there to welcome us in reception to our rewards." Jesus put it like this: "I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings."

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CHALLENGE: 2020

From the letter you received about our 2nd Mile Offering, you already know something of the challenge we are looking at in 2020. Let me repeat a paragraph from that letter: "In calling pastors and teachers in the last two years we have found that our salaries are not what they should be. Some of our calls were turned down because of 'salary too low'. Our salaries were at 78% of the LCMS Kansas District salary scale. We have made a commitment to raise our salaries to 83% of the District scale which means a \$1,715 raise for each of our professional workers. This will begin January 1st." This increase will bring our starting salary to \$28,515.00. On top of this, of course, are the benefits of health insurance, retirement plan, life insurance, and social security.

Our workers are scheduled to receive a 2% raise. Other increases in the budget are very few and they are minimal.

Which brings us to this. The proposed total budget for 2020 is \$1,037,623.00. Because of some savings in the area of insurance, it is actually some \$7,000 less than our 2019 budget. However, estimated income for 2018 was \$55,000 less than the budget. Our challenge is to make this up plus cover some less in tuition money.

Finally, it is good to know this, and we want everyone to know and understand our financial picture. BUT, the budget does not determine our giving. What determines my giving is my Lord's giving to me. He determines my giving. It begins with the tithe and then goes on as the Lord blesses.

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.

LOOKING BACK

Ten Years - November 2009

.....For the 2nd Mile Offering, 87 members brought \$14,165.00

.....October 23 the Trinity Harvest Potluck was held at the farm home of Mike and Terry Mills. There was lots of food, a spook house, hayrack ride, giant bon fire and the little train.

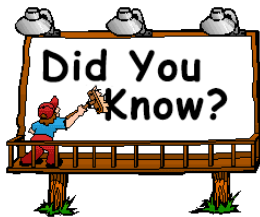
.....The Annual Usher/Elder Steak dinner was held on October 22.

.....We sent 824 bars of soap, 329 quilts and 27 layettes to World Relief.

.....73 members completed 4 courses in our T.E.A.M. Program.

.....New Kennedy Callers were Mike Farrell and Steve Barnett.

.....Debt on the second parsonage was \$69,527.04. Interest rate was 5.875%



Twenty Years Ago – 1999

.....Jennifer Johnson and Tom Brincefield were married.

.....Esther Barg accepted our Call to be Director of Christian Education.

.....The Globe had an article about our proposed Trinity Place.

.....Justin Lutz became an Eagle Scout.

Thirty Years Ago – 1989

.....Darlene Sowers and Esther Ziegler spent a weekend in Washington D.C., visiting Steve Sowers.

.....Members of the 7th and 8th grade volleyball team were: Heather Ashton, Joni Brown, Lisa Bruna, Ronell Davis, Teresa Hetz, Jennifer Johnson, Carrie Theurer and Mandy VanGaasbeek.

.....82 people completed the T.E.A.M. class "School of Prayer".

Forty Years Ago – 1979

.....Pastor Ziegler quit smoking.

.....Xu Guyon came to live with the Ziegler's.

.....Marie Kiehl, Beverly Bareiss and Jody Jacobson were teaching Old Testament Bethel courses.

.....Funeral services were held for Jim Christian and Walter Braun.

Fifty Years Ago – 1969

The Trinity Lutheran School Endowment fund was established.

LOOKING IN THE MIRROR

Do I like what I see?

The world would say it's all about me

But Lord I know that's just not true

For in the end it's all about You

You are the one who created me

You died on the cross to set me free

You are the one who lives in me

Guide me, Holy Trinity

Let my heart be beautiful

Shining with your love

Let my life be fruitful, Lord

Bound for heaven above

By: Allison Arends

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UPCOMING Events

November 8th, Chili/Soup Supper 5:30-7:30 p.m.

November 16th, Annual Day of Prayer
8:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

November 17th, Loyalty Sunday
Thanksgiving Dinner (Noon)

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

November 27th, Wednesday evening, at 7:00 p.m.

November 28th, Thursday morning, at 9:00 a.m.
(Holy Communion)

ADVENT SERVICES

Advent Services will be Wednesday evenings:
December 4th, 11th, and 18th, at 7:00 p.m.

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE WHEN

For many, Social Security is a vital income source.

But it can be a confusing topic and making the most of it has a lot to do with when you apply for benefits. Attend Social Security: Timing is Everything to get answers to your questions and learn what Social Security can mean for you.

EVENT DETAILS

Wednesday, November 13th, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

Atchison Event Center

710 S. 9th Street, Atchison, Kansas



RESERVE YOUR PLACE TODAY

Please call: 913-367-0700 by November 11th.

Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. and the program will start at 6:30 p.m.

This session is hosted by Jennifer Maxwell, FIC and Alex P. Gehring, FIC.

Dear Members and Friends of Trinity:

This month we have a special day set aside to thank God for all His gifts. Christians, however, should not need a special day for this; Christians should always be thankful people, always thanking God in their prayers. Nevertheless, it's nice to have a day designated for this (Thanksgiving Day) and together express our thankfulness to God in God's house. This month we'll do the same with prayer. Christians don't need a special day set aside for them to pray. But it is nice to have one! This month we have a special day set aside to pray together as members of Trinity Lutheran Church. Have you signed up for Trinity's special day of prayer on November 16th? If not, I urge you to do so.

Thankfulness. We do not enter this world as thankful people. Little children are not thankful by birth or by nature. So, one of the jobs of parents is to teach their children to say, "thank you" and be thankful. And a wise parent doesn't assume this lesson is learned after teaching it once. A wise parent reinforces this lesson repeatedly. Dear parents, how often have you prompted and admonished your children to say, "thank you"? Many times! You likely do that without thinking about it. But teaching this consistently, you will begin to see your children saying, "thank you" and showing thankfulness without your prompting. Good job, mom and dad! Keep up the good work!

As adults we learned this lesson long ago. And now, many times throughout the day we respond with "thank you" for both large and small kindnesses.

Still regardless of age, Christians are always children: "the children of God." And as children we need to be taught and urged and reminded and admonished and prompted over and over again to be thankful and actually say "thank you" to God for large and small blessings.

Many Christians have commented that prayer is one of the most difficult works God has given them to do. Yet, I suspect it is even harder for us to thank God in prayer for His blessings. I don't mean praying a prayer something like, "Thank you God for all the good things You give to me. Amen." No, I mean calling these things to mind, specifically naming in our prayers these good things that come from God's hand, and actually thanking God for these gifts.

Consider some of the good things that come from God's hand. Dr. Martin Luther provided a wonderful list of them his explanation to the Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer, *"Give us this day our daily bread."* *"Daily bread"* Luther wrote, *"includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like."*

Wow! God gives us all these things "and the like," that means many, many more good things! We should thank God for all these things in our prayers! And as Luther pointed out, that this is precisely why Jesus gives us a petition about daily bread. *"God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this* (that is, realize where these gifts come from) *and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving."*

Still, if it is hard for us to thank God in prayer for the good things He gives, how much harder is it for us to thank God for those things we consider to be not so good? And yes, the Bible tells us, we are to thank God for those things as well. We are to thank God "always" and "for everything" and "in all circumstances" (see Ephesians 5:20, Philippians 4:6, and 1Thessalonians 5:18).

Think about the origin of our national day of Thanksgiving. The Pilgrims went through a brutal first winter in the new world. Nearly half their number died from exposure and illness. But after the next harvest they gave thanks to God! The Pilgrims thanked God even after burying many family members and friends! Only Christians can give thanks to God after undergoing bitter trials!

Christians thank God always and for everything and in all circumstances because God assures His people that He works all things for their good (Romans 8:28). God's power is awesome! Trusting God's power to bring good out of bad makes us "more than conquerors" (Romans 8:37). Christians are not only the children of God, they are brothers and sisters of Him who died and rose again. Christians trust their risen Savior, that He gives them eternal life! And nothing is able to separate us from the love of God that is in the Lord Jesus (Romans 8:39)!

That's why we are always thankful people and thank God for everything.

Blessings, Pastor Reed

Health Note for November 2019

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Do I have a cold or the flu?

We will soon be in the midst of cold and flu season and there are so many questions that arise over the differences between the two.

Questions such as:

- When should I see a healthcare provider?
- How long should I stay home from work, school, and church?
- Are there medications to help me feel better?
- Why doesn't the healthcare provider give me an antibiotic?

When Should I See a Healthcare Provider?

Some of the symptoms are very similar such as sore throat, stuffy or runny nose, and sneezing, they may be seen in both colds and flu. However, there are some important differences. With a cold you may get mild aches and pains, mild to moderate cough, and sometimes fatigue. With the flu, aches and pains are present and often severe, cough can be severe, you will feel fatigued, have a fever and headache, and occasionally a sore throat, sneezing and a stuffy or runny nose. Both colds and flu can make one feel really bad. Generally, flu symptoms come on in hours instead of days and are more severe than cold symptoms such as running a fever of 101 degrees or more. If in doubt as to which you have, call your health care provider.

How Long Should I Stay Home?

A good rule of thumb is to stay home for a minimum of 24 hours AFTER symptom are gone.

Are There Medications to Help Me Feel Better?

For colds, use medication to treat the symptoms, i.e. Ibuprofen and cough drops. Also get lots of rest and drink lots of water, tea, etc.

For flu, if you are diagnosed early, you may be prescribed Tamiflu or a similar medication to shorten the duration of the flu and reduce symptoms.

Why Doesn't the Healthcare Provider Give Me an Antibiotic?

This is a great teaching point! Antibiotics are prescribed for *bacterial* infections. Colds and flu are caused by *viruses*. The exception to this would be if the person develops pneumonia as a complication of the flu virus.

Finally, and most importantly, frequent handwashing is not only good hygiene, but it is imperative to stop the spread of colds and flu.

Sue Neff, RN

Parish Nurse, San Diego, California, USA

Most clinics and hospitals and many other public places offer hand sanitizers and/or disinfectant wipes. I advise taking advantage of these. I also agree with Sue Neff that the single most important thing you can do to prevent colds and flu is frequent handwashing and CDC recommends everyone over the age of 6 months get a flu vaccine.

Blessings,

Marcene Selberg RN, parish nurse

TLS ANNUAL CHILI-SOUP SUPPER:

TLS Annual Chili Soup Supper will be held on Friday, November 8th from 5:30-7:30 in the TLS Cafeteria. Cost of a meal is \$5 and includes a bowl of chili or soup, drink, and dessert.

Attendees will have an opportunity to bid on **Silent Auction** items. In previous years the Silent Auction has been a huge success with hot ticket items such as *reserved* front row seats at the PK-2 Christmas Program and the TLS Circus.

Proceeds of this event will help support student activities and enrichment throughout the year.

Fall Mathletics was on October 24 @ St. Paul Lutheran in St. Joseph, MO.

Mathletics is a fun-filled math challenging way for students to compete against their peers from other schools. The questions focus on improving mental arithmetic skills as well as reinforcing concepts taught in class.

Certificates are awarded to all the participants and medals for the top performing Mathletes. There will be another competition next spring. Congratulations to those who received medals!

Teams:

4th: Briahna Collins, Ryker Diebolt, Evan Myer PLACED THIRD

5th: Lola Handke, Chloe Brincefield, Derek Blanton

7th: Gavin Moore, Cassidy Blanton, Max Lopez PLACED THIRD

8th: Emily Fuhrman and Preston Blakley

ACADEMIC MEET @ CALVARY:

Two teams from Trinity Lutheran competed against 6/7/8 graders from other league schools on October 29th at Calvary Lutheran School. *Results not available at time of newsletter printing.*

Content will include history, science, religion, math, literature, music, current events, and general trivia.

Team 1: Daniel Wagner, Cassidy Blanton, Max Lopez, Lorene Peuker, Michael Fuhrman, and Grayson Moore

Team 2: Emily Fuhrman, Preston Blakley, Gavin Moore, Kaden Burge, Eli Harper, and Jackson Blakley

WALKATHON RESULTS: WOW!

The Walkathon was a SUCCESS! We raised over \$5000 in donations!! Thank you to all the families and students that supported our fundraiser!!

Students earned: Extra Dress Down Day, Extra Recess with Ice Cream Treat, Movie and Popcorn Day AND Pizza Party for Students!

Lisa Brookover, principle

Greetings,

Hope everyone is spending some time outside now that Fall is here. This fits in with Preschool. How? We have learned about Creation from the book of Genesis. We also learned a song that has a verse for each day of Creation. We ended our study with our Creation party. It was a great time. We had wonderful snacks and they looked so cute. We also played some games.

Preschool has also been learning their Numbers, we're up to #9. One more to go. We just finished learning our eight Shapes. They have also been learning Colors. Of course, we can't forget our letters. We are half way through the alphabet. They learn recognition and sound.

We have also learned about apples and are now learning about pumpkins. Before Thanksgiving, we will have a "Corn Party". They will learn about all the things made from corn and then bring something to share made from corn.

We have a great time playing in the classroom, dancing to music, singing songs and playing outside. Very soon, I will teach them about instruments I have and how they are played. Then they will get to pick what they wish to play. It's very loud, but it's always a great time.

**Happy Fall and God's Blessings,
From, Mrs. Trainer, Mrs. Harden,
3yr. Preschool**



