

The

# Newsletter

Of

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Reverend Robert Ziegler and Reverend Marty Reed

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### FROM PASTOR ZIEGLER'S DESK

#### CALLS AND MEETINGS IN March



Home	3
Hospital	2
Shut-Ins	5
Meetings & Classes	25
Hours Counseling	4

### FUNERALS

In March, we had no baptisms or marriages. However, we did have two funeral services, both held here in the church. On March 14<sup>th</sup>, services were held for Lloyd "Nub" Schrader, 82. Nub became a member of Trinity through Adult Confirmation on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013. He was faithful every Sunday in his worship, almost always at the 6:30 service. There was quite the article about Nub on the front page of the Globe. Besides farming he drove the school bus for Effingham for 47 years. We pray our Lord's comfort to Mary and the family.

On March 18<sup>th</sup>, funeral services were held for Linda Higley, 75. Linda was confirmed in 1961 in Colorado Springs. After moving to Atchison in the 1970's she was an active and devoted member here at Trinity. She completed the Adult Inquirer's Class in 1978, was a Kennedy Caller, a member of Pastor's Adult Bible Class and a choir member and soloist for all of her years here. For many years she sang "Were you There" during our Tenebrae Service. We pray God's blessing to Pam and Bill and the rest of the family. "Because I live, you shall also live."

### UNCERTAIN TIMES

To say the least, these are extraordinary and very uncertain times. Because it is so hard to plan for tomorrow, we will not be sending a calendar with this Newsletter. Last Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, Trinity had its first-ever streamed worship service. Thank you to Jeremy Blanton and all who worked with him to make this possible. Several hundred people watched this abbreviated service. We will continue to do this as long as the stay-at-home orders and limited gathering rules are in place. Instead of four Easter Services one will be streamed. 7,000 homes in our area will receive our Easter Invitation listing four services. This mailing was planned and paid for before any of the virus limitations were ever suggested. At this time, we are also planning to stream the Good Friday service at 7:00 p.m.

Thank you to all who have brought or sent their offerings to the church office. Although little is happening right now at 8<sup>th</sup> and Laramie and 8<sup>th</sup> and Kearney, expenses and salaries continue. So please, continue to send or bring your offerings.

Besides the streaming, please remember our KAIR Broadcast at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Also, watch Facebook for announcements, changes, etc.

Finally, continue to pray God's guidance, protection and blessings during this time, that a medical answer will soon be found, that in the meantime we may find in Him the strength and courage and hope we need day-by-day. The following prayer was sent from our District Office: "Lord God, you have called Your

servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

### KAIR RADIO BROADCASTS

We are almost there. We now have 49 KAIR Broadcast Sponsors for 2020. We need 52. Cost is \$50.00 per Sunday.

### SCHOOL ENDOWMENT

Remember? On January 25<sup>th</sup>, we mailed 598 letters to former students of Trinity School, plus friends. The letter contained the sermon I preached on the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the school, plus a brochure about the School Endowment Fund, plus a request to give to our goal of raising \$50,000 for the Fund. Please note the SPECIAL REPORT about all of this elsewhere in the Newsletter. If your name is not yet listed, we are praying that it soon will be. If you have had children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews who attended Trinity and their names are not listed, please remind and encourage them. As of this writing, we have received gifts from 49 people, and the total of their gifts is \$19,205.00. We have heard from students and friends in South Carolina, Iowa, Wisconsin, Kansas, Georgia, Nebraska, Texas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Michigan, Colorado and Arizona.

Thank you to all those who came to clean the church on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. We did not have worship the next day, but we had a really clean church and really smelled good.

Please note that the church will continue to be open for those who come to pray, Eight-to-Eight and others. Please come through the office door on the south side.

In these uncertain times, please remember that we have a Shephard who is present with us, providing for and taking care of.

PEACE!

*Pastor Robert Ziegler*



### THE FINANCIAL PICTURE

Home	Needed in 2020	\$ 240,493.24
	Given in 2020	231,341.81
Missions	Needed in 2020	10,662.60
	Given in 2020	8,686.83
Building	Needed in 2020	8,250.06
	Given in 2020	8,225.68

Although we are down from last month, our financial picture looks good for not having services on two Sundays. Many, many of our people have been faithful and considerate. At the end of March we are BEHIND \$9,151.43 in the HOME budget, BEHIND \$1,975.77 in the MISSION budget and BEHIND \$24.38 in the BUILDING budget. Again, thank you to all who have sent and brought their offerings. If you have not, please do so soon.

### **Special gifts during March were:**

School Sponsor Plan	60.00
Vacation Bible School	7.00
Lutheran Hour	134.13
Adult Choir	20.00
Initial Offering	33.75
Portals of Prayer	38.80
Bethesda Home	12.00
Lutheran Heritage Foundation	7.00
Lutheran World Relief	144.00
Emergency Fund	22.00
KAIR Broadcasts	900.00
Technology (current) Fund	53.80
Bathroom Fund	30.00
Organ Fund	100.00
Flower Fund	40.00

### **With these gifts this is how our BENEVOLENCE PICTURE looked at the end of the March:**

<u>BENEVOLENCE</u>	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>GIVEN</u>
Bethesda Home	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 284.24
Luth. Heritage Found.	600.00	104.00
Lutheran Hour	900.00	767.13
Luth. World Relief	3,500.00	408.95

Please remember that the envelopes for these special ministries are in the front of your packet. We have almost made our goal for the Lutheran Hour. On Sunday morning the Lutheran Hour is on BOT Radio at 8:00 a.m.

We have received \$538.40 so far in the Portals of Prayer envelope. Our cost to send this devotional booklet every quarter to every home is about three times this amount. If you have not yet used this envelope, please do so soon. \$4.80 covers the cost of this devotional booklet for the year.

The debt on our Garage/Maintenance Building is now \$37,410.18. Please remember that the second Sunday of the month (April 12<sup>th</sup>) is "Debt Down Sunday". Extra gifts received through the Building Fund that day go to pay down principle.

We are still looking for 2020 KAIR Broadcast sponsors. As of this writing we have 49. We need 3 more. Costs is \$50.00 per Sunday.

**PLEASE NOTE:** When using your offering envelopes, please always write on the outside the amount that is on the inside and how you want it divided between the three areas of the budget. This really helps our counters. Also, please do not use extra tape to seal them or do not staple them shut. Thank you. If you forget your envelope, use the generic ones which are on the Registration Desks in the narthex.

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### **"LOVE AND LOGIC CLASS"**

In our Winter T.E.A.M. classes, Linda Goodpasture and Lori Leonardi taught the six-week "Love and Logic Class". The following people completed the class:

Jessica Rush	Sunny Beed
Leslie Kelley	Brandon Beed
Jamie Collins	Christy Schuler
Adam Goodpasture	Laurie Reed
Rachel Goodpasture	Vince Marschean
Allison Marschean	

### **SOME HISTORY**

The following is a report printed in the Cape Girardeau Patriot on May 30, 1839, describing some new settlers in Perry County:

"We understand that a company of Germans amounting to 700, have lately settled in Perry County, Missouri, and purchased, in a body, 10,000 acres of land in what is called Brazeau Bottom, the best part of the county. They are of the Lutheran persuasion and have a library of 20,000 volumes and intend shortly to establish a college. The Germans are our honest industrious people, and a desirable population."

The settlers were our LCMS forefathers coming from Germany and the college they were soon to establish was Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. But, note, how many books they brought with them from Germany.

### **LOOKING BACK**

#### **Ten Years – April 2010**

.....On March 21, Karlee Buckley, Ava Garoutte and Raelynn Lanter were baptized.

.....In March, funeral services were held for Opal Davis, 97; Darlene Kley, 68; Helen Sheldon, 106; and Leonard Handke, 91.

.....Bob Mendelson from Jews for Jesus presented "Christ in the Passover" at a Lenten Service.

.....We were having a 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Offering for the School Endowment Fund.

.....We were AHEAD in all three areas of our budget.

.....Debt on the second parsonage was \$58,117.90.



#### **Twenty Years Ago – 2000**

.....Jerry and Tony Bising left for Warner Robins, Georgia.

.....We purchased the house at 717 N. 8<sup>th</sup> for \$10,500.

.....Our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls Basketball team played in the National Lutheran School Tournament in Valparaiso, Indiana, winning two of four games.

.....Esther's Nest reported that she and Pastor had attended "Over the River and Through the Woods" at the American Heartland Theater.

#### **Thirty Years Ago – 1990**

.....Members of the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball team were Brandon Burns, Michael Baumann, Dustin Hundley, John Campbell, Kenny Shaw, Justin Hetz, Joshua Sinclair, Mike Molt, Wes Shockey, Billy Shannon and Derek Toms. Wayne Hetz was coach.

.....Members of the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls' basketball team were: Heather Ashton, Jennifer Johnson, Lisa Bruna, Carrie Theurer, Ronell Davis, Amanda VanGassbeek, Teresa Hetz. Tom Junk was coach.

#### **Forty Years Ago – 1980**

.....Trinity has been chosen as one of sixty congregations in Synod to be featured as a "demonstration church" at Synod's Evangelism Convocation to be held in St. Louis in November.

.....The City Commission gave Trinity permission to move in a third mobile classroom.

.....Trinity School was in the process of calling four teachers to replace, Jon Schultz, Tom Wutke, Carene McCorkle and Barbara Nobis.

.....Esther's Nest reported that Anne Ziegler and several other Atchison High Seniors had returned safely from a skiing trip to Colorado..

.....This column "Looking Back-Ten Years", appeared for the first time in the Newsletter.

## SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND – FIFTY YEARS

As of March 30<sup>th</sup>, we have received \$19,205 from 49 graduates, former students and friends of Trinity School. Gifts have come from many states: South Carolina, Iowa, Kansas, Wisconsin, Kansas, Georgia, Nebraska, Texas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Michigan, Colorado and Arizona. Here are the folks we have heard from so far and the year they graduated from Trinity:

<u>1948</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1986</u>
Jerry Bonnell	Norma (Hetz) Donahoo	Lee Seetin	Jeff Woodruff (Memorial)
<u>1949</u>	Sharon (Haefele) Oestmann	<u>1966</u>	<u>1989</u>
Don Kempin	<u>1958</u>	Mechelle (Ingels) Underwood	Jody Woodruff (Memorial)
<u>1950</u>	Sandy (Genail) Green	Patty (Handke) Woodruff	<u>1990</u>
Thomas Schmitt	Connie (Miles) Harris	<u>1967</u>	Brian Young
<u>1951</u>	<u>1960</u>	Linda (Earl) Banks	<u>1992</u>
Rev. Robert Nestler	Mary (Fricke) Bohnmaier	Ann Estes	Aaron Sinclair
<u>1953</u>	Carol (Scholz) Dupree	<u>1969</u>	<u>1993</u>
Bill Magers	<u>1961</u>	Dean Kaufman	Kristin (Estes) Robinson
<u>1954</u>	Ron Estes	<u>1973</u>	<u>1996</u>
Robert Peterson	Jeanne (Handke) Durkin	Sue (Krugler) Sherffius	Heather (Duitsman) Katzenmeier
<u>1955</u>	Sandra (Jaynes) Watowa	<u>1976</u>	<u>1998</u>
Loretta (Boatright) Lassen	<u>1963</u>	Anne (Ziegler) Compton	Brett Duitsman
<u>1956</u>	Warren Kaufman	<u>1981</u>	<u>1999</u>
Larry Jacobson	<u>1964</u>	Eileen Peterson	Adam Goodpasture
	Bonnie (Schmidt) Young		

### **Friends of Trinity School:**

Bryan and Pattie Becker	Kevin and Mary Pieper	Jerry and Toni Bisping	Larry and Anita Sadowski
Jim and Joyce Duitsman	Hank Schlattmann	Mary (Miller) Eberhardt	Dora Williams
Mike and Jill Lowe	Merrill and Vonda Young	Nancy Nelson	Pastor Robert Ziegler
Sherri Smith	Marvin Muhlenbruck	Marie Kiehl	

Thank you to all the above for their gifts. We pray that during April we will be able to add many more names. Let's encourage and remind each other and pray God's continued blessings.

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## **SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND**

Since the beginning of the year, the School Endowment Fund has received \$41,990.10 in gifts, memorials and farm income. This brings the given assets of this fund to \$1,568,471.34. Actual dividend income in 2019 was \$168,363.62. Projected income for 2020 is \$178,441.00. Of this amount, \$175,500.00 is going into our home budget to help pay teacher's salaries. The income received so far this year should add another \$1,230.00 to this year's projected income. We are hoping, though, with the current economic problems, no dividends will be cut.

Of the gifts received this year, \$19,205.00 has come from the special 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Offering. \$24,000.00 has come from farm income.

The following memorials have been received: Wilbur Neill - \$50.00; Roger Nelson, Sam Nelson and Charlie Nelson - \$1,000.00; Clarence and Rose Marie Miles - \$250.00; Jody and Jeff Woodruff - \$100.00; Sharon Oestmann - \$500.00; and Carilyn Blasi - \$30.00.

A gift of \$96.00 was received in honor of Lois Estes on her 96<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Along with their gifts, several former students have sent notes telling about their fond memories of Trinity School and how blessed they were for the opportunity. We are praying that many more of our graduates and former students will participate in our special 50<sup>th</sup> Offering.

## Newsletter April 2020

*"I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth." — Psalm 121:1-2*

Dear Members and Friends of Trinity,

This month we have the honor of traveling with our Lord through the sacred days of Holy Week. Once again, this month we will recount all that Jesus went through to save us for all eternity!

True, this privilege is ours just once a year. Still, because we are Christians, throughout the year our thoughts should never stray far from the sacred events of Holy Week, especially what Jesus won for us on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

But as you know, this is not always the case. Sadly, during Holy Week and throughout the year our thoughts often stray to other things. And if this is true for us as Christians, this is definitely true for those who lack faith.

The results? We fret and are worried. We are scared and frightened. We get angry and lash out at people around us. We rely on ourselves: our wits, intelligence, money, whatever, rather than on God. On Sunday, we let other things distract us from services in God's house. Throughout the week, our Bibles and devotional books remain closed, we don't pray. We don't show to people around us how important Jesus is to us.

Praise God that He doesn't quickly or easily give up on us. Over and over again His Word and His Spirit continue to invite and urge us to rest comfortably in His open arms.

But sadly, we can ignore and turn away from His Word and Spirit. So, He allows struggles and challenges to enter our lives and world.

In addition to the ordinary struggles and challenges of life, today we are dealing with a worldwide pandemic! Who of us would have thought this would happen? But here we are. Through this God is reminding us of our vulnerabilities. Through this God is reminding us that our time on earth is limited. No one knows when our time in this life will be over.

May this pandemic move us to walk more closely with our good and gracious God. As the Psalmist wrote, *"I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth"* (Psalm 121:1-2). May we and all who trust in the Lord say the same thing.

Of course, we might say this a bit differently. The Psalmist lived centuries before the birth of Christ and spoke of lifting his eyes to his helper, the Lord of creation! We live after the coming of Christ and lift our eyes to Him who displayed awesome power in Christ! At the cross and empty tomb, God demonstrated His power over sin, death and the devil.

This month— and throughout this year and all your life— lift up your eyes to the One who helps you through Christ. The Lord your God defeated all His and your enemies, and He opens heaven to you through faith. Now you can be at ease and be confident in all the ordinary and extraordinary challenges of life.

Blessings,  
Pastor Reed

## Health Update

As you know, I had prostate removal surgery at the end of February. My doctor informed me that he removed all the cancer. Praise Jesus! Of course, I will need follow-up appointments and tests. Yet this is good news indeed.

Also, my healing is progressing nicely. Not so much day-by-day, but week-to-week I've noticed an increase in strength and a decrease in pain. Again, praise the Lord! Though I remain on limited duty until Monday of Holy Week, I've been able to fulfill some of my pastoral duties, which however are significantly limited due to COVID-19.

Thank you, Trinity! Thank you for your many expressions of concern and support, your many cards and phone calls, your many prayers and much more. You're awesome! Thank you, Pastor Zeigler, you have been awesome, too! Having never had surgery before, I expected I would quickly bounce back. But my limitations were obvious. Still, when I shared these with Pastor, he was understanding and supportive! And thank you Deacon Carney. You were great filling in for me for a number of worship services.

Dear Trinity, you continue to reflect the love of Christ. Thank you so very much!

*Blessings,  
Pastor Reed*



# Greetings from TLS

Our school dismissed students on March 12 to prepare for parent-teacher conferences, not knowing that the following week we would be ordered to shut down school as we know it. We certainly miss our children and their families. Our rooms are empty of the hustle and bustle, but our teachers are up to the challenge of creating ways to educate our students.

As issued by Kansas Governor Laura Kelly and supported by Kansas Commissioner of Education, Dr. Randy Watson, the decision was made across the state of Kansas that students would not be returning to their school buildings for class as we know it for the *remainder of the school year*.

This action was taken considering the evolving developments of the pandemic of the Coronavirus, COVID 19. This unprecedented decision is intended to assist in helping reduce the potential spread of life-threatening infection within the general population.

Trinity teachers are using various delivery models for their lessons. They have reached out to each of our families to personalize their child's instruction. We are fortunate to have Chrome Books for families that do not have technology devices at home but may have access to internet. We are sending home textbooks, materials, even pencils and paper, so they have the resources needed at this time.

I can't tell you how proud I am of our educators and the Christian approach they are taking to make this work for our students. We ask for your continued prayers as we finish our school year.



Spring Academic Meet-2<sup>nd</sup> Place



Second Grade Swimming Lessons @ YMCA



STEP UP DAY FOR INCOMING KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

## Health note for April

When one wants to achieve good health, we typically consider diet and physical exercise. Health is also affected by attitude, stressors, coping mechanisms, and socialization.

Friends come in different forms, under many circumstances, and during various seasons of our lives. Outsiders may look at a large gathering in our honor and wonder why this group of people came together. The scriptures give us a glimpse of the friendships of Jesus. Matthew 9:9-13 discusses how the Pharisees were somewhat mystified that Jesus would dine with lowly tax collectors and sinners. He replied that he desired mercy, not sacrifice. Jesus called sinners, not the righteous. He knew it would be this group that people could relate to in the generations to come. Friendship and closeness was very evident in this group.

John 11:1-45 reveals that Jesus had other close relationships. He loved his friends Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. He told the disciples that their friend Lazarus had died, and then tried to comfort these friends in their grief. This group depended on each other to cope with this difficult situation.

Our friends may not be what others expect, although we are healthier because of them. Bonds are forged at different times in our lives. In times of crisis, these friends come close and increase our ability to cope. The ability to share our deeply held personal feelings may decrease our stress, and possibly help to avert depression. We depend on our friends to listen to our fears, and to share our tears and sadness when the unexpected happens in our lives. There are positive outcomes and increased outlooks when we can share such intimate feelings while being vulnerable. The response from friends brings closeness and increased support which can actually decrease mortality.

Having a network of friends, as well as a number of close friends, has been found to increase our happiness. This, in turn, boosts our health. Our mental health affects our physical wellbeing in a positive or negative way. Friendships are crucial in protecting our mental health. Having friends is having a safe harbor in which to weather the storm of stressful situations. It has been found that the more friends we have the better our mental, physical, and emotional health. Happiness and positive emotions from close friendships may just be the key one needs to improve overall good health!

Hope Knight MS, RN  
LCMS Parish Nurse District Representative for Oklahoma

Blessings,  
Marcene Selberg RN, parish nurse

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### SMILE WHEN YOU SHOP

Every little bit helps! So, when you shop online shop Smile.Amazon and a small portion of your order will be redirected to Trinity! When you choose your charity, be sure to search, Trinity Lutheran Church, Atchison, Kansas. Here are the steps to sign up:

- Go to Smile.Amazon.com
- Sign up for a new account (if you haven't already signed up)
- Once logged in, it will ask you to sign up for your charity. Search, Trinity Lutheran Church, Atchison, Kansas.
- Start Shopping! (Be sure to always start at Smile.Amazon.com).



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**AND WELCOME**

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**Sunday Worship Services are:**

**8:00a.m., 10:30a.m., & 6:30p.m.**

**Sunday School and Bible Classes - 9:15a.m.**