



# NEWSLETTER

Of

**Trinity Lutheran Church**

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**Reverend Robert Ziegler and Reverend Marty Reed**

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and 6:30 p.m.**

**Sunday School & Bible Classes: 9:15 a.m.**

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## **FROM PASTOR ZIEGLER'S DESK**



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### **BAPTISMS**

On March 19, one infant and two children were baptized. The infant was Leola June Smith, and the children were Tyler Andrew Lee Schmidt (9 years), and Molly Anne Gene Stultz (7 years). We welcome these children into our Trinity family and pray God's blessings upon them.

### **FUNERALS**

On March 13, funeral services were held for Mrs. Jean Clark, 86. On March 20, graveside services were held for William (Bill) Grippin, Sr., 99. We pray our Lord's comfort to the families of those loved ones.

### **RESTROOM PROJECT**

On Sunday evening, March 19, our Voter's Assembly passed a resolution to remodel the restrooms in the church basement. The walls in our present restrooms will be removed to make one large room which will be the women's restroom. The present cloakroom/library will be made into a men's restroom. Both will be handicap accessible for wheelchairs, walkers, etc. The contract for this work (\$90,850.00) was accepted from L&L Construction. This is the company that built Trinity Place.

By now you should have received a special letter about this project and an offering envelope to help

pay for it. On April 14, we will apply to the Kansas District for a grant to match the funds that we have raised at that date. Since this is a project that will touch the lives of every member of Trinity, plus children, grandchildren yet to come, plus guests and visitors, we are praying and hoping that EVERY MEMBER will participate in this special project. The work for this is to begin around August 1 and will take two months to complete. If we have to borrow money for this, it will be from the Lutheran Church Extension Fund. We are hoping to have this project paid for by the end of the year.

### **PLANNING COUNCIL**

On March 2, our Planning Council listened to a presentation by Kathy Harris and Nina Ostertag on the need for daytime childcare in Atchison. We heard that the need is really real and is growing. By resolution of our Board of Directors on March 8, we are in the process of putting together an Ad Hoc Committee to study what Trinity might do in terms of ministry to meet this need. It would be quite a project. Pray for the Lord's guidance and direction.

### **LENT - EASTER**

Lent is almost over. Next week is Holy Week. On Maundy Thursday, April 6, we will have worship with Holy Communion at 7:00 p.m. And on Good Friday, April 7, we will also have worship with Holy Communion at 7:00 p.m. At 10:00 p.m. on Good Friday, we will have our Tenebrae Service.

Easter services will be at 7:00, 8:45 and 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Easter Breakfast will be in the School Cafeteria 7:45 – 10:15 a.m.

**EASTER EGG HUNT**

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, April 8. Activities will begin in the school cafeteria at 10:00 a.m. Hunting will follow.

**FOOD FOR THE POOR**

On April 23, we will have a representative here from "Food for the Poor." The man who comes to us is always a retired Missouri Synod pastor. He will speak in our worship services and in my Adult Bible Class.

**A SPECIAL REQUEST**

I notice that during the Prelude in our Sunday and special services, folks often continue talking and visiting. Our organist/pianist spends much time preparing these preludes. They are the beginning of the service. As soon as the acolyte appears and the organist or pianist begins to play, we ask that all talking and visiting cease.

**OFFERING PLATES**

Also, during covid, we stopped passing the offering plates. Beginning April 2, we will begin passing the plates. Please teach your children that giving is a part of worship by giving them something to put in the offering plate.

**GREAT MEMORIES**

Two weeks ago, I received a letter from a former student of Trinity School. This is the letter: "Everyday I am thankful for the wonderful education I received at Trinity Lutheran School. I have great memories of the teachers and students. Enclosed is a check for \$500.00 for the Trinity Lutheran School Endowment Fund. I support the good work done by the teachers and staff and want it to continue for many years to come!" Isn't that great? Round-Up Day (Enrollment for 2023-24) is Tuesday, March 28, 3:45-6:00 p.m.

**BOOKSTORE**

Stop by the Bookstore. Roschelle has Easter Greeting cards and several books about Easter for children and adults.

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to all the ladies and one young man (Pam Lutz's grandson) who cleaned the church on March 18. It always looks and smells so good after those cleanings.

**ON A FAMILY NOTE**

My son Andrew is now in a nursing home. Rehabilitation is slow. Thank you to all who have been

praying for him and have sent cards to him. His address for mail is now, 526 University Ave. Apt. 3, Elyria, Ohio 44035.

**"FOLLOW ME"**

Yesterday (March 26), I finished my sermon series "Follow Me" concentrating on the truth that following Jesus means perseverance. Following Jesus for a lifetime is not easy. The temptations to drop out, drift away and quit the race are many. Sometime after Easter we are going to mail this sermon to every member. Please read it carefully and prayerfully. It is a message that all of us need to hear and read.

I pray that this Lenten Season has been a blessing to you and that on April 9, you will rejoice in these great words "He is Risen!"

PEACE!

Pastor Robert Ziegler

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**THE FINANCIAL PICTURE**

Home	Needed in 2023	\$ 277,147.00
	Given in 2023	279,112.97
Missions	Needed in 2023	10,920.00
	Given in 2023	11,148.18
Building	Needed in 2023	8,255.00
	Given in 2023	9,028.20

At the end of March and the first quarter, our Financial Picture looks really good. We are AHEAD in all three areas of our budget. It doesn't happen often, but we thank our Lord when it does. As you can see above, we are AHEAD \$1,965.97 in the HOME budget, and AHEAD \$228.18 in the MISSION budget and AHEAD \$773.20 in the BUILDING budget.

Stewardship reports for the first quarter will be in the Narthex on April 16.

**Special gifts during March were:**

Lutheran Hour	\$ 251.00
Emergency Fund	160.00
School Sponsor Plan	40.00
Flower Fund	35.00
Restroom Remodel	3,309.00
Vacation Bible School	230.00
Bethesda Home	320.00
Initial Offering	10.00
Portals of Prayer	5.00
Lutheran Heritage Foundation	21.00
Lutheran World Relief	12.00
KAIR Broadcast	50.00
Loaves & Fishes	20.00

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

<u>BENEVOLENCE</u>	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>GIVEN</u>
Bethesda Home	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 522.00
Luth. Heritage Found.	700.00	91.00
Lutheran Hour	1,000.00	584.00
Luth. World Relief	3,750.00	198.00

Please remember these important ministries. The envelope for each is in the front of your packet. To reach our goals by year-end we have some catching up to do for Lutheran World Relief and Lutheran Heritage Foundation.

We are praying that all of our members will participate in our special offering for the church restroom remodel project. As of this writing (Monday, March 27) we have received a total of \$13,349.10. We pray that you will soon use the envelope/pledge card that will come to you in the mail.



## MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

What a fun year we've had with the middle school youth group! We've been so blessed while working with these kids & are excited for what the next year will bring! We've consistently had around 10 kids show up! Alexander, Annabelle, Ben, Briahna, Chloe, Dakota, Derek, Emma, Joey, Lilly and Mariah have all been showing up almost every month! Thank you for bringing your middle schooler consistently & supporting our group each month! In January we ate mini pizzas, resumed our apologetics study book & played a capture the cups game. In February we had a small group, but we still had fun playing life size Hungry Hungry Hippos! In March we had 9 kids and tried 2 new games that were a hit - Poison and Trainwreck. In April we will discuss leaven/sin and play Easter Jeopardy. We hope to finish our book *Don't Check Your Brain at the Door* by Josh McDowell and Bob Hostetler by the end of the year so don't miss out on this great study!

See you next month!  
Micah & Camille Hollingsworth

### BLOOD DRIVE



Monday, May 1, 1:00-5:00 p.m. You can sign up by calling the church office or by visiting, [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) then enter sponsor code TrinityLuthAtchison.

**THANK YOU** for your generous donations to Concordia Seminary (Saint Louis) food bank.

Your gifts (added what was purchased through a Thrivent Action Team card) were delivered by Pastor and Mrs. Reed on March 10<sup>th</sup> to the seminary food bank. Approximately 200 pounds of canned beans, granola bars, fruit bars, pasta sauce (in jars), men and women's hygiene products, and other items were off-loaded for stocking. Pictured below is Pastor and Mrs. Reed with Robin, the head of the food bank.



Again, thank you! Currently, the church is in desperate need of workers: pastors, Lutheran school teachers, DCEs, etc. This is one way we can help offset the cost of preparing to serve in the church. Two pastors in our area (Pastor Dunaway of Hiawatha and Pastor Lally of Nortonville) made use of the food bank when at the seminary and spoke of how much it helped them financially. We hope to do another food drive next spring.

  
 I KNOW THAT MY  
*Redeemer*  
**LIVES**  
*Job 19:25*  


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## From the desk of

Pastor Marty Reed

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Dear Friends,

*John 19:30— When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished," and He bowed His head and gave up His Spirit. And Luke 23:46— Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into Your hands I commit My Spirit!" And having said this He breathed His last.*

Dear Members and Friends of Trinity Lutheran Church,

*"It is finished."* That's a truth you need more than anything else.

When Jesus said this, all His work and suffering predicted of Him in the Old Testament was finished. Jesus had fulfilled all the Law's demands and penalties for us and every person perfectly!

In the Passion Psalm, Psalm 22, there are many clear predictions of what would happen to Him on the cross. For example, this psalm begins with the words, *"My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"* After this follows many other predictions. But we should also pay close attention to the way this psalm ends: *"He has done it."* That's what Jesus cried out before He died on the cross. *"He has done it... it is finished."*

That also means that by His life, by His suffering and dying— yes, followed by the glory of His resurrection— the Kingdom is His, and He has worked salvation for all. This the psalm also tells us. And in Revelation 7:9 we see all nations, tribes, peoples, and languages standing before His throne. It is finished.

Still, the Law condemns you because you have not kept its demands. You've sinned and fallen short of God's glory (Romans 3:23). The Law is a unit. Breaking one Commandment is breaking them all. *"Whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it"* (James 2:10). The Law demands perfection (Matthew 5:48).

While the Law is about you and what you do, the Gospel is about Jesus Christ and what He did and does. He has set you free from the Law (Romans 8:2).

Jesus is your Savior and Substitute, who kept the whole Law perfectly and suffered what you deserve for breaking the Law. It is finished!

Through faith in Him, you belong to Him. As the Kingdom is His, so are you. Through faith in Him you have a right standing before God. The Bible uses a big word for that: justification. *"Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ"* (Romans 5:1). It is finished.

Your good works will not and cannot save you. They will not and cannot give you this a good standing before God. So don't trust what you do! Romans 3:20— *"For by works of the law no human being will be justified in His sight."* Your Lord and His works do that for you. It is finished.

Now in Luke 14:17 it says, *"Come, for everything is now ready."* Also, in Revelation it says, *"The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come.' And let the one who hears say, 'Come' (Revelation 22:17).* The Holy Spirit speaks to us through the Gospel: the Good News about Jesus. And the Bride— true believers— spread this Gospel invitation far and wide. *"It is finished."*

On Good Friday when He was nailed to the cross, our Lord's first word was a prayer to His Father. And His last word was also a prayer to His Father. So too for us. When we believe the first thing we will do is pray to our Father and the last thing we will do before we leave this life is pray.

In all joys and challenges, and especially when your last hour comes, hold to the truth Jesus spoke, *"It is finished."* In that confidence look to God and pray: *"Heavenly Father, hear my prayer and save me!"* In good times and bad, treasure Jesus' declaration of victory: *"It is finished... Father, into Your hands I commend My Spirit."*

Through faith in the One who died and rose again, His victory is your victory. And One Day you'll experience the fullness of this victory in the glory of life everlasting.

Blessings, Pastor Reed

## **LOOKING BACK**

### **Ten Years Ago – April 2013**

- Jackie Grimm and Cole Klawuhn were married on March 23.
- On March 16, funeral services were held here for Mrs. Thelma Wagner, 93.
- Bob Mendelson from “Jews for Jesus” was here for our Lenten service on March 6 to present the program, “Christ in the Passover.”
- On March 28, workmen installed new windows on the top floor (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms) and the bottom floor (age 3 preschool and restrooms) of the yellow building. Cost \$7,600.00.
- At Trinity School these 5/6 graders were on the Honor Roll: Jacob Pickman, Logan Housh, Nick Lennington, Jerry Ross, Ben Wilson, Michaela Pierce, Thomas North, Anna Mikkelsen, Sierra Robinson and Lindsey Ball.
- Members of Trinity who had perfect attendance (52 weeks) in 2012 were: Ed Bosshammer, Amelia Cawthorn, Monica Donaldson, Rick Dorssom, Arnold Gerhardt, Debbie Jewell, David and Penney Long, Mary Merrill, Monte Minard, Marie Sullivan, Sue Schuler, Debbie Schneider and Pastor Ziegler.
- The cost of new landscaping, bushes and trees, was \$6,500.00.



### **Twenty Years Ago – 2003**

- On March 16, Trent Arends, age 15, Allison and Ron Arends' son and Pastor's grandson, was called home to Heaven. Trent was a freshman at Christ Lutheran High School in Buckley, Illinois.
- Betty Jamison-Sowers became the assistant treasurer (for dividend income) for the School Endowment Fund, replacing Lois Estes.
- The Riverbend Concert Choir (Director, Ruth Krusemark) performed a concert of hymns on March 20 here at Trinity. Members of Trinity in the choir were: Lori Trainer, Rhonda Gierstorf, Marshall and Kathleen Berry, Jeremy and Lottie Lee.
- The School Endowment Fund received a bequest of \$10,000 from the estate of Roy Estes.
- The School Grant Fund received a gift of \$2,500 in memory of Alfred and Ruth Ostergard and Alfred Ostergard, Jr.

### **Thirty Years Ago – 1993**

- The following Trinity youth were listed in the Atchison Globe for being on the Honor Roll at

Atchison High: Monica Schaeffer, Joni Brown, Lisa Bruna, Stacie Dorssom, Jennifer Johnson, Danyelle Bowen, Ronell Davis, Kristy Goodlet, Teresa Hetz, Melodie Shaver, Michael Baumann, Justin Hetz, Tina Orahood, Charlie Peitsch, Shannon Hinson, Chris Lutz, Michael Molt, Cindy Paulin, Bryan Young. Meredith Cairo, Becky Theurer, Rick Giles, Jason Simmers, Jennifer Dunster.

- Frances Roles led the opening and the topic at Priscilla Guild.

### **Forty Years Ago – 1983**

- The Planning Committee (Gilbert Hawk, Ernie Schmidt, Penney Long) were working on the new office on the stage.
- A bequest of \$2,300 was received from Mrs. Minnie Rathert.

### **Fifty Years Ago – 1973**

- On March 9, Pastor spoke on alcoholism and pre-marital counseling at the Hutchinson Circuit Pastoral Conference. Enroute the “red bug” (anyone remember it?) broke down and had to be towed into Manhattan to be fixed.

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

Last Sunday, (March 26) continuing our study of the Letter to the Hebrews, we began studying one of the great chapters of the Bible, Hebrews, chapter 11. It has been called the “Chapter of Faith” because it begins with a definition of faith and then illustrates that with many Old Testament examples of faith. In fact, the chapter has also been called “The Old Testament Hall of Faith.”

Thank you to the following folks who were “cup washers” during March: David and Penney Long, Ledeen Berry, Bart Lennington and Keith and Paula Peuker.

During March we welcomed several guests and new members to our class: Bryan Lentz, Nick Goodpasture, Laura Calhoun, Michal Leonardi, Katelyn Brincefield, Chris Reams, Curtis and Shari Navinsky and Linda Cross.

Thank you also to Sylvia Thompson at the piano and Wayne Sellers, song leader. They are doing a great job!

Average attendance during March was 79. We still have empty chairs though and would like to welcome you to our class. Sunday mornings, 9:15 a.m. in the gym.

## Health Topic for April 2023: Walking with Jesus

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***Now that same day two of them were going to a Village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them*** (Luke 24:13-15)

One thing we do not often look forward to in life is change. I'm not talking about the everyday changes that add variety to life. I'm talking about life-changing events. What makes that kind of change bearable is the sure knowledge that, as in our text, Jesus walks with us. He is our stability, Savior, companion and friend. He is our source of confidence all along the journey of life. There's no greater privilege or blessing in this life than to walk with Jesus.

Our scripture reading describes an event that took place toward evening on the first Easter Sunday. The disciples and other followers of Jesus had heard reports from the women that Jesus' tomb was empty. At this point they were so overwhelmed in sorrow they could not believe it. Luke says that two of Jesus' followers, who had heard the report of the women, were walking away from Jerusalem, talking intently with each other about the day's events. Their mood was more than sadness, more than simple doubt. The fact that the one disciple mentioned by name – Cleopas -- was not one of the 12, indicates that despair had set in more widely. In Jesus' day the Jewish tradition of mourning called for seven days of sitting on the floor. No furniture, just stark and solemn mourning. Yet the people of our text are leaving after only three days. There is a sense of hopelessness.

The disciples had a deep need, and Jesus joined them in that need. He knew about them, and he knows about us. He is our companion through life. I want you to notice something as you read all of this account in Luke 24. Only one of the followers of Jesus is named. That man is Cleopas, whom the early church called Clopas. You may recall that Mary, the wife of Clopas, was at the cross of Jesus. Who was the unnamed disciple? Some conjecture is that it just as easily could have been a woman. A woman would certainly not make this sort of journey alone. It could have been Mary, the wife of Clopas, herself. The only drawback to that is that the women seemed quick to believe, and these followers of Jesus were filled with doubt and sorrow.

Who is the other disciple? In a sense, it is you, and it is me! Unnamed intentionally perhaps to enable us to see ourselves as the one Jesus accompanies in the midst of our doubts and sorrows, our questions and even our despair. Jesus walks with us, ***a very present help in trouble*** (Psalm 46:1). Again, the Psalmist writes (139:1-3), ***O Lord, you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.***

And again, we learn, ***Can a mother forget her nursing baby and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though even she may forget, I will not forget you!*** (Isaiah 49:15) You are the one he loves. You are the one he walks with throughout your life.

Christ opens our eyes through his word to see him. He causes our hearts to burn with joy and amazement as he reveals himself to us and creates faith within us. We have been led to conversations with Jesus from Bethlehem to the cross and empty tomb, then along the road to Emmaus and the lanes, paths, driveways, and roads of our life. We walk, knowing that the Lord walks with us.

Lord Jesus, thank you for walking with me. Help me to take the next steps, knowing you are mindful of me and by my side through all the changes I'm asked to face. Amen.

Rev. Fred Zimmermann  
Chaplain, LCMS Parish Nurse Council  
Cross Plains, WI USA

I found this devotion really reminded me of something I often forget in the moment; that Jesus walks with us every day through every crisis or joy. Also, I thought it fitting as the events described take place on Easter Sunday!

Blessings,  
Marcene Selberg RN, parish nurse

## Welcome to the Trinity Lutheran School Library

Thank you to everyone who generously supported our recent Book Fair, including all our grandparents who attended Grandparents Day. We made our goal of having \$5,000 in sales! From this amount I will be able to choose a combination of cash profit to buy library supplies and Book Bucks to use at the I:55 Book Fair Online Store to purchase additional books. Pictured below are a few of our new Book Fair books!



Every month we feature our seasonal and holiday books and put them on display. We are currently featuring our Lenten and Easter books. It makes me smile every time a student asks, “Where are your Jesus books? I want to read about Jesus.” 😊

Our Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students are working hard to meet their AR goals for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter. They don't want to miss out on the last AR party in May! They keep me and our faithful volunteers Terry Crank, Dorothy Carney, and Karen Indermuehle very busy. All the great literary characters can be found here, and we do our best to help students find books about their favorites. There is never a dull moment in the library!

Mrs. Roschelle Bisping, Librarian



# From the principal's desk!

With the end of the 3rd quarter, Trinity Lutheran School is pleased to announce the students who have made Honor Roll. They are:

## **4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Highest Honors**: Lily Hoffman, Landon Lentz. **Honor Roll**: Vanessa Blanton, Jordy Brooks, Logaan Cairo, Maive Hollingsworth, Delilah Humbard, Elizabeth Indermuehle, Joshua Indermuehle, Naomi Moore, Jasher Pfitzner, Addison Taff, Kaylee Wilson. **Honorable Mention**: Evan Forbes, Dawson Kinsman, Zaden Mayfield

## **5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Honor Roll**: Landon Becker, Mekhel Gray, Case Handke, Trevor Peuker, Violet Taff. **Honorable Mention**: Travis Bunce

## **6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Highest Honors**: Jaxon Leonardi, Rose Harper, Shayla Sneller and Adabelle Sullenberger. **Honorable Mention**: Tyler Armstrong and Joseph Sinclair

## **7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Highest Honors**: Lauren Davis, Daniel North. **Honor Roll**: Lorelei Bisping, Emma Clowers, Briahna Collins. **Honorable Mention**: Ryker Diebolt, Ben Forbes, Evan Myer

## **8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Highest Honors**: Chloe Brincefield, Lola Handke, Parker Kinsman. **Honor Roll**: Lindsey Hetz, Kailee Kistler, Anna Sinclair. **Honorable Mention**: Malachi Craddock

We had an amazing Grandparents/Special Person Day last month. We are so blessed with a wonderful group of parents who lead our Team Falcon. With almost 200 grandparents, every student had an opportunity to be with a grandparent or special person as they shared a special time together. We thank God for this time.

Three students were baptized recently, and we want to celebrate with them. **Lauren Davis (7), Tyler Schmidt (3) and Molly Stultz (2)** joined the family of God by baptism earlier this month. We thank God for Him leading these students to the saving waters provided by our Heavenly Father.

Our school re-enrollment is happening right now until April 12<sup>th</sup>. With our current enrollment of 158 students, we are hopeful that we will increase in numbers of students and families for next year. If you know of any families looking for a new school home, would you please direct them to our school. An exciting note to share is that our families can apply for an ACE scholarship. This scholarship is income driven but those students and families that qualify receive help with tuition that really helps our school. We encourage every family who are in FACTS to apply for this scholarship. We are anxious to share the good news of Jesus with every member of our community and word of mouth recommendations are powerful ways to bring new families along to us.

We hope to share some exciting news next month for parents interested in who will be teaching 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students next year. We are in discussion with a person who is interested in this position and has interviewed for one of these positions. We hope to have this finalized by the end of the month. Please keep our school and the teachers involved in this process in your prayers.

As always..... Go Falcons.

Dr. Steve Hobus



## Registration for Vacation Bible School begins in April!!!



We hope to see many, many children join us for this week in June. Current 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will attend Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 4 p.m. in the school building. Ages 3 through current 4<sup>th</sup> grade will be attending Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup> through Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to noon in the school building. Our theme this year is “Keepers of the Kingdom, Be Strong in the Lord”. VBSers will

learn about putting on the Armor of God from Ephesians 6:10 – 18. There will be many ‘castle’ adventures throughout the week for all the children as they participate in Bible teaching, yummy snacks, fun games, great music, and awesome crafts. A family program and food will close out the week Friday evening. Please be signing up and inviting all the children you know to attend this important ministry event here at Trinity. Sign-up sheets will be available in the bulletin and online or contact Cathy Higley at 913-370-0605 or email at [cathigley@yahoo.com](mailto:cathigley@yahoo.com).

Last fall my husband and I hosted a “cousins” get-together at our home. Since we are all grandparents now and we live on the farm where my husband’s grandparents lived, one of the discussions that occurred was about the memories all the “cousins” had of staying at Grandma and Grandpa’s house for Vacation Bible School, which in those days lasted two weeks (what a brave Grandma and Grandpa). They had such fond memories of being at the church for the activities and spending time with each other in the summers as youngsters. The importance placed on participating in that week of learning about God’s love has carried on throughout their lives.

Please influence the life of our youngsters by getting them registered and inviting as many children as you can. If you have any questions about Vacation Bible School or you would like to help with this event, please contact me. Cathy Higley, 2023 VBS Coordinator

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Dear St. Joe Area OCC Churches:

The St. Joe MO Area Team wants to thank you and your congregation for your faithful prayers and participation in the 2022 collection year with Operation Christmas Child. Please be encouraged to know that we exceeded our goal for 2022 with totals of 8,411 boxes from the St. Joe Area Team, 726,313 boxes from the Lower Midwest Region; 9,303,130 boxes from the United States; and a grand total of 10,599,907 gospel opportunities world-wide. (Of the USA total, 342,000 boxes were filled by Build-A-Shoe Box On-line.)

These totals will give children opportunities to receive a shoe box gift, hear the Gospel through *The Greatest Gift*, and connect with a local church for discipleship through *The Greatest Journey*, the 12-week follow-up program.

Our boxes went to the Denver Processing Center and from there they were on their way to Mexico, American Indian tribes, and various African countries. Through your investment of resources, time, and focus on our vision; the impact of simple shoe box gifts is being felt in many nations of the world. Always remember that it is a great blessing to serve alongside you and we, as the Operation Christmas Child Team, are here to support you in any way that we can.

Please continue to pray for the safe arrival of gifts and the sharing of God’s blessings during the distributions that are beginning to take place at this very time. Your continued prayers and support help make this possible. We look forward to keeping in touch with you and trust that your involvement with Operation Christmas Child will continue to be a blessing to you and your church in the coming year of 2023.

Sincerely,  
Chad Smith, Church Relations Team Member

## “IF I HAD MY LIFE TO LIVE OVER”

By Erma Bombeck

I would have talked less and listened more. I would have invited friends over to dinner even if the carpet was stained, or the sofa faded. I would have eaten the popcorn in the ‘good’ living room and worried less about the dirt when someone wanted to light a fire in the fireplace. I would have taken the time to listen to my grandfather ramble about his youth. I would never have insisted the car windows be rolled up on a summer day because my hair had just been teased and sprayed. I would have burned the pink candle sculpted like a rose before it melted in storage. I would have sat on the lawn with my children and not worried about grass stains. I would have cried and laughed less while watching television and more while watching life. I would have shared more of the responsibility carried by my husband. I would have gone to bed when I was sick instead of pretending the earth would go into a holding pattern if I weren’t there for the day. I would never have bought anything just because it was practical, wouldn’t show soil, or was guaranteed to last a lifetime. When my kids kissed me impetuously, I would never have said, “Later, now go get washed up for dinner”. There would have been more “I love you’s” ... more “I’m sorry’s”. But mostly, given another shot at life, I would seize every minute ... stop sweating the small stuff. Don’t worry about who doesn’t like you, who has more, or who’s doing what. Instead, let’s cherish the relationships we have with those who do love us. Let’s think about what God has blessed us with. And what we are doing each day to promote ourselves mentally, physically, emotionally, as well as spiritually. Life is too short to let it pass you by. We only have one shot at this and then it’s gone.



## FROM THE NEWSLETTER OF FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH, EMPORIA, KANSAS

Mark Eichler, pastor (2013)

**S ... Service ...** There is no such thing as success without service. The secret of success lies in meeting the needs of others. Jesus came into this world to meet our need of a Savior from sin, death and the devil. Now He calls upon us to serve others in his name.

**U ... Understanding Contentment ...** is success really how much we own or how much money we have? Or is inner contentment a better goal? Real success is always internal ... peace with God and peace with each other based on God choosing us to be His children, through the water and Word of Holy Baptism.

**C ... Character ...** A person’s best test of character is how they treat others. Do you see other people as “Brothers and sisters in Christ? Do you see others as those whom Jesus died to save? Do you treat others in the way that you would like to be treated?

**C ... Compassion ...** If it’s not all about money or status or ego or entertainment, could it be about issues of the heart? Could the fruits of the Spirit really lead to feelings of success? (Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control)

**E ... Excellence ...** Excellence is not being the best, but being *your* best. We received nourishment for our faith through Word and Sacrament which leads us to do all to the glory of God. We use the talents and the gifts God has given to his glory and the betterment of our neighbor.

**S ... Significance ...** We know the idiom, “you can’t take it with you”, so we look for things that will last and achievements that will really make a difference. Is there something that is worth more than living for? Is there anything worth dying for? In the words of a now-sainted church member, how about dedicating our life to, “Going to heaven and taking as many as I can with me.”

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April 2023							May ▶
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<b>2</b> <i>Worship</i> 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 6:30 pm 9:15 am Family Bible Hour 9:30 am KAIR Broadcast 4:00 pm Adult Inquirer's Class	<b>3</b> 1:15 pm Staff Meeting 6:25 pm Elder's Calling 6:25 pm Kennedy Calling 7:00 pm NA	<b>4</b> 1:00 pm Quilting 6:00 pm Fellowship Comm.	<b>5</b> 8:30 am School Chapel 9:00 am Morning Break 6:00 pm Wednesday School 7:00 pm NA 8:00 p.m. Finance Comm	<b>6</b> 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>7</b> 7:00 pm Good Friday Srv. 7:00 pm NA 10:00 pm Tenebrae Service  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b> <i>EASTER Worship</i> 7:00, 8:45, 10:30 am, 6:30 pm 7:30-10:15 am. Easter Breakfast 9:30 am KAIR Broadcast	<b>10</b> 1:15 pm Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Theodora Circle 6:25 pm Kennedy Calling 7:00 pm NA <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>11</b> 9:00 am Pastoral Conf. 1:00 pm Quilting	<b>12</b> 8:30 am School Chapel 9:00 am Morning Break 6:00 pm Wednesday School 7:00 pm NA 8:00 p.m. Board of Directors	<b>13</b> 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Adult Choir 8:30 pm Chamber Choir	<b>14</b> 6:30 pm 55+ Potluck 7:00 pm Baptismal Inst. 7:00 pm NA	<b>15</b>	
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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.

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