

## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Boyle's Scheduled Hours: Off on Mondays

At Grace 9:00 - noon Tues & Wed.

At Trinity 9:00 - noon Thurs & Fri

Afternoons alternated between Grace & Trinity

Church Office Hours:

Tuesday – Thursday 9:30am-1:30pm



### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30AM Sunday School and Bible Class

10:30AM Hospitality in Fellowship Hall

11:00AM Divine Service

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### FROM THE PASTOR: Easter Triumph! Easter Joy!

Easter marks the triumph of life over death, heaven over hell, and Christ over Satan. It's the end of a war, marked by poetry, beauty, and praise. Our hymnody – both ancient and modern – breathtakingly captures the battle scene and waves the flag of victory. The Church's song captures these events in order to deliver Christ to you.

In what follows, you'll see the constant theme in our Easter Hymnody of triumph and joy – all centered on Christ crucified and risen for you!

One of my favorites, though not in our hymnal, is this ancient Greek verse, still found in Orthodox liturgies:

*"Christ is risen from the dead,  
Trampling down death by death,  
And upon those in the tombs Bestowing life!"*

What marks the beauty of Easter is the way the paradox ends in triumph and joy. Death is defeated by death. God dies and rises again. Hell is consumed by its own greed – taking what wasn't proper and finding itself consumed by the almighty God. The imagery is so captivating, you can't help but to picture what you sing!

The triumph of Christ is over sin, death, and the devil – all that stands between us and the Father, now done away with by the victory of Christ. His death – what seemed nothing more than failure – is the means by which life is given. The intensity of Holy Week finds its peaceful resolution in the Easter Feast. We sang at the close of the Easter Vigil the 17<sup>th</sup> century hymn,

*"The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
Now is the victor's triumph won;  
Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!" (464:1)*

Luther highlights this exchange of kingship in his Easter hymn, "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands":

*"Christ Jesus, God's own Son, came down,  
His people to deliver; Destroying sin, He took the crown  
From death's pale brow forever:  
Stripped of pow'r, no more it reigns;  
An empty form alone remains;  
Its sting is lost forever. Alleluia!*

*It was a strange and dreadful strife  
When life and death contended;  
The victory remained with life, The reign of death was ended.  
Holy Scripture plainly saith  
That death is swallowed up by death,  
Its sting is lost forever. Alleluia!" (458:1,4)*

The 11<sup>th</sup> century hymn, "Christians, to the Paschal Victim," puts it this way:

*"Death and life have contended*

*In that combat stupendous:*

*The Prince of life, who died, Reigns immortal." (460:1)*

Then there's the refrain from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century hymn, *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds:*

*"Christ has triumphed! He is living!" (465:1)*

Finally, one of our most recent Easter hymns, written originally in Swahili for the Tanzanian Lutherans, *Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia*, describes the battle in this way:

*"For three long days the grave did its worst*

*Until its strength by God was dispersed.*

*He who gives life did death undergo;*

*And in its conquest His might did show.*

*Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;*

*Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.*

*Our sin forgiving, alleluia!*

*Jesus is living, alleluia!" (466:2)*

On account of this triumph over death and the grave, there is joy – pure, unadulterated, unrestrained, full-throated joy. That's what Easter is all about: letting the *Alleluia's* ring. Death's gloom is dispelled, it's sting, gone. The curse: undone. And hell's chains are loosed once and for all.

But the joy of Easter doesn't leave us simply with song. Our song brings us to the feast. Victory is best celebrated with lavish food and drink, and lots of singing! That's what a feast is: joy around the table.

That brings us to one of the most famous and long-standing Easter hymns from around the 5<sup>th</sup> century – which, ironically, isn't found in our "Easter" section – "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing." This hymn is pure Easter through and through. And what that means is it's pure Baptism and Eucharist and Proclamation of the Gospel! It's the Church at song marked by praise, gathered at the Sacramental Feast. I won't quote all 8 stanzas, but please do pull out your hymnal and read through them – they're beautiful.

*"At the Lamb's high feast we sing*

*Praise to our victorious King,*

*Who has washed us in the tide*

*Flowing from His pierced side. Alleluia!*

*Easter triumph, Easter joy!*

*This alone can sin destroy;*

*From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,*

*Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!" (633:1,7)*

It's at the Lord's altar where Easter's triumph is delivered to you. So come; eat, drink, sing, and rejoice!

Together in Easter Triumph and Joy! *Pastor Boyle*

From our Confessions

[Taken from The Smalcald Articles, found in the Book of Concord.]

Part II, Article II: Of the Invocation of Saints.

The invocation of saints is also one of the abuses of Antichrist conflicting with the chief article, and destroys the knowledge of Christ. Neither is it commanded nor counseled, nor has it any example [or testimony] in Scripture, and even though it were a precious thing, as it is not [while, on the contrary, it is a most harmful thing], in Christ we have everything a thousandfold better [and surer, so that we are not in need of calling upon the saints].

And although the angels in heaven pray for us (as Christ Himself also does), as also do the saints on earth, and perhaps also in heaven, yet it does not follow thence that we should invoke and adore the angels and saints, and fast, hold festivals, celebrate Mass in their honor, make offerings, and establish churches, altars, divine worship, and in still other ways serve them, and regard them as helpers in need [as patrons and intercessors], and divide among them all kinds of help, and ascribe to each one a particular form of assistance, as the Papists teach and do. For this is idolatry, and such honor belongs alone to God. For as a Christian and saint upon earth you can pray for me, not only in one, but in many necessities. But for this reason I am not obliged to adore and invoke you, and celebrate festivals, fast, make oblations, hold masses for your honor [and worship], and put my faith in you for my salvation. I can in other ways indeed honor, love, and thank you in Christ. If now such idolatrous honor were withdrawn from angels and departed saints, the remaining honor would be without harm and would quickly be forgotten. For when advantage and assistance, both bodily and spiritual, are no more to be expected, the saints will not be troubled [the worship of the saints will soon vanish], neither in their graves nor in heaven. For without a reward or out of pure love no one will much remember, or esteem, or honor them [bestow on them divine honor].

In short, the Mass itself and anything that proceeds from it, and anything that is attached to it, we cannot tolerate, but must condemn, in order that we may retain the holy Sacrament pure and certain, according to the institution of Christ, employed and received through faith.

Part II, Article III: Of Chapters and Cloisters.

That *chapters* and *cloisters* [colleges of canons and communistic dwellings], which were formerly founded with the good intention [of our forefathers] to educate learned men and chaste [and modest] women, ought again to be turned to such use, in order that pastors, preachers, and other ministers of the churches may be had, and likewise other necessary persons [fitted] for [the political administration of] the secular government [or for the commonwealth] in cities and countries, and well-educated, maidens for mothers and housekeepers, etc.

If they will not serve this purpose, it is better that they be abandoned or razed, rather than [continued and], with their blasphemous services invented by men, regarded as something better than the ordinary Christian life and the offices and callings ordained by God. For all this also is contrary to the first chief article concerning the redemption made through Jesus Christ. Add to this that (like all other human inventions) these have neither been commanded; they are needless and useless, and, besides, afford occasion for dangerous and vain labor [dangerous annoyances and fruitless worship], such services as the prophets call *Aven*, i.e., pain and labor.

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

May 3	~ March of Dimes Walk (more info pg 10) ~ Pro-Life Picnic 11-1:30pm (more info pg 11)
May 3-4	~ Lutheran Lecture Series XIX (more info pg 8)
May 4	~ Pro-Life Miniature Golf (more info pg 11)
May 6	~ Winkel 8:30am ~ Lord's Diner 5:30pm
May 8	~ Hall of Men 7:30pm (more info pg 13)
May 9	~ Paint the Towne (more info pg 10)
May 11	~ <i>Mother's Day</i> - Start of Baby Bottle Project (more info pg 10)
May 12	~ Labor Finders ~ Vision Casting Meeting 9-10am (more info pg 10)
May 13	~ Church Council 7:00pm
May 20	~ OMT at Grace 9:00am ~ Ladies Bunco (more info pg 13)
May 22	~ Elders 6:00pm ~ Hall of Men 7:30pm (more info pg 13)
May 28	~ Vision Casting Meeting 9-10am (more info pg 10)

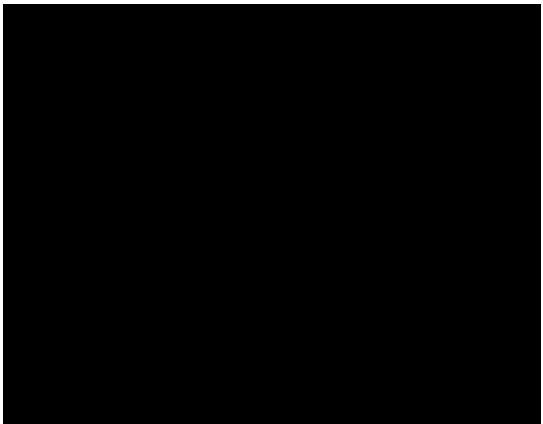
~MORE THIS MONTH~  
**Fridays (through May 23rd)**  
Private Confession and Absolution  
Fridays, 4-5:30pm



~FURTHER OUT~  
**August 2, 2014**  
Wichita Convoy of Hope  
More information on page 10.

**August 7, 2014**  
Next LWML Meeting.

**August 14, 2014**  
LWML Telephone Pioneer Dinner







LUTHERAN WOMEN’S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

35th Biennial LWML Kansas District Convention Post Convention News Release  
March 28 - 30, 2014, Wichita, Kansas

“On Wings, Like Eagles”, taken from Isaiah 40:31, was the theme for the 35th Biennial Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) Kansas District Convention that met at the Marriott Hotel in Wichita, Kansas, from March 28 – 30, 2014. LWML members and guests numbering 363 from all over the state of Kansas were in attendance for the three day event; the attendance included thirty-eight first timers, sixteen Young Woman Representatives, and two teens. The convention hosts were members of the Wichita and Southeast Zones, with Jean Wellner, Elaine Engelman, Carol Nix, and Kathryn Richard serving as Convention Co-Chairs.

Karen Morrison, LWML Kansas District President from Wichita, Kansas, opened the convention on Friday evening at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, beginning with a pre-service organ concert by Brent Valiant, followed by the communion worship service processional featuring banners from each of the thirteen zones in Kansas. On Friday afternoon, convention attendees enjoyed participating in round-table Bible Study samplers, the Mission Walk, and Prayer Labyrinth. On Saturday morning, the Christian Life breakfast featured speaker was Donna Pyle of Spring, Texas, followed by convention business and voting. Saturday and Sunday morning Bible studies were led by Pastor Kris Whitby from Mt. Prospect, Illinois. Convention attendees attended their choice of interest sessions on Saturday afternoon, hearing from many informative speakers about their mission and ministry to people of the world. Women also used their hearts and hands during the Servant Events by tying twenty quilts, assembling five Braille books of 2nd Chronicles, decorating 440 lunch sacks for the homeless, and assembling 329 hygiene kits for homeless shelters. The ingathering donations that were collected for food pantries in southeast Kansas totaled over fifty large boxes of boxed, bagged, and canned food items.

Mission speakers gave insight into all areas in which the LWML contributes “mites” (offerings) as their service to the Lord both locally and nationally. Convention speakers included Rev. Jim Bender and family from Faith Lutheran Church in Topeka, who traveled to Guinea, Africa, in 2013, to serve a medical clinic ministry. Convention delegates also chose the following mission projects totaling \$40,000 for the 2014-2016 biennium: Kansas Division of Orphan Grain Train, Concordia Seminary Food Bank in St. Louis, Children’s Christian Concern Society, The Lutheran Student Center at WSU, Lutheran Braille Workers, Lutheran Heritage Foundation, Family Shield Ministries Radio Stations in Kansas, Holy Cross Lutheran Braille Work Center in Wichita, St. Paul Christian Preschool in Fairview, Bethany Lutheran Church Family Ministry in Wichita, and Christ the King Lutheran Church Praise Band in Salina. In addition to the mission projects, \$40,000 will be given for student financial aid and \$35,000 to national LWML mission projects. The total mission goal adopted in support of these projects, as well as student financial aid and other expenses, is \$152,750.

Balloting for officers resulted in the following elections: VP of Christian Life Elaine Engelman from Benedict, VP of Gospel Outreach Bernie Reetz from Garden City, VP of Special Focus Ministries Sherri Rose from Linwood, Treasurer Kim Burdett from Olathe, and Pastoral Counselor Rev. Jay Hobson from Hepler. The next LWML Kansas District Convention will be held in Manhattan in April of 2016 using this theme: For Such a Time as This, based on Ephesians 2:10.

Those in attendance from Trinity were: Pastor Geoffrey Boyle, Nicole, Ana and Claire; Lois Winter and Irma Quade served as delegates.

\*Note: Nikki was the Convention registrar and Pastor led an interest session on Home Catechesis.  
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On April 10 the LWML ladies met to assemble favors for the Spring Tea on April 26. Many hands made this activity go quickly. We enjoyed delicious homemade strawberry short-cake made by Lois Winter.

On April 12 we met in the fellowship hall to make lapel palm crosses. There were 5 ladies, Mike Claypool, Sheryl Anderson and Claire and Ana Boyle to help with this project. Eighty were made and distributed to all who attended church on Palm Sunday. Some were delivered to shut-ins. Thanks to everyone who helped make the crosses so that everyone could look festive on Palm Sunday!

The Ladies Guild (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) will not meet during the months of May, June and July. We will resume with a meeting on August 7 with the Telephone Pioneer dinner to follow on August 14.



As we celebrate the season of Easter...

457—Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

- 1. Jesus Christ is ris’n today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
- 2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heav’nly king, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
- 3. But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
Now above the sky He’s king, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
- 4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!  
Praise Him, all ye heav’nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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This triumphant Easter hymn is based upon a Latin original, at least as to the theme and the first stanza. The Latin original, of which there are a number of texts dating from the fourteenth century upward, begins:

- 1. Surrexit Christus hodie  
Humano pro solamine,
- 2. Mortem qui passus pridie  
Miserrimo pro homine.
- 3. Mulieres, o tremulae,  
In Galilaeam pergite, etc.

Some texts have four, some six, and some eleven stanzas. The Latin author is unknown.

The English version of the hymn became popular in English circles by its appearance in the *Supplement to the New Version* of Brady and Tate, edition c. 1816. The first English translation appeared in 1708 in *Lyra Davidica*, etc., London (J. Walsh). It was three stanzas, of which the first was substantially our first above. In Arnold’s *Compleat Psalmodist*, 2d edition, 1749, the modern English version appeared. The first stanza of the first stanza of the first translation was slightly changed, and new Stanzas 2 and 3 were added. These are substantially as above. Then in Lord Selborne’s *Book of Praise*, 1862, and Thring’s *Collection*, 1882, the doxology, as above, was added.

The tune “Easter Hymn” is based on the melody in J. Walsh’s *Lyra Davidica*, etc., 1708.

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**EXHIBIT D – EXPENSES FOR THREE MONTHS ENDED  
March 31, 2014  
AND  
EXPENSES COMPARED TO BUDGET**

BUDGET ITEMS	Expenses For 3 Months	Budget For 3 Months	Under/-Over Budget for 3 Months	Budget For 12 Months
Pastor's Salary		11,538.30		46,153.00
Pastor's Health Insurance				
Premium		5,466.00		21,864.00
Deductible		300.00		1,200.00
Coinsurance		900.00		3,600.00
Pastor's Pension, FICA, Accident Ins		2,740.20		10,961.00
Pastor's Home Equity Allowance		750.00		3,000.00
Pastor's Car Mileage		500.00		2,000.00
Pastor's Conf & Cont Ed		250.00		1,000.00
Pastor's Financial Support	22,444.50	22,444.50	- 0 -	89,778.00
Grace fifty percent	(11,222.25)	(11,222.25)	- 0 -	(44,889.00)
Trinity reimbursement to Grace sub total	11,222.25	11,222.25	- 0 -	44,889.00
Parsonage Utilities	912.64	750.00	- 162.64	3,000.00
Grace reimbursement to Trinity	(375.00)	(375.00)	- 0 -	(1,500.00)
sub-total	537.64	375.00	- 162.64	
Parsonage Repairs	327.88	1,018.00	690.12	4,072.00
Grace Reimbursement	(327.88)	(1,018.00)	(690.12)	(4,072.00)
sub-total	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Secretary	2,397.54	2,397.54	- 0 -	9,590.00
Bookkeeper	900.00	900.00	- 0 -	3,600.00
Organist	1,256.28	1,256.28	- 0 -	5,025.00
Sec/Bookkeeper/Organist/Custodian FICA	424.68	425.00	.32	1,700.00
Office Supplies & Copy Work	1,299.77	875.00	- 424.77	3,500.00
Worship Supplies	501.47	500.00	- 1.47	2,000.00
Synod & District	250.00	250.00	- 0 -	1,000.00
Lutheran Student Center	250.00	250.00	- 0 -	1,000.00
Missions	- 0 -	500.00	500.00	2,000.00
Issues, Etc.	500.00	125.00	- 375.00	500.00
Synod/District Assessment	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Parish Education Supplis/Equip	133.65	200.00	66.35	800.00
Evangelism	23.75	125.00	101.25	500.00
Stewardship Supplies	- 0 -	50.00	50.00	200.00
Janitor Service	1,000.02	1,000.02	- 0 -	4,000.00
Maintenance & Repair	563.54	1,500.00	936.46	6,000.00
Insurance	3,090.72	3,687.50	596.78	14,750.00
Utilities - Church	4,592.55	3,000.00	- 1,592.55	12,000.00
Telephone & Internet	190.28	487.50	297.22	1,950.00
Organ & Piano Maintenance	150.00	200.00	50.00	800.00
Chapel	767.68	- 0 -	- 767.68	- 0 -
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 30,051.82</b>	<b>\$ 29,326.09</b>	<b>\$ - 725.73</b>	<b>\$ 117,304.00</b>

**ATTENTION LADIES!!!**

Our next game night will be held on Tuesday May 20th at 7:00pm  
All Ladies are welcome to join.  
For more information please call the church office at 685-1571.



**LUTHERAN HOUR BROADCAST  
MAY 2014**

**May 4 - "Live Life, Traveling Well"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz  
When God makes a way possible where there is no way, you can trust Him that you will finish the journey well. (1 Peter 1:17-25)

**May 18 - "God's Presence + God's Promise = God's Peace"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz  
God's presence in Christ plus God's promises through Christ equals God's peace with Christ, forever. (John 14:1-14)

**May 11 - "Doing Good"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz  
God calls us to be good-doers, rather than do-gooders. (1 Peter 2:19-25)

**May 25 - "Remembering"**

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus  
As we remember those who died to preserve our freedom, we remember the Savior who died and rose to save us from eternal death.

**HALL OF MEN**

**FOR MEN ONLY - A local fellowship hall  
where the men break bread, tap the keg, and toast their heroes.**

2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at Eighth Day Institute at The Ladder (2836 E Douglas Ave)  
Doors open at 7:00pm. Food is served at 7:30pm, and evening events officially begin at 8:30pm with a hymn, the Nicene Creed, and a lecture on a hero whose life inspires us to live more authentic lives and to fight for the renewal of our culture.

**PASTOR'S SABBATICAL**

Pastor will be leaving for his sabbatical from Memorial Day (May 26th) till around Labor Day (September 1st). If you need any spiritual assistance in his absence, you can contact any of the Trinity Elders or one of the pastors on call.

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Stewardship Newsletter Article - May 2014

Jesus is risen from the dead, and He is not angry. He appears to the eleven, locked and hidden away for fear of the Jews. He gives them peace, when there seems to be no peace. He gives them hope, when all hope seems to be lost. He gives them forgiveness, life, and salvation, even though they all fled and watched Him die. But Christ is risen and He is not angry. No one took His life from Him, but He laid it down willingly. He offered it up of His own accord. Thus, He does not blame them. He is not angry. He gives them His Spirit that they may be one and not alone, that they may have peace, that they may live forgiven and free from fear, that they might go do the same into all the world. Christ is risen and He is not angry.

Our God is a God who gives gifts. He gives because that is who He is and what He does. He created us for this purpose. The God who is love created us to be loved. And to love is to give of oneself for the good of another. And so He gives daily bread. He gives 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, and faithful neighbors.

He also gave us His only-begotten Son. And everything He did, He did for us. He took up our flesh, was born of a woman, to fulfill the Law for us. He was circumcised, had sacrifices offered on His behalf, denied Himself certain foods, and ate the Pass-over to end them all. The same is true of the Moral Law. He kept it for us. His fasting and temptation were done for us. He fulfilled what we were unable, and unwilling, to do. But that is not all. He not only kept the Law, He also allowed the Law to do to Him all that justice demanded it do to us. He who knew no sin, became sin. The guiltless guilty with His own Blood upon His hands.

And still he gives us more. He gave us His Spirit, the Spirit of Truth. Through the means of grace—the Word, Holy Baptism, Holy Absolution, the Holy Supper—the Spirit of Christ continues to deliver the fruits of His death and pour the benefits of His resurrection upon our heads, into our ears and mouths. We are not alone. We are not left as orphans. He is with us; He is for us, through these means. And by them we are knitted together into one body. This is the giving nature of our God. The depths of His love know no bounds.

Despite all this, we still hold back. We don’t give cheerfully from our firstfruits. We don’t with glad hearts, with planning and forethought, set our minds to give to the ministry of Word and Sacrament for the life of the world. We tend to give begrudgingly, apprehensively, and with what is left over. We don’t give out of love for God and one another, as those united by His Spirit in the bond of peace, but out of a feeling of compulsion. How will they know us by our love, when we do not even love the means by which God gives us His love enough to support it with the other gifts He has given?

If you find it difficult to give freely, cheerfully, and proportionally, you are not alone. That sin, that selfishness is something inherent to our fallen nature. No, you are not alone. We have been knitted together into one body by the Holy Spirit. We are to bear one another’s burdens. So let not your hearts be troubled. For the God of Love, the giver of every good and perfect gift, has given His own Son to bear yours. He carries your anxiety and worry. He dispels all your fears. Do not be afraid. Give from out of your poverty or your abundance. It matters not. Because Jesus is risen from the dead and He is not angry. He ascended into heaven to fill all things. He fills you with His peace, His joy, His generosity, and His love. And nothing can separate you from that.



ORATIO, MEDITATIO, TENTATIO

(Theological Reading Group)

Schedule

9:00 – 9:45 am    Matins  
9:45 – 11:45 am    Reading Discussion  
11:45 am – Noon    Prayer  
Noon – 1:00 pm    Lunch

Locations

Trinity Lutheran Church    Grace Lutheran Church  
611 S. Erie, Wichita    3310 E Pawnee, Wichita



2013 Reading Schedule:

May 20 (Grace, Wichita)

Schmemmann, Alexander. *For the Life of the World: Sacraments and Orthodoxy*. 2nd Ed. Crestwood: St. Vladimir’s Seminary Press, 1973.

June 17 (Trinity, Wichita)

Pless, John T. *Martin Luther Preacher of the Cross: A Study of Luther’s Pastoral Theology*. St. Louis: CPH, 2013.



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FINANCIAL REPORT

March 31, 2014

CASH & FUND BALANCES

CASH		FUND BALANCE	
Bank of America		Budget Fund - Exhibit A	\$ - 24,627.70
Checking	\$ 5,900.72	Council Fund -Exhibit B	49,736.30
Savings	1,015.89	Restricted Fund – Exhibit C	<u>5,786.14</u>
Certificates of Deposit	2,754.15		
Steward Account – LCEF Youth	384.78		
LCEF- Certificate of Deposit	<u>20,839.20</u>		
	\$ 30,894.74		\$ 30,894.74

EXHIBIT A - BUDGET FUND

BALANCE	RECEIPTS	EXPENSES	BALANCE
1-1-14	Jan-March	Jan-March	3-31-14
		EXHIBIT D	
\$ - 22,826.44	\$ + 28,250.56	\$ - 30,051.82	\$ -24,627.70

EXHIBIT B – COUNCIL FUND

BALANCE	RECEIPTS	EXPENSES	BALANCE
1-1-14	Jan-March	Jan-March	3-31-14
\$ 49,109.90	\$ + 2,626.40	\$ - 2,000.00	\$ 49,736.30

EXHIBIT C - RESTRICTED FUND

Restricted Funds:	Balance 1-1-14	Receipts Jan-March	Disbursements Jan-March	Balance 3-31-14
Sunday School Missions	- 0 -	278.44		278.44
Love Fund	1,116.79			1,116.79
Youth Fund	283.24	.36		283.60
Thrivent Funds	1,365.00	119.00		1,484.00
Pastor’s Discretionary Funds	41.76			41.76
Pastor’s Interest Fund	- 0 -			- 0 -
Dillons Dollars	1,201.97	267.64		1,469.61
TIM – Daniel Johnson	- 0 -	333.00		333.00
KS Dist LCEF Grant	103.80			103.80
Misc	- 0 -	1,012.64	337.50	675.14
Totals	\$ 4,112.56	\$ + 2,011.08	- 337.50	\$ 5,786.14

A copy of the financial report and expenses will be posted on or by the bulletin board in the narthex for additional viewing.

# Daniel S. Johnson – Catechist to Siberia & Baltic Churches

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ὁ πιστεύσας καὶ βαπτισθεὶς σωθήσεται

Χριστὸς ὠκρесе!

March 2014

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## Lutherans in exile – in Siberia

As I travel through Siberia, I often see signs and advertisements bringing attention to the philosophy of the people and to the remote nature of the region. Siberia covers over 5 million square miles. The entire continental United States plus Alaska can fit into the boundaries of Siberia. The region has been known for its vast resources of iron, gold, nickel, oil, gas and other valuable natural resources -- not to exclude lumber.

The infrastructure in Siberia suffers from extreme weather. Due to this, a willingness to commit resources to a constantly losing battle with the elements is absent. Most of the Siberian population lives along the southern trade route. The cold weather and inhospitable environment of the northern region of Siberia make it unbearably difficult for many to survive. During the days of the Czars, and continued during the Soviet days, political prisoners and criminals would be exiled or sent to prisons in Siberia. Many of Stalin's notorious "death camps" were located in Siberia. One such camp was located near Tuim where a congregation of the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church is located.

In the northern regions where hunting and fishing is not so plentiful, the only attraction for living in such harsh conditions has been the lure of a job and the promise of a paycheck. Since the 18<sup>th</sup> century working in the northern oil fields and mining villages was a common occupation among those exiled to Siberia.



Sign along the road from Novosibirsk to Tomsk: "If there are roads, then there will be life."

In Darius Petkunas' book, *The Repression of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lithuania during the Stalinist Era*, he mentions how many from the Baltics were sent to the northern Siberian mining villages as slave laborers – in actuality they were sent as political prisoners, usually due to ethnic heritage, religious confession or political persuasion.\* For not just a few, the exile to Siberia was a decision of authorities, to impose guilt on individuals whose only "crime" was to be born into a certain family or to have been baptized at a certain font. For others, the sentence was due to a false accusation by a political informant, claiming a certain

individual to be an "enemy of the state" – simply by unproven accusation or by an innocent association with a notorious individual.

One such false accusation is mentioned by Petkunas. Pastor Jurgis Gavenis of the Lithuanian Jurbarkas congregation (as well as congregations in 4 other surrounding cities) was "surrounded by [Soviet] agents who were willing to twist his words and even make up reports in order to curry favor and keep their jobs. He was effectively portrayed as an enemy of the people and would have to be dealt with" (p. 101). He had allegedly, "engaged in anti-Soviet activities, preached against the regime, and possessed materials critical of the Soviet Union" (p. 113). Pastor Gavenis was seen as a "dangerous criminal." His sentence for such a "crime against the state" was to be hard and long. He was deprived of his property. His wife and children were evicted. His passport was burned and rights of citizenship revoked. **continued on the next page**

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## Haskell LIGHT Campus Ministry Center and Leadership Institute

Please join us for the groundbreaking of a new facility for Haskell LIGHT Campus Ministry Center and Leadership Institute. The Ceremony will be at 11am, Saturday, May 3, at 137 Pawnee Avenue, Lawrence, KS. Lunch will be served afterward.



Lutheran Indian Ministries  
Christ's Kingdom — Every Native American Nation.

A Ministry of Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots U.S.

RSVP for the meal by Wednesday, April 30.

Email: [haskellight120@gmail.com](mailto:haskellight120@gmail.com)

Phone: 785-841-4809



## LeadaChild Bike Across Kansas 2014

Help LeadaChild get a head start for the Bike Across Kansas!

June 7-14 LeadaChild Bike Club riders will ride their bikes for 8 days through 45 towns over 550 miles through the state of Kansas. They have a goal to raise awareness and \$100k for Christian Education around the world.

You can go to [LeadaChild.org](http://LeadaChild.org) and sponsor a LeadaChild Bike Club rider with a one-time donation of your choice of a certain dollar amount per mile. One sponsor is donating \$10 for every mile the team rides!

Or you can partner with a student or teacher in the following amounts: 1) Child Partnership: \$25/month or \$300/year; 2) Teacher Partnership: \$60/month or \$720/year; or 3) School Partnership: \$250-500/month or \$3,000-6,000/year.



## KANSANS FOR LIFE ACTIVITIES: Pro-Life Picnic & Free Miniature Golf

**Saturday May 3rd** - All pro-lifers are invited to a picnic in Sedgwick County Park, Shelter #1, from 11a-1:30pm. Hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert. There will be a bounce house, petting zoo, face painting, balloon animals and other activities for kids.

**Sunday, May 4th** - Free Miniature Golf for pro-life families at All Star Sports West at 8333 W. 21st anytime from 1-4pm.

Both events are sponsored by Kansans For Life. If you have any questions, call 687-5433. Donations are accepted.



## YOUR FEEDBACK PLEASE!

I'm looking for your feedback so I can better the information that comes out of the church office. In terms of bulletin inserts, Torch newsletter, emails, and bulletin boards around the church, what do you like to see, want to see more of, less of, etc. Do you find the information in the weekly News & Notes useful? Do you use the Congregation at Prayer? Do you have any comments or suggestions to make things better?

Please let me know! You can contact the church office at (316)685-1571 or [office@tlc.kscoxmail.com](mailto:office@tlc.kscoxmail.com).

Thanks! ~Patricia VanSant, Parish Secretary







## MARCH OF DIMES WALK

Help support Amanda Carter (member at Trinity) as she tries to raise awareness of prematurity and infant loss during the March of Dimes walk in Wichita on May 3rd. For more information or if you wish to donate to her goal of \$1,000, you can call the church office at 316-685-1571 or go to <http://www.marchforbabies.org/GideonGabriella>



## BABY BOTTLES PROJECT

The Baby Bottle Project is a pro-life project for churches, beginning Mother's Day (May 11) and ending Father's Day (June 15). You can pick up a bottle from the church narthex on Mother's Day and return them on or before Father's Day. Please collect your spare change (bills and checks are accepted too) in the bottle to support pro-life education efforts.

For more information, you can contact the church office at 685-1571 or [office@tlc.kscoxmail.com](mailto:office@tlc.kscoxmail.com) or Kansans for Life at 1-800-928-5433 or [kfl@kfl.org](mailto:kfl@kfl.org)



## WICHITA CONVOY OF HOPE

Last year, Wichita Convoy of Hope served more than 6300 people in one day. With 1200 volunteers on site in addition to businesses and community service employees present, the day was a great success. Wichita area businesses, churches and community organizations partnered together to make this happen and are being invited to sponsor this city-wide Convoy of Hope outreach once again on August 2, 2014 in South Wichita.



This collaborative effort to provide thousands of struggling people in our community with groceries, health services, job fairs, family portraits, haircuts, prayer, and games and activities for children and youth, lunch and live entertainment. This is all free of charge to each guest. Through this collaborative effort we can do together what no one else could do alone.

There will be Vision Casting Meetings at Bethel Life Center (3777 S. Meridian) in Wichita. They will be held on April 30, May 12, and May 28 from 9am-10am. Coffee and donuts will be provided.

For more information, contact Convoy Church Relations, Tom Lovell at 316-214-3384 or email [firstagmulvane@prodigy.net](mailto:firstagmulvane@prodigy.net)



## Paint the Towne

Join the ladies of Grace & Trinity May 9th, 7-9pm for a fun night out and go home with your own beautifully painted canvas! The cost is **\$25/person**, which includes all of your painting supplies. It will be lots of fun! We will have drinks and snacks – feel free to bring a friend! The studio is Paint the Towne 7011 W. Central #127 (Central & Ridge). *We can carpool!* Contact Nikki Boyle for more information.

**Ladies Only**



## Prayer Requests, Praises, and Thanks

Many Baltic and Siberian pastors serve multiple congregation parishes. Pray for safe travel as these dedicated clergy travel to provide care for their parishioners.

Also, pray for the laity as they travel to attend liturgy.

Pray for the Lutheran catechumens throughout the world as they learn the Christian vocation.

Pray for those Lutherans "in exile" who have not been given opportunity to receive preaching from the mouth and the Holy Sacraments from the hand of a Lutheran pastor. Pray they can again sing like Zechariah: *"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for He has visited and redeemed His people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David..."*

**We poor sinners implore You.  
To hear us, O Lord.  
-- The Litany**



He even lost his name. The official documents of exile identified him with only a number. Without property, family, name and citizenship, Pastor Gavenis was "sent to one of the harshest and most notorious camps in the entire soviet Gulag" (p. 118). The coal-mining city of Vorkuta was a forced labor camp located in the far northern foothills of the Ural Mountains, 160 km north of the Arctic Circle -- a mere 90 km from the Arctic Ocean. (The author commits several pages describing the conditions of the camp and the respect earned by the integrity and "incorruptible, hardworking" nature of the Baltic prisoners -- many being Lutheran.)

Thousands of stories similar to Pastor Gavenis' have been told. Though Gavenis was eventually released, due to good behavior, many never survived the harsh labor and living conditions. Those who survived and were not allowed to return to their homeland account for the many "exiled" Lutherans still living in remote regions of Siberia. Many of these Lutherans have never seen a Lutheran pastor. Some have never been baptized or received the Lord's Supper. Many are told about their Lutheran roots by grandparents or relatives.

Rev. Daniel Burlakov, Pastor of St. Mary Lutheran Church in Tomsk, about 300 km north of Novosibirsk, has learned about some "exiled" Lutherans living in the northern cities of Strezevoy and Aleksandrovskoe. (You may read his letter concerning plans for a "pastoral expedition" to these cities in my February 2014 newsletter). Since there are no roads to these cities; no direct train routes; and travel by airplane or by "ice highway" (travel on the river by winter) is difficult and dangerous, one is left to travel to these cities in the summer by remote roads and river ferry.

If you are interested in financing our "pastoral expedition" to the remote cities of Strezevoy and Aleksandrovskoe, you may send a donation to:

**The Siberian Lutheran Mission Society (SLMS)  
c/o Mr. Bob Kiefer  
Ascension Lutheran Church  
8811 St. Joe Rd.  
Fort Wayne, IN 46835  
(For Rev. Burlakov's mission)**

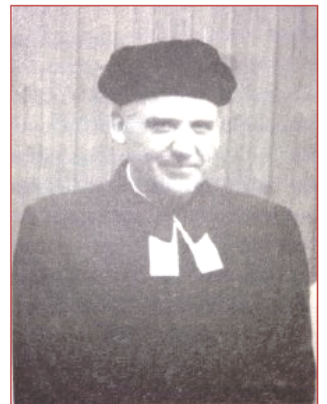
The Lord's peace be with you! ✠ DSJ

**\* Rev. Dr. Darius Petkunas serves as a clergyman in the Lithuanian Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lithuania. He lives with his wife and two daughters in Palanga. His research includes a survey of several Lithuanian clergy who suffered persecution, during the Soviet era, simply because they were Lutheran.**

To support my work financially, you may send a tax-deductible gift to:

**The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod  
P.O. Box 790089  
St. Louis, MO 63179-0089.**

Make checks payable to "The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod." Write "Support of Rev. Daniel S. Johnson" on the memo line. Gifts can also be given securely online through the LCMS website, on my online giving page at [www.lcms.org/Johnson](http://www.lcms.org/Johnson).



**Pastor Jurgis Gavenis, was exiled to the Siberian labor camp of Vorkuta in 1949-1956**



# Lutheran Lecture Series XIX

May 3-4 2014

## Grace Lutheran Church, Wichita “Help Us To Know You Aright, O God!”

How do we rightly think and speak of God? We do not often think of **this** question as the **real** question which motivated the Reformation. But in many ways it was the question behind the more well-known slogans of “by grace alone” and “through faith alone.” Martin Luther’s confession of the Godhead as Trinitarian was in accordance with the Roman Church and Christian churches throughout the world, yet was opposed by others claiming adherence to God.

Many in our day use the name “God.” Politicians. Movie writers. Hallmark card creators. Can Luther’s clear confession and simple explanation of Father, Son and Holy Ghost aid us today not only in our salvation, but also in our avoidance of false confession? How does right thinking of God engage us in daily, holy works?

Dr. William Weinrich, professor of Early Church History and Patristic Studies at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana will speak at this year’s *Lutheran Lecture Series* on Saturday, May 3. He will also preach at the Divine Service on May 4 and lead the Sunday morning Bible Class. Plan to be the guest of Grace Lutheran Church on the weekend of May 3-4. Call 316-685-6781 or email [graceoffice@glc.kscoxmail.com](mailto:graceoffice@glc.kscoxmail.com) for more information.

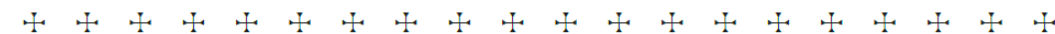


The Rev. Dr. William Weinrich is professor of Early Church History and Patristic Studies at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana. He is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, (1972), and received his Doctor of Theology degree from the University of Basel, Switzerland (1977).

Dr. Weinrich joined the seminary faculty in 1975, teaching History and New Testament and was Academic Dean from 1996-2006. He served as Rector of the Luther Academy in Riga, Latvia (2007-2010) where he taught extensively and oversaw the pastoral ministry program. He returned to the classroom at CTS in 2011 and is currently writing the *Concordia Commentary* volume on the Gospel of John.

Dr. Weinrich served on the Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR) from 1992-2001; Doctrinal Review Commission from 1992-1998; Third Vice President, LCMS (1998-2001); and Fifth Vice President, LCMS (2001-2004). He also served 30 years in the Indiana Air National Guard, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel in 2002.

Dr. Weinrich and his wife, Barbara, have three children.



## 2014 Lutheran Lecture Series XIX Schedule

### Saturday – May 3

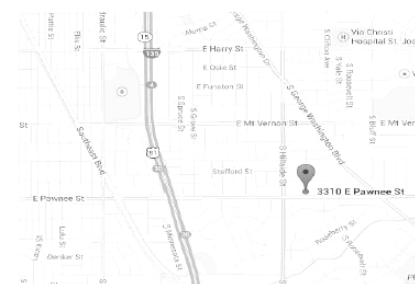
- 12:30 p.m. Divine Service (Pr. Brockman preaching)
- 2:00 p.m. Dr. Weinrich speaking
- 3:00 p.m. Break
- 3:30 p.m. Dr. Weinrich speaking
- 5:00 p.m. Vespers (Pr. Dumperth preaching)
- 5:30 p.m. Beer/Brat Supper

### Sunday – May 4

- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service (Dr. Weinrich preaching)
- 9:30 a.m. Dr. Weinrich speaking



Grace Lutheran Church  
3310 E Pawnee ~ Wichita, Kansas  
3/4 mile east of 135 from the Pawnee Exit



## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & DILLONS have teamed together to offer the NEIGHBORHOOD REWARD PROGRAM



Did you know that Trinity Lutheran Church has already received more than \$930 from Dillons just by using the Dillons Cards many of you load money onto to purchase food, gas and prescriptions? Amazing!

Well, here is yet another way you can use your Dillons Card to earn money for Trinity Lutheran Church...Dillon's offers a wide variety of gift cards available for purchase at their stores. The list below is what several of the Dillon's Superstores have in stock.

Just load your Dillons card with the amount that you need, use it to purchase the gift cards and the church will get back 5% of what you spend.

Aéropostale	Disney	Macy's	Shell
Amazon Kindle	DSW	Marriott	Southwest Airlines
Amazon.com	eBay	Marshalls	SpaFinder
AMC Theaters	Express	MasterCard	Sports Authority
American Eagle	Facebook	McDonald's	Starbucks
American Express	Fandango	Michaels	Subway
Ann Taylor	Finish Line	Mimi's Cafe	T.G.I. Friday's
Applebee's	Foot Locker	Mothers Work	T.J. Maxx
AT&T	Forever 21	NET10	Talbots
Babies"R"Us	GameStop	Nike	Target
Banana Republic	Gap	Nintendo	Texas Roadhouse
Barnes & Noble	Google Play	Nordstrom	The Children's Place
Bass Pro Shops	Graeter's Ice Cream	O'Charley's	The Home Depot
Bath & Body Works	Groupon	OfficeMax	Ticketmaster
Bebe	H & M	Old Chicago	Toys"R"Us
Bed Bath & Beyond	Hulu Plus	Old Navy	Tracfone
Best Buy	IHOP	Olive Garden	Verizon
Bonefish Grill	iTunes	Outback Steakhouse	Virgin Mobile
Boost Mobile	iwireless	P.F. Chang's	Visa
BP	JCPenney	Panera Bread®	
Buffalo Wild Wings	Jiffy Lube	Pei Wei Asian Diner	
Build-a-Bear	Jo-Ann Fabrics	Petco	
Burger King	KMART	PetSmart	
Cabela's	Kohl's	Pizza Hut	
Carrabba's Italian Grill	Lands' End	Pottery Barn	
Chili's Grill & Bar	Lane Bryant	Red Lobster	
claire's	Little Caesars	Red Robin	
Cold Stone Creamery	Logan's Roadhouse	Ruby Tuesday	
Cracker Barrel	Lone Star Steakhouse	Rue 21	
Cricket	Lord & Taylor	Sears	
Darden Group	Lowe's	Sephora	

Here's how it works:

- I want to purchase gift cards for a friend or family member. I would like a \$25 Cabela's card, \$25 Kohls card, \$25 Applebees card and a \$25 Old Navy card. I go to Dillons to purchase the gift cards and I just earned the church \$5!
- My dishwasher just broke and I have to purchase a new one. I purchase \$500 worth of Sears gift cards from Dillons and then go to Sears to buy my new dishwasher. The church just earned \$25!
- We are going on vacation this summer and we purchased \$600 worth of gift cards for Southwest Airlines and then used the gift cards to purchase our tickets. The church just earned \$30!
- What ways can you think of? Be creative and lets see how much more we can get for Trinity!