

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



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11:00AM Divine Service

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FROM THE PASTOR: The Sabbatical

Typically, “sabbatical” brings to mind “rest.” For instance:

“And on the seventh day God finished His work that He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work that He had done. So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all His work that He had done in creation.” (Gen 2:2-3)

The Hebrew word for “rested” is *shabbath*, from which we get our English: *Sabbath*. This Sabbath day was set aside as a day of rest so that the people of Israel could participate in God’s own rest. It was a time for hearing His Word and delighting in His gifts. Even in their wilderness wandering, God had His people keep the Sabbath (rest):

“On the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers each. And when all the leaders of the congregation came and told Moses, he said to them, ‘This is what the LORD has commanded: ‘Tomorrow is a day of solemn rest, a holy Sabbath to the LORD; bake what you will bake and boil what you will boil, and all that is left over lay aside to be kept till the morning.’” So they laid it aside till the morning, as Moses commanded them, and it did not stink, and there were no worms in it. Moses said, ‘Eat it today, for today is a Sabbath to the LORD; today you will not find it in the field. Six days you shall gather it, but on the seventh day, which is a Sabbath, there will be none.’” (Exod 16:22-26)

This is shortly followed by the 3rd Commandment:

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.” (Exod 20:8-11)

Finally, we hear of this Sabbath in Leviticus:

“Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, a holy convocation. You shall do no work. It is a Sabbath to the LORD in all your dwelling places.” (Lev 23:3)

“Solemn rest...do no work”: that’s how the Scriptures describe the Sabbath day (which, by the way was Saturday, the 7th day of the week).

As we come into the New Testament, we’re well aware of the many Pharisaical notions of Sabbath abuse. Every time Jesus heals on the Sabbath the Pharisee gets mad (Mt 12:1-14). And yet the message is:

“For the Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath.”

Christ is truly Lord of the Sabbath. Indeed, He fulfilled the Sabbath rest in His own work of completion on the cross. His death was truly the Sabbath rest: *“it is finished.”* And on the third day, Easter Sunday, the 8th Day, which is the new first day, creation is restored! Life springs from the grave! So as we seek the promised rest, we are to seek it in Christ alone. *He* is our solemn rest.

The book of Hebrews meditates on this rest that is found only in Christ and is promised to us:

“So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God for whoever has entered God’s rest has also rested from his works as God did from His. Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.” (Heb 4:9-11)

Let us strive to enter the rest which is ours in Christ Jesus. That rest isn’t found in the stopping of what we do, but in the hearing of the Gospel and the receiving of His gifts in the blessed Sacraments. It is in the Church that we Christians find our Sabbath rest, for it is here we participate in the body of Christ. This rest is already ours in Christ, and yet we grow in our participation in it. Finally, on the last day, our labor will cease and our sin will be stripped once and for all, and the true rest will be ours. It is for this Sabbath that we press on.

Along the way, there are mini-Sabbaths – even, *Sabbaticals*. This summer (June-August) I am *resting* from the called work of Pastor for the sake of my PhD studies at the University of Toronto. While this summer will, by no means, be *restful* (it’s not a vacation!), it will allow me the opportunity to focus on these studies for the sake of the Church.

The opportunity given for this summer is truly a blessing. My goal is to return with a clear plan of how to finish the PhD by next summer. The relief of knowing the end is in sight grants more rest than you could imagine. Some people rest by taking time off, others by videogames or a good book; I rest by getting as much done as possible, and emptying my shoulders from the burden I’ve taken on. That’s what this Sabbatical is for me – a time to dump my shoulders’ burden.

While I’m gone, the Lord has not left you. The Gospel will be preached, the Sacraments fed into your mouths, the Scriptures will be taught and the sick and homebound visited. I’m thankful for the pastors who will help cover while I’m gone. I’m thankful to you for this gift.

Thankful for our Sabbath rest in Christ! Pastor Boyle

From our Confessions

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

Part II, Article IV: Of the Papacy.

1] That the Pope is not, according to divine law or according to the Word of God the head of all Christendom (for this [name] belongs to One only, whose name is Jesus Christ), but is only the bishop and pastor of the Church at Rome, and of those who voluntarily or through a human creature (that is, a political magistrate) have attached themselves to him, to be Christians, not under him as a lord, but with him as brethren [colleagues] and comrades, as the ancient councils and the age of St. Cyprian show.

2] But to-day none of the bishops dare to address the Pope as brother as was done at that time [in the age of Cyprian]; but they must call him most gracious lord, even though they be kings or emperors. This [Such arrogance] we will not, cannot, must not take upon our conscience [with a good conscience approve]. Let him, however, who will do it, do so without us [at his own risk].

3] Hence it follows that all things which the Pope, from a power so false, mischievous, blasphemous, and arrogant, has done and undertaken. have been and still are purely diabolical affairs and transactions (with the exception of such things as pertain to the secular government, where God often permits much good to be effected for a people, even through a tyrant and [faithless] scoundrel) for the ruin of the entire holy [catholic or] Christian Church (so far as it is in his power) and for the destruction of the first and chief article concerning the redemption made through Jesus Christ.

4] For all his bulls and books are extant, in which he roars like a lion (as the angel in *Rev. 12* depicts him, [crying out] that no Christian can be saved unless he obeys him and is subject to him in all things that he wishes, that he says, and that he does. All of which amounts to nothing less than saying: Although you believe in Christ, and have in Him [alone] everything that is necessary to salvation, yet it is nothing and all in vain unless you regard [have and worship] me as your god, and be subject and obedient to me. And yet it is manifest that the holy Church has been without the Pope for at least more than five hundred years, and that even to the present day the churches of the Greeks and of many other languages neither have been nor are yet under the Pope. 5] Besides, as often remarked, it is a human figment which is not commanded, and is unnecessary and useless; for the holy Christian [or catholic] Church can exist very well without such a head, and it would certainly have remained better [purer, and its career would have been more prosperous] if such a head had not been raised up by the devil. 6] And the Papacy is also of no use in the Church, because it exercises no Christian office; and therefore it is necessary for the Church to continue and to exist without the Pope.

7] And supposing that the Pope would yield this point, so as not to be supreme by divine right or from God's command, but that we must have [there must be elected] a [certain] head, to whom all the rest adhere [as their support] in order that the [concord and] unity of Christians may be preserved against sects and heretics, and that such a head were chosen by men, and that it were placed within the choice and power of men to change or remove this head, just as the Council of Constance adopted nearly this course with reference to the Popes, deposing three and electing a fourth; supposing, I say, that the Pope and See at Rome would yield and accept this (which, nevertheless, is impossible; for thus he would have to suffer his entire realm and estate to be overthrown and destroyed, with all his rights and books, a thing which, to speak in few words, he cannot do), nevertheless, even in this way Christianity would not be helped, but many more sects would arise than before.

8] For since men would have to be subject to this head, not from God's command, but from their personal good pleasure, it would easily and in a short time be despised, and at last retain no member; neither would it have to be forever confined to Rome or any other place, but it might be wherever and in whatever church God would grant a man fit for the [taking upon him such a great] office. Oh, the complicated and confused state of affairs [perplexity] that would result!

9] Therefore the Church can never be better governed and preserved than if we all live under one head, Christ, and all the bishops equal in office (although they be unequal in gifts), be diligently joined in unity of doctrine, faith, Sacraments, prayer, and works of love, etc., as St. Jerome writes that the priests at Alexandria together and in common governed the churches, as did also the apostles, and afterwards all bishops throughout all Christendom, until the Pope raised his head above all.

To be continued in next month's issue...

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

June 3	~ Lord's Diner 5:30pm
June 9	~ Labor Finders
June 10	~ Church Council 7pm
June 12	~ Hall of Men 7:30pm (more info pg 13)
June 15	~ <i>Father's Day</i> - End of Baby Bottle Project (more info pg 10)
June 17	~ OMT at Grace 9:00am ~ Ladies Bunco (more info pg 13)
June 23-27	~ Joint Parish VBS at Grace (Mon-Fri 9a-11:30a)
June 26	~ Elders 6:00pm ~ Hall of Men 7:30pm (more info pg 13)

~MORE THIS MONTH~
June 18-20, 2014

Concordia Catechetical Academy
21st Annual Symposium on Catechesis
Sussex, WI. More information on page 7.



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~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

The Trinity ladies hosted a spring tea on Saturday, April 26, from 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Vicki Lessman was the co-ordinator for the event. The table centerpieces were teapots filled with fresh flowers and a lighted taper candle beside the teapot. Thanks to Cyndy Clark and Susan Osborne who made the beautiful centerpieces. In addition, each table had a teapot (which could be filled with hot water) and a variety of flavored tea bags. Each place setting had a china teacup and saucer, colorful napkin, silverware and a teapot magnet favor. All of the teapots, cups and saucers were furnished by Vicki Lessman who has a large collection of them. We thank Vicki for loaning them to us so we could enjoy them for the afternoon. Thanks to Lois Winter who borrowed pastel table cloths from St. Andrews Lutheran Church.



There was also a table for the younger girls who attended. They had special treats of fairy bread, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, cake balls, sugar cookies, etc. When they'd finished eating, they went to the Sunday school room where they received a teapot shaped note pad and pencil and painted a wooden teapot craft. Thanks to Gillian and Zoey Zibell for supervising the young girls.

We also thank Vicki for making a lot of the food--chicken salad and spread for cucumber sandwiches, lemon curd, Devonshire cream, etc. Other sweet and savory treats were made by Trinity ladies who met on Saturday morning to make the sandwiches.

Darla Arb, wearing her grandmother's apron, gave a devotion based on tea. Adriane (Dorr) Heins, editor of the "Lutheran Witness," spoke to us via DVD about women's service in the church. The young girls sang and did the actions to the song "I'm a Little Teapot".

We were happy to have a number of our Grace Lutheran friends in attendance. In all approximately 30 ladies attended as well as 11 young girls. A good time was had by all!

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June 29 is "5th Sunday for Mites". On that day everyone who attends church will have the opportunity to donate mites (money) in the large mite box after church. The mites fund Lutheran Women's Missionary League mission grants. One of these grants is "Jesus Our Savior Lutheran School--Winnebago Tribe, Nebraska--\$58,553." Everyone who donates mites will receive a fun-size bag of "M & M's" to remind them of "Mites & Missions".

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Trinity Ladies Guild (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) will not meet in June or July. We will resume meeting on August 7 in preparation for the Telephone Pioneer on August 14.



As we celebrate the feast of the Trinity...

507—Holy, Holy, Holy

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy!, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
- ¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! Señor omnipotente,
siempre el labio mío loores te dará;
¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! Te adoro reverente,
Dios en tres personas, bendita Trinidad.

¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! En numeroso coro
santos escogidos te adoran con fervor,
de alegría llenos, y sus coronas de oro
rinden ante el trono glorioso del Señor.

¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! Por más que estés velado
e imposible sea tu gloria contemplar,
santo tú eres sólo, y nada hay a tu lado
en poder perfecto, pureza y caridad.

¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! La gloria de tu nombre
vemos en tus obras, en cielo, tierra y mar.
¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! Te adorará todo hombre,
Dios en tres personas, bendita Trinidad.

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This great Trinity hymn is a metrical paraphrase of Rev. 4:8-11, "And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within; and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was and is and is to come. And when those beasts give glory and honor and thanks to Him that sat on the throne, who liveth forever and ever, the four and twenty elders fall down before Him that sat on the throne and worship Him that liveth forever and ever and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created."

The hymn was written by Reginald Herber. It was first published in *A Selection of Psalms and Hymns for the Parish Church of Banbury*, third edition, 1826, and then in the author's posthumous *Hymns*, etc., 1827. It was intended for use on Trinity Sunday.

The tune "Nicaea" was written for the hymn by John B. Dykes and appeared in *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861. It was named "Nicaea" because the doctrine of the Trinity was definitely established as a dogma in the Church at the Council of Nicaea, 325 A.D., against the Arians.

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Daniel S. Johnson – Catechist to Siberia & Baltic Churches

Garbė Dievui aukštybėse

ὁ πιστεύσας καὶ βαπτισθεὶς σωθήσεται

Χριστὸς ὠκεῖρε!

April 2014

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the Mission – east Siberia

In late March, Rev. Dr. Matthew Rueger (St. John – Hubbard, IA) and I accompanied Bishop Lytkin on his episcopal visits to the Eastern Siberian congregations. I have reprinted an edited version of the SELC "Faith & Hope newsletter #229," which addresses the trip.

Peace to you, dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
May we bring to your attention the story written by Rev. Daniel Johnson who (together with Rev. Matthew Rueger)

accompanied our Bishop Vsevolod during his last travel to the Eastern Siberia:

"When I first visited Chita and Buryatia (I first visited Siberia in 2000 and Buryatia in 2004), I was immediately overwhelmed by the experience. The contrast between economic poverty and the richness of faith was stark. Those who live on a meager pension of \$50 per month

may appear to live a very simple life, but their constant liturgical prayer and sacramental worship places everything into a proper perspective. In purely economical terms, it is true that Americans living in poverty, experience a higher standard of living than the average Buryatian. Russia may be considered a 'nuclear power,' but outside the cities, the majority of the country lives in an impoverished third world economic setting. I do not think that Americans understand this about Russia and the people of Russia. Two excellent documentary videos describing the standard of living for the Siberian people are 'The Mission – Siberia' and 'The Other Half of the Truth.' Both of these documentaries are available on the Siberian Lutheran Mission Society (SLMS) website (see, www.siberianlutheranmissions.com).

"Ultimately, most satisfying of all, is the level of pastoral care given by the SELC pastors. These are men who have left behind, in most cases, a lucrative job for the life of a parish pastor. The task of pastoral care is never a part-time job. In every case it is a 24/7/365

vocation. However, due to low salaries (or in some cases, no salary) the Siberian pastor is forced to work a secular job to feed his family and support the work of the ministry. Yes, the people do what they can, by providing some financial support. In the villages, most of the people have no money to give, so they deliver food grown in their gardens and other staples, to support the pastor and his family.

"Except for the language difference and the socio-economic setting, the corporate liturgy and shut-in care provided by the local pastor is no different than the care provided by faithful Lutherans anywhere else in the world. When providing shut-in care, the SELC pastor walks into the home, greets the people, empties his portable communion set of bread, wine, chalice, paten, altar cover, veil, candles and crucifix. He prepares a 'makeshift altar' on the top of a washing machine or small kitchen table, or wherever

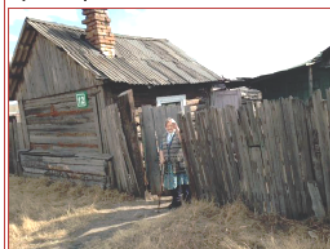
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he has room. He then vests in alb and stole. When he enters the room vested for liturgy, the people stand, out of reverence toward the Holy Office. The candles are lit and the pastor begins the holy liturgy, as the people make the sign of the Holy Cross: 'In the name of the...'

"The similarity in pastoral care exists because we all exercise a common confession. We are Lutheran. We do not



Bp. Lytkin and Rev. Johnson serve The Sacrament in Chita.



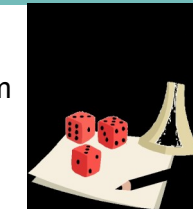
Maria waves after Bp. Lytkin visits to serve her, and her husband, Holy Communion.

Church officials from the Lithuanian, Latvian and Siberian Lutheran churches frequently visit the United States. If you wish to invite one of these church officials to visit your congregation, please contact me at: Daniel.Johnson@lcmsintl.org



ATTENTION LADIES!!!

Our next game night will be held on Tuesday June 17th at 7:00pm
All Ladies are welcome to join.
For more information please call the church office at 685-1571.



LUTHERAN HOUR BROADCAST JUNE 2014

June 1 "Overcoming Life's Spiritual Battle"

The key to winning the spiritual battle: God fights for us. Christ won the victory and leads us through each step of life. (1 Peter 5:6-11)

June 8 "Spirit Help in Time of Need"

The Holy Spirit convinces us that we need the help only God can provide. (John 16:1-15)

June 15 "Living Life in the Power of His Name"

Jesus has been given all authority in heaven and on earth. We live in the certainty of His grace and the power of His Name. (Matthew 28:18-20)

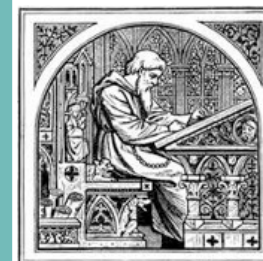
June 22 "Dream Giver for Dream Receivers"

God's forgiving love for us in Christ is a dream come true that dispels the nightmare of sin and death. (Romans 6:12-23)

June 29 "Making God In Our Image"

Jesus will not let Himself be remade in our image or His mission reshaped into what we think it should be. (Matthew 10:34-42)

You can listen anytime online at www.lutheranhour.org. For local times and stations, go to www.lutheranhour.org and click on Broadcast guide.



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 is gone on his sabbatical [scheduled from Memorial Day (May 26th) till just before 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 - June 2014

When it comes to stewardship, a favorite Bible verse is the account of the widow’s mite (Luke 21:1–4). It’s a moving account. Our Lord praises the seemingly small gift of two copper coins given by a poor widow above the abundance of gifts given by the rich, saying, “Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them” (Luke 21:3). And that is usually where we stop. But the text goes on. “For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on” (Luke 21:4).

“She . . . put in all she had to live on.” She gave everything. She held nothing back. She trusted that the Lord who made her and all creatures, who gave her everything she had, who redeemed her from her own sin, from death, and the power of the devil, who called her by the gospel and enlightened her with His gifts of Word and Sacrament, would continue to do this. He would provide her with all that she needed for this body and life because that is the character of the God she had.

But this is not why we give small gifts. We give small gifts precisely because we don’t trust the Lord to provide for us. We give small gifts because we lack faith in the One who created us, redeemed us, sanctifies and keeps us in the one true faith. We give small gifts because we doubt that God will really give us what we need and desire. We give small gifts because we are not content with what God has already given.

We are not slaves, children of the slave woman, under the Old Covenant, who must give a tithe. We are adopted sons of the free woman. And since we are sons, we are also heirs. And heirs receive the inheritance. For everything is already ours in Christ. And thus moved by the willing spirit of adoption, we do the will of God in financial matters far beyond all that was done by those under the Old Covenant who were forced by legal demands.

So what have you decided to give? How do I decide what to give? Let the Scriptures be your guide. We are to give proportionally to what we have received from God’s giving to us (Luke 12:48; 1 Corinthians 16:1–2, 2 Corinthians 8:12). And what proportion is that? We are free, for we are not slaves but sons. Nevertheless, ten percent, the amount demanded for those under the Old Covenant, is a good starting point, unless there is a reason not to. For we have received more from God in Christ, and we are free now to give more also. So use ten percent unless there is a reason to use five percent or fifteen percent.

But you have not been set free to give nothing. See that you excel in the grace of giving (2 Corinthians 8:7)! We are not free to live selfishly outside the Gospel, without regard for God who gives us all good gifts, without generosity for our neighbor who needs us and our gifts, without supporting the community of faith in which we live, without care for our spiritual fathers and those who teach and help raise our children in the faith, without resources for the poor and needy—in short, we are not free to live unto ourselves, hoarding what God has given us only for us. For love is the fulfillment of the law (Romans 13:10). And the sum of the law is this: Love God and love your neighbor (Matthew 22:34–40). We love because He first loved us. We give because He has given to us.

Luther once said “Possessions belong in your hands, not in your heart” (LW 14:240). There is a reason your ten fingers spread apart. You catch with your hands God’s gifts for what you need so that the rest may fall through your fingers to your neighbors—your family, your friends, your community, your church.



ORATIO, MEDITATIO, TENTATIO

(Theological Reading Group)

Schedule		Locations	
9:00 – 9:45 am	Matins	Trinity Lutheran Church	Grace Lutheran Church
9:45 – 11:45 am	Reading Discussion	611 S. Erie, Wichita	3310 E Pawnee, Wichita
11:45 am – Noon	Prayer		
Noon – 1:00 pm	Lunch		



2013 Reading Schedule:

June 17 (Grace, Wichita) *Note Location Change*
Pless, John T. *Martin Luther Preacher of the Cross: A Study of Luther’s Pastoral Theology*. St. Louis: CPH, 2013.

July 15 (Grace, Wichita)
Melito of Sardis, “*On Pascha*” and the *Didache*



Prayer Requests, Praises, and Thanks

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

Pray for the Lutheran catechumens, 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 rule and govern Your holy Christian Church; ...We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

-- The Litany

see liturgy as *adiaphora* (as a matter of opinion, preference or indifference). Holy Liturgy is seen as a faithful delivery of pastoral care, both publicly and privately, to those baptized in Christ. The heart and soul of pastoral care is the proclamation of Christ’s death and resurrection for the sinner’s life and salvation through the delivery of His Word and Holy Sacraments.

“Faithful pastoral care makes its focus, the delivery of this salvation. Faithful pastoral care is expressed in both recognition of Holy Space and the ‘Holy Things’ of God. This is revealed by recognizing Jesus, as He locates Himself, in Holy Baptism, the Office of Holy Absolution and in the distribution of the Supper, of the holy precious Body and Blood of the

crucified Savior. Faithful pastoral care is a confession of Jesus, delivered as He has promised to reveal Himself. When Jesus said, ‘*Lo, I am with you always, to the end of the age,*’ He speaks of the ongoing liturgy of the baptismal life. It means that He locates Himself, for the sinner – for you! He locates Himself in the Holy Office of the Pastor as the holy liturgy delivers the Holy Things. This is what it means to be liturgical. This is why confessing Lutherans are recognized -- regardless of language or cultural setting. The socio-economic cultural setting is not a factor. This is because the Church has its own culture. The liturgy reveals this united culture of faith and confession.



The world’s largest head of Lenin, in Ulan-Ude.

Novosibirsk or Chita, Russia, in the heart of Siberia, the spoken language may be different, but the confession and practice is the same. Christ and Him crucified, is preached, sins are confessed and absolved, the *Our Father* and *Credo* is prayed, the *Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis, Agnus Dei* is proclaimed, and sinners are rescued and saved into eternal life with the eternal Savior.” ❁ DSJ



At the train station in Petropavlovka

“No longer, am I so overwhelmed by the poverty in the homes and congregations I visit. (I have been regularly visiting Siberia for over 14 years.) I accept it and respect it. What overwhelms me each visit, is the incredible faith and witness the Siberian people express through their faithful liturgical practice of Word and Sacrament.

“The SELC pastor, as well as the faithful Lutheran pastor, elsewhere, exercises his office in such a manner, because the historic liturgy expresses the common confession of the Church. Whether one may worship in a LCMS congregation in Marshalltown or Hubbard, Iowa, in a SELC congregation in Oberursel, Germany, a LELC congregation in Palanga, Lithuania, or a SELC congregation in

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.





Restricted Funds:	Balance 1-1-14	Receipts Jan-April	Disbursements Jan-April	Balance 4-30-14
Sunday School Missions	- 0 -	349.07		349.07
Youth Fund	1,116.79			1,116.79
Love Fund	283.24	.48		283.72
Thrift Fund	1,365.00	458.00		1,823.00
Pastor's Discretionary Funds	41.76			41.76
Dillon's Dollars	1,201.97	267.64		1,469.61
TIM - Daniel Johnson	- 0 -	669.30	333.00	336.30
KS Dist LCEF Grant	103.80			103.80
Misc	- 0 -	1,966.14	1,184.25	781.89
Totals	\$ 4,112.56	\$ + 3,710.63	\$ - 1,517.25	\$ 6,305.94

EXHIBIT C - RESTRICTED FUND

BALANCE 1-1-14	RECEIPTS Jan-April	EXPENSES Jan-April	BALANCE 4-30-14
\$ 49,109.90	\$ + 3,496.40	\$ - 2,000.00	\$ 50,606.30

EXHIBIT B – COUNCIL FUND

BALANCE 1-1-14	RECEIPTS Jan-April	EXPENSES Jan-April	BALANCE 4-30-14
\$ - 22,826.44	\$ + 35,867.70	\$ - 38,886.97	\$ - 25,845.71

EXHIBIT A - BUDGET FUND

BALANCE 1-1-14	RECEIPTS Jan-April	EXPENSES Jan-April	BALANCE 4-30-14
\$ - 22,826.44	\$ + 35,867.70	\$ - 38,886.97	\$ - 25,845.71

CASH

Bank of America		Budget Fund - Exhibit A	\$ - 25,845.71
Checking	\$ 6,457.26	Council Fund - Exhibit B	50,606.30
Savings	1,015.92	Restricted Fund - Exhibit C	6,305.94
Certificates of Deposit	2,754.15		
Steward Account – LCEF Youth	- 0 -		
LCEF - Certificate of Deposit	20,839.20		
	\$ 31,066.53		\$ 31,066.53

CASH & FUND BALANCES

FUND BALANCE

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FINANCIAL REPORT
April 30, 2014

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EXHIBIT D – EXPENSES FOR FOUR MONTHS ENDED
April 30, 2014
AND
EXPENSES COMPARED TO BUDGET

BUDGET ITEMS	Expenses For 4 Months	Budget For 4 Months	Under/Over Budget for 4 Months	Budget For 12 Months
Pastor's Salary		15,384.40		21,864.00
Pastor's Health Insurance		7,288.00		1,200.00
Premium		400.00		3,600.00
Deductible		1,200.00		10,961.00
Contribution		3,653.60		3,000.00
Pastor's Pension, FICA, Accident Ins		1,000.00		2,000.00
Pastor's Home Equity Allowance		666.66		1,000.00
Pastor's Car Mileage		333.34		89,778.00
Pastor's Conf & Cont Ed	29,926.00	29,926.00	- 0 -	(44,889.00)
Grace Holy percent	(14,963.00)	(14,963.00)	- 0 -	44,889.00
Trinity reimbursement to Grace sub total	14,963.00	14,963.00	- 0 -	
Personage Utilities	1,118.87	1,000.00	- 118.87	3,000.00
Grace reimbursement to Trinity	(500.00)	(500.00)	- 0 -	(1,500.00)
sub-total	618.87	500.00	- 118.87	
Personage Repairs	327.88	1,357.34	1,029.46	4,072.00
Grace Reimbursement	(327.88)	(1,357.34)	(1,029.46)	(4,072.00)
sub-total	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Secretary	3,196.72	3,196.72	- 0 -	9,590.00
Bookkeeper	1,200.00	1,200.00	- 0 -	3,600.00
Organist	1,925.04	1,675.04	- 250.00	5,025.00
Sec/Bookkeeper/Organist/Custodian FICA	566.24	566.67	.43	1,700.00
Office Supplies & Copy Work	1,718.43	1,166.67	- 551.76	3,500.00
Worship Supplies	812.49	666.67	- 145.82	2,000.00
Synod & District	250.00	333.34	83.34	1,000.00
Lutheran Student Center	250.00	333.34	83.34	1,000.00
Missions	- 0 -	666.67	666.67	2,000.00
Issues, Etc.	500.00	166.67	- 333.33	500.00
Synod/District Assessment	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Parish Education Supplies/Equip	133.65	266.67	133.02	800.00
Evangelism	23.75	166.67	142.92	500.00
Stewardship Supplies	- 0 -	66.67	66.67	200.00
Janitor Service	1,333.36	1,333.36	- 0 -	4,000.00
Maintenance & Repair	1,597.81	2,000.00	402.19	6,000.00
Insurance	3,090.72	4,916.67	1,825.95	14,750.00
Utilities - Church	5,276.58	4,000.00	- 1,276.58	12,000.00
Telephone & Internet	280.43	650.00	369.57	1,950.00
Organ & Piano Maintenance	215.00	266.67	51.67	800.00
Chapel	934.88	0 -	- 934.88	- 0 -
Totals	\$ 38,886.97	\$ 39,101.50	\$ 214.53	\$ 117,504.00

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



LUTHERANISM & THE CLASSICS III

October 2-3, 2014, Fort Wayne, IN

God became incarnate in Christ Jesus at a specific time in history (Gal 4:4), so how might Lutherans read the Bible, the Confessions and developments in light of history? What role does history play in Lutheran education? These and other questions will be discussed during this conference as we celebrate Lutheranism’s engagement with historians of the past, and their value for the propagation of the faith to present and future generations.

The conference features three plenary papers, a banquet address and 30 sectional presenters on such sessions as ancient and Reformation-era historians, how Luther viewed history, hymnody, medieval preaching, Canon Law and pedagogy. Latin will be used in three worship settings, and there will be a session by Mr. Brandon Booth (Worldview Academy) designed especially for Lutheran teachers, classical educators and homeschoolers.

For more information, there will be a flier with registration form in the narthex

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 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.

HOLY CROSS SINGLES

The ages and circumstances of those who have and continue to participate in Singles vary widely. Always single, divorced and widowed adults find fellowship in the group.

JUNE ACTIVITIES

- SUN 1st** - BRUNCH at Auntie Mae’s — 9125 W. Central – 12:30 p.m.—Ken Tingle hosting—371-0484
- MON 2nd** - BIBLE STUDY at Mary Dohl’s home—345 N. Yale —7:30pm— 682-0505
- MON 16th** - BIBLE STUDY at Ken Tingle’s home—2209 Spring Hill Dr., Goddard—7:30pm., 550-6312 or cell 371-0484
- MON 30th** - 5TH MONDAY SOCIAL—Bite Me BBQ—132 N. St Francis St.—6:30pm—Jamie Riddle hosting

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.

Thanks! ~Patricia VanSant, Parish Secretary





SAINTS ALIVE AFTER 55

26th Anniversary Gathering, July 13-15, Spiritual Life Center, Wichita

All Saints of God over 55 are invited to gather for an inspirational time of spiritual enrichment in a relaxed atmosphere and fellowship with wonderful people from all over Kansas. Events include Bible Study, insight session (topical sessions), songs and meditations from Sunday evening until Tuesday noon. It's a guaranteed good time!

Registration of \$85 per person includes 6 delicious meals prepared at the Spiritual Life Center and the programs. Registration forms are available on the www.kslclms.org website or by contacting the Kansas District Office 1-800-357-4421 ext. 200 or tami@kslclms.org. There will also be a flier with registration form and schedule in the narthex.



HOPEART 2014

Sunday, Sept 28th, 5-8pm, Beech Activity Center

Save the date and help celebrate the 10th anniversary of HopeArt featuring special guest International Performance painter David Garibaldi. He uses music and color to entertain people all around the world, recently journeying to China with the NBA, toured with Blue Man Group and even performed at the finals of America's Got Talent. In 2012, David completed his ambitious goal of raising \$1million for non-profit charities before he turned 30! David will be performing for the first time ever in Wichita to benefit HopeNet.

For more information, contact HopeNet: 316-684-4673, www.hopenetwichita.org, or info@hopenetwichita.org



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 or Kansans for Life at 1-800-928-5433 or 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



2014 CCA Symposium June 18-20, 2014

"Lord, teach us to pray..." Catechesis on the Lord's Prayer

Christian prayer is the voice of faith that rests upon the promises of the Gospel and not the threats or coercion of the Law. Using Luther's Small Catechism and the narratives of Holy Scripture, this year's symposium will feature sample catechesis on the Lord's Prayer by experienced pastors. Why we pray; the joy and peace that prayer affords; the place of meditation in Christian piety; and the blessings of prayer for individuals, families, and congregations are among the topics that will be covered.

Featuring

Rev. Peter C. Bender (Pastor, Peace Lutheran Church and Academy, Sussex, WI; Director of the Concordia Catechetical Academy), Rev. John M. Berg (Trinity Lutheran Church, Sheboygan, WI), Rev. Donald V. Engebretson, M.Div. (St. Peter Lutheran Church, Antigo, WI), Rev. Rolf D. Preus, S.T.M. (Pastor of First American Lutheran Church, Mayville, ND, Grace Lutheran Church, Crookston, MN, First Evanger Lutheran Church, Fertile, MN), and Rev. D. Richard Stuckwisch, Ph.D (Pastor of Emmaus Lutheran Church, South Bend, IN).

"Lord, Teach Us to Pray" — Catechesis on the Lord's Prayer

Wednesday - June 18

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal and Workshop We are inviting children, age fourth grade through eighth grade, to rehearse and join in singing with the Peace Lutheran Academy Choir for the Thursday afternoon Divine Service. The Wednesday Choir rehearsal will practice music for the Thursday Service. Parents, choir directors, and pastors are invited to attend the rehearsal to learn about how to work with children's choirs and the important role they play in the worship life of a Lutheran congregation. An additional choir rehearsal will be held over the lunchtime break at the Country Springs Hotel on Thursday with a light lunch provided for the children. <i>(At Peace Lutheran Church, Sussex)</i>	11:45 a.m.	Lunch (on your own) Children's Choir Rehearsal <i>(In the Grand Ballroom)</i>
		1:45 p.m.	Give us this day our daily bread. Rev. John Berg
		2:45 p.m.	Break
		3:15 p.m.	And forgive us our trespasses... Rev. Rev. Rolf D. Preus
6:45 p.m.	Divine Service for Catechesis: Luke 11:1-13 Jesus Teaches His Disciples to Pray Preacher: Rev. Peter C. Bender <i>(Peace Lutheran, Sussex)</i>	5:30 p.m.	Divine Service: The Feast of the Holy Trinity Preacher: Rev. Rolf D. Preus <i>(At Peace Lutheran Church, Sussex)</i>
	Reception: Wine, Beer, and Hors d'oeuvres <i>(At Peace after the Divine Service)</i>	7:00 p.m.	Dinner <i>(on your own)</i>

Thursday - June 19

8:00 a.m.	Registration <i>(In the Grand Ballroom Foyer — Coffee and Danish will be available.)</i> Master of Ceremonies Rev. Walter D. Otten, Brookfield, Illinois
8:30 a.m.	Matins: "Jesus' High Priestly Prayer" John 17:1-26 Rev. Aaron Koch Pastor, Mount Zion Lutheran Church, Greenfield, WI <i>(In the Grand Ballroom)</i>
9:15 a.m.	Hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come... Rev. Dr. D. Richard Stuckwisch
10:15 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m.	Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Rev. Donald Engebretson

Friday - June 20

8:00 a.m.	Matins: "When You Pray" Matthew 6: 1-15 Rev. Aaron Koch <i>(In the Grand Ballroom)</i>
8:45 a.m.	And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Rev. Peter C. Bender
9:45 a.m.	Break
10:15 a.m.	Panel Discussion Bender, Berg, Engebretson, Preus, Stuckwisch
11:30 a.m.	The Litany
12:00 p.m.	Augsburger Barbecue <i>(Sussex Park, Sussex)</i>

Hotel Accommodations

Each attendee is to make his own hotel reservation. The Country Springs Hotel, Waterpark, and Conference Center has quality accommodations, including an indoor pool, fitness center, waterpark, and excellent restaurants. To guarantee a room, reservations must be made by **June 1, 2014**. To make your reservation, call **1-800-247-6640** and tell them that you are with the CCA Symposium. Rates: Deluxe Room – \$104; Executive Suite – \$139

There will be copies of the flier and the registration form in the narthex or feel free to contact the church office for more information.



"Filling the Gap Lunches for Kids"
...meeting a hunger need
Please help feed our children & youth...



HELP IS NEEDED

\$2.50 = 1meal \$25 = 10 meals
\$100 = 40 meals \$250 = 100 meals

Donations of funds: Please help hungry children now with donations designated for "Filling the Gap Lunches" to Partners for Wichita, 925 N. Waco, Wichita, KS 67203 or to Kansas Food, 1919 E. Douglas, Wichita, KS 67211.

Volunteer: Any week day or days from July 28th – August 8th (weekdays only) between 11:30 – 1:30. Sign up before July 21st to be scheduled at one of the 15 locations. To sign up call 316.263.1389 or email danielle@partnersforwichita.org.

Donations: We will be accepting donations of healthy snack items and fresh fruit to help supplement the meals for children.

This summer
we plan to
provide about
9,000 meals.
THANK YOU!



OUR NEWEST MISSIONARY FAMILY

We have started supporting another missionary family. Please start praying for Rev. Dr. Carl and Deaconess Deborah Rockrohr. If you would like to learn more about them and read their newsletter, you can visit their website at www.rockrohr.net



Rev. Dr. Carl and Deaconess Deborah Rockrohr serve the Lord through the LCMS in Ethiopia. Carl teaches at Mekane Yesus Seminary (EECMY-MYS) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Mekane Yesus Seminary is dedicated to training Lutheran pastors for Ethiopia. Deborah assists Carl with administrative tasks and some theological courses for women.

Carl is a graduate of Concordia University Wisconsin and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo. Deborah received her deaconess training at Concordia University Chicago. She holds a master's

degree from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo. The Rockrohrs have four children: Paul, Jim and Becky, who reside in the United States, and Ted, who lives with Carl and Deborah in Ethiopia.

Please pray for Carl and Deborah as they serve in Ethiopia. Pray that God would provide them with prayer and financial supporters in the United States. Pray that the Lord would bless Mekane Yesus Seminary and its supporting congregations. Ask the Lord to grant strength and wisdom to the current seminary students. Finally, pray that the Lord would bring to the seminary those students whom He wants to be trained as pastors.



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	Lowes	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!