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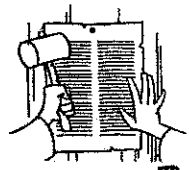
*Stop and consider
God's wonders.*

Job 37:14



AUGUST 2017

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMS)
AND SCHOOL
WINFIELD, KANSAS**



This year Lutherans are celebrating the 500th year of the Reformation. Luther's basic desire was to get people into the Holy Scriptures so that the Holy Spirit could do His work in their lives and living. That desire is a precious heritage and inheritance to this very day. The source and norm of Christian faith and life is the Bible; Genesis to Revelation. To be in the Word and students of the Scripture is precious and priceless. To compromise any part of the message of the Word, Law or Gospel, simply to accommodate the moral and social climate we live in, would be to lose the benefit and blessing it brings to all who cherish it.

Jesus said, "See that no one leads you astray. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and they will lead many astray. And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are but the beginning of birth pains. Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake. And many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. For many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. And because lawlessness (*wickedness*) will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. (Matthew 24:4-14, ESV)

"But as for you, continue in what you have learned and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." (2 Tim. 3:14-17, ESV)

To learn and know the Holy Scriptures is to apply them to our daily lives and to the circumstances and situations that arise. Open copies of the Holy Scriptures make this learning readily available. Let your daily devotions lead you into the sacred pages. Take advantage of weekly worship and Bible classes. The Holy Spirit takes the text of the word and teaches those who read and hear. "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." (John 14:26-27)

In this year of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation; *"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."* (Hebrews 10:23-25, ESV)

*Yours In Christ,
Pastor Nathanael*

A Note from the Deacon

In a recent church service Pastor Hathaway and the Chairman of the Board of Elders, David Okeson, spoke about members who are absent from church services or who have been absent for quite some time. They spoke about how we, the members, should encourage those who are absent to attend and how we might provide that encouragement. They also spoke about those members who have not attended services for years and how they will handle these situations.

A few days after this service my wife and I were having our daily devotions before the supper hour. We have been using a devotional book that our son and daughter-in-law gave us for Christmas. It is entitled "Faith, Hope & Grace" (not produced by the LCMS) and has some rather insightful devotions. The one that evening was entitled "Rooted" and it spoke of exactly the same thing that Pastor Hathaway and David Okeson spoke of, so for August Newsletter I thought I would share that devotion and its prayer with you. The devotion is as follows:

Rooted

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving. COLOSSIANS 2:6-7

How do you know when you don't have deep spiritual roots? Worry, fear, anxiety, stress, guilt, shame, resentment, bitterness, and so much more show up in your life. These are the results of not having deep spiritual roots. That is why Paul says he wants us to be "rooted" in God—rooted in His Word, rooted in love, rooted in faith, rooted in hope.

The Bible has a lot to say about having spiritual roots. Jesus told a parable about seeds falling to the ground. Some of the seeds never developed deep roots, so they withered away once they encountered problems (Matthew 13:6). But Jesus wants us to deepen our faith in Him so we can "produce a harvest of thirty, sixty; or even a hundred times as much as had been planted!" (Matthew 13:23)

How do you develop deep spiritual roots? You've got to spend time with God, and you've got to spend time with other believers. No one has all of life figured out. There are always things in your life you can't figure out. That's why Christians need each other! You can learn from other Christians as you encourage each other and your roots grow deeper.

But if you're not spending time with God daily, you're going to dry up and blow away when the pressure of life is on. There is no substitute for time alone with God in the Christian life. Whatever it takes to keep the focus on God, do as NIKE says, "Just Do It!"

Dear Heavenly Father, as we continue to be rooted in You, we trust that You will build up our lives into all that You have for us. May our lives bring glory and honor to Your great name. Amen.

So what do you think? I encourage each of you and your families to spend just a little time with the Lord each day. Also encourage each other, even our delinquent members, to attend church services and Sunday School. When we do this, each of our roots will be strengthened and will grow deeper. Looking forward to seeing all of our membership attend worship services.

Blessing always
Deacon Larry Junker

P.S. Concordia Publishing has just put out a new book devoted just to the aforementioned. It is entitled "Connected to Christ – Why Membership Matters." Here is a short explanation of what the book is about: "*Every believer – regardless of gender, ethnicity, economic class, political party or education level – is a part of the Church. Membership is a crucial aspect of Christianity. Being a member of a church isn't just about tithing and having your name on a roster. It's about supporting your brothers and sisters, holding them accountable, and regularly receiving God's Word and Sacraments with them. You are a part of the body of Christ. You matter. Membership matters.*" If you go to the Concordia Publishing web page you can print out the first chapter or so (26 pages). Good reading!



CHURCH AND SCHOOL WORKDAY

It's time for some cleaning and sprucing up the church and school. We will have our annual August Workday on Sunday, August 13. After Sunday School, join us for a potluck lunch. Then we can get to work. There will be jobs for everyone interested, both inside and out. Bring your comfy work clothes and any cleaning supplies you can share. Thanks!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There are some new opportunities to serve by volunteering with some small jobs in the church:

Checking the pews: Lois Somer has faithfully done this for several years. We need someone to come in once a week to check the pencils, sharpen them if needed; check visitor cards and straighten the hymnals. This can be whenever it is convenient for you.

Vida Brown has seasonally decorated the corner shelf in the downstairs bathroom. We have all the decorations. We just need a volunteer to change them out as needed.

DILLONS REWARDS

Trinity received a check for \$447.40 from Dillons for the last quarter from the Community Rewards program. If you haven't signed up, please do so on line or we will help you in the office. It's completely free and helps the church!

RELAY FOR LIFE

Team Trinity would like to thank our wonderful congregation for their support of our Relay for Life team. The 2017 Winfield Relay for Life had 20 teams participating this year, raising a total of \$41,340.32 for the American Cancer Society. Team Trinity was the top fundraising team again this year, raising \$6,915.21. Thanks again!



CHOIR NEWS

In looking at the coming church year and setting up a schedule for the Trinity Choir (mixed voices) and the Alleluia Choir (women's voices) we talked with Pastor about trying something different.

For the months of August through December just Alleluia choir would meet, practice, and contribute to the church services during those months.

Then beginning in January and finishing out the year, just Trinity Choir would meet, practice and contribute during that time.

With looking at our evolving membership and schedules they try to balance, we thought this might be a way to help those circumstances.

Choir rehearsal will continue to be on Wednesdays at 6:00pm. Watch the bulletin for the specific starting date for Alleluia choir.

As always we invite any new voices interested in joining either of these groups—and welcome back our charter members!

Bonnie Condit—Trinity Choir Director
Katherine Seeliger—Alleluia Choir Director

P.S. And please keep in mind—ALL Musical Talents (vocal, instrumental, solos, groups) from ALL ages (1-100 years) are ALWAYS welcome to contribute all the time (52 Sundays every year) to the Church Service!

THANK YOU FROM LOIS

Hello Trinity family,
A warm hello from the north country. Chris and I are slowly settling in to our newness. We wish to sincerely thank you, each and every one, for the love, joy, and caring you have shared with us these past 12 years. God has been so good to us and we daily thank Him for you. May His love be close to us all.
In Christ,
Lois and Chris Somer



**Lutheran
Women
in Mission**

GO LEARN – GO SHARE – GO SERVE

LWML is breaking new ground beginning with a new logo. “Through this identity, the hope is to empower members through deeper connections, tradition, and the desire to serve God. The symbol was created with this in mind; one that represents the members of both the LWML and the church. A heart to represent the love and giving nature of the members; a drop to symbolize the blood of Christ and tear of compassion; and a cross above all else to proudly show purpose behind the efforts of the LWML.”

As we begin our new adventure with LWML, we encourage each of you (young and old alike) to use whatever God given talent with which you have been blessed to share God’s love with all His children.

When we look at the big picture, it becomes scary and we think that we can never make a difference. We encourage you to read the “Go Learn – Go Share – Go Serve inserts in the Sunday bulletins. Each “brick” you lay in the name of Jesus builds His kingdom.

If you feel you need some “training”, LHM has “free online courses to boost your confidence in sharing your faith!” Visit lhm.org/learn. The first course is “Intergenerational Mentoring and Sharing Faith Stories”.

We ask for your prayers for all those in need, whether for spiritual healing, physical healing or for direction in life courses as they change. We encourage you to **GO LEARN – GO SHARE – GO SERVE** your Lord and Savior with (JOY and) GLADNESS. (LWML Aug 2017)



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Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you. (2Thess 3:1)

Pray for your Pastor and his family.



TRINITY SCHOOL NEWS

Trinity Lutheran School begins Wednesday, August 16 with a full day of school. We are expecting a great year with a great staff and wonderful students and parents.

We welcome Kelly Rowe as our new preschool teacher. Kelly has been with us last school year as a student teacher in Miss Miller's classroom. Kelly is from Chanute and is a graduate of both Southwestern College and Fort Hays State University. She has lots of ideas for her new preschoolers.

There will be an Open House on Monday, August 14 at 6:00pm. Students are invited to bring school supplies, meet their teachers and get acquainted with their new classrooms. Parents and grandparents are welcome!

Our students have an opportunity this year to read William Allen White list books. These are books chosen by teachers and librarians. Students are able to vote on their favorite book each year. If students read the books from the list and pass the Accelerated Reader tests they may be eligible to go to the William Allen White award ceremony in Emporia and meet the winning author.

We are planning an Outdoor Education Day at Tanganyika Wildlife Park in October. More information as the school year begins.

HEALTHY LIVING—AUGUST 2017

Time for school means time for immunizations for your children. The City-Cowley County Health Department offers vaccination services for both children and adults including international travel vaccines. Vaccines are billable to Medicaid, Medicare and Private Insurance Companies. Walk-in clients welcome on clinic days with minimal wait times.

Winfield Office:


320 East 9, Suite B
620-221-1430

Walk-In Clinic Hours:

Mondays 1:00-4:30PM

AND

Wednesdays 8:00AM-11:30AM and 1:00PM-4:30PM



City-Cowley County
Health Department
Prevent - Promote - Protect

115 E. Radio Lane, 67000
Arkansas City, KS

320 East 9th, Suite B
Winfield, KS
67156

Vaccines Available Include:

- Haemophilus Influenza Type B
- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B
- Herpes Zoster
- Human Papillomavirus
- Influenza
- Measles, Mumps and Rubella
- Meningococcal (MCV4 and Bexsero)
- Pneumococcal
- Poliomyelitis
- Rotavirus
- Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis
- Typhoid Fever
- TB Skin Tests
- Varicella
- Yellow Fever



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Hey all you school age kids!

Have you been to Sunday school lately?

If you haven't, we have missed you! If you have been, your friends aren't there, huh?

Beginning Sunday, September 10, after church, in the front of the sanctuary, a new year of Sunday School lessons will begin.

Stay after church!

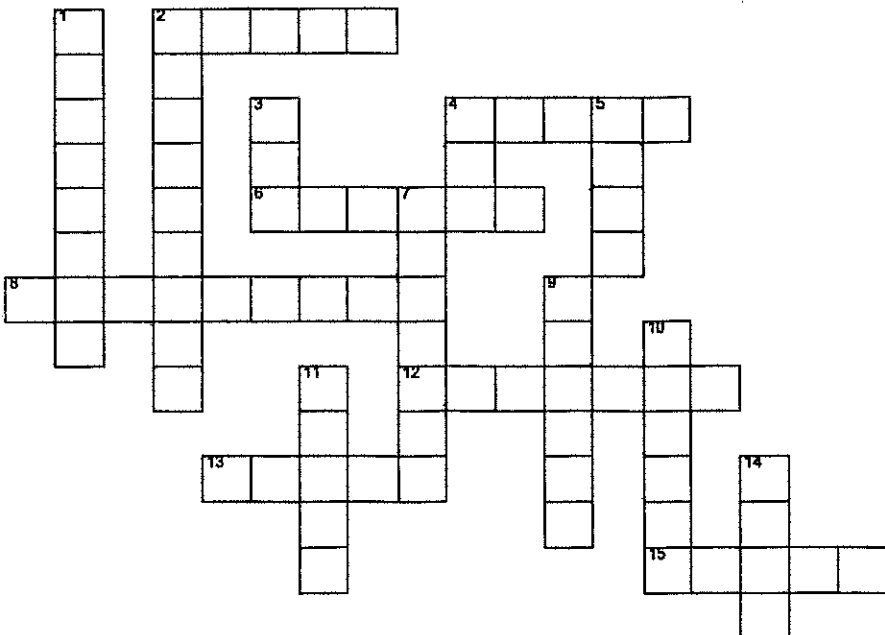
Come spend some after-church, fun-time with your Sunday School leader and your friends you see at church! Bring a friend!

(There are snacks☺)

Getting back into the learning fitness of school is also a great time to come back, learn more about God's teachings for His children, the wonderful stories and special message He has for all of us.

So join your friends and leaders for Sunday School, September 10 at the front of the sanctuary!

CROSSWORD: All of the clues and answers are taken from the story of Job, the book in the Bible that comes right before Psalms.



ACROSS

2. Cause of Job's trouble
4. Twinkling, heavenly lights
6. The Shuhite, a friend (2:11)
8. Creature of the deep, (41:1)
12. The Temanite, a friend (2:11)
13. Sores
15. Job had 7,000

DOWN

1. The One who ever lives (19:25)
2. Affliction
3. Had seven sons
4. Ocean
5. Precipitation
7. Job had 500
9. The Naamathite, a friend (2:11)
10. Job had 3,000
11. Job's 4th friend (32:2)
14. Job had 500 yoke