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MONTHLY CHURCH NEWSLETTER

A WORD from the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

I intended to preach the following sermon last year on Easter 3. Due to the fire, however, the preaching schedule was changed and I filed it away in the archives. Since this text does not appear in our Lectionary for a few years, rather than saving it, I thought I would provide the sermon manuscript as a newsletter article for your edification. Before reading it, I encourage you to take a look at the text on which it is based, Luke 24:13-35.

How to Read the Bible

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of Holy Spirit. Amen.

One of the main themes of our readings for the first few Sundays of the Easter Season has to do with the importance of the Bible. We heard this very clearly in our Gospel lesson from last week at the end of John chapter 20. St John writes that “these things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.” So also, in today’s Gospel lesson, the account of the Emmaus disciples, we heard something very similar. In particular, St Luke tells us that “beginning with Moses and all the prophets, [Jesus] interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.” These texts are foundational ones for a right understanding of the Bible.

There are many people in the world today who have a very low view of the Bible. They either think that the Bible is just a book like any other book, or they think that the Bible is an important book, but that the Bible by itself is not important enough, and that we need more than just the Bible. It should not surprise us that those who have a low view of the Bible also tend to have a very low view of Jesus. When people say that the Bible is just a book like any other book, they usually say that Jesus was just a man like any other man. When people say that the Bible is important, but that we need more than just the Bible, they usually say that Jesus is important too but we need more than just the work of Jesus to be saved. There is an inseparable link between Jesus and the Bible. Faith in Jesus is not a different thing than faith in the truthfulness of the Bible. When we believe what the Bible says, we believe what Jesus would have us believe. To receive the Bible is to receive Jesus. To reject the Bible is to reject Jesus. Jesus and the Bible go together. So, in today’s sermon, I would like for us to think more about our relationship to the Bible. More specifically, on the basis of what we see in our reading from Luke

chapter 24, I’d like for us to think about how we are to read the Bible.

In the first place, we are to read the Bible as God’s Word. When Jesus corrected the Emmaus disciples and gave them a proper understanding of His work as the Messiah, and the necessity of His death and resurrection, He did so by pointing them to the Bible. Again, as Saint Luke says, “And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, [Jesus] interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.”

Yes, the Bible was written by men. It was written by ordinary men who in many ways were men just like you and me. But what made the things that those men wrote so special was not that they were special, but that God did something special through them. In the Lutheran Church we call this the doctrine of verbal inspiration. The doctrine of verbal inspiration simply means that God caused the human authors of the Bible to write the Bible and gave them the very words to write down in the Bible. God gave them the inclination to work and He guided their working. That is exactly what Saint Peter says in his second epistle. He writes, “No prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.” And Saint Paul says something similar in 2 Timothy chapter 3 when he writes, “All Scripture is breathed out by God.” The Bible is inspired. It is inspired by God. It is not a book like any other book. Other books do not have the authority that the Bible has. Other books do not have the reliability that the Bible has. When we read other books, we cannot be certain that we are reading the Word of God, but we can be certain of that when we read the Bible.

If you know, a few decades ago there was a massive controversy in the Lutheran church over the Bible. Certain men, even at one of our seminaries, were teaching a method of studying the Bible called “higher criticism.” They were teaching that we cannot always be certain of what the Bible says and that there are certain things in the Bible that are not true. They were evaluating the Bible by the same standards that they evaluated everything else. When the Bible says things that are hard to believe, they said that we Christians did not have to believe those things. They said that the Bible contained God’s Word, but that the Bible was not God’s Word. All of this teaching eventually culminated in the suspension of several of those professors, the so-called “walk-out,” where some students protested by leaving the seminary and starting a new seminary, and the eventual formation of the ELCA, the Evangelical Church in America.

There is a big problem, however, whenever we say that the Bible only contains God’s Word and that all of it is not God’s Word. When we say that the Bible only contains God’s Word, and that parts of it are not God’s Word, then we get to decide what is and is not God’s Word. Then we get to take the place of God. But we cannot take the place of God. God is God and we are not God. When we try to be God, terrible things happen. That is what has happened in the ELCA and every other church body that has denied

that all of the Bible is God's Word. They allow women to serve as pastors, even though the Bible says otherwise. They support and defend things like homosexuality and transgenderism, even though the Bible says otherwise. They open their altar to almost everyone who wants to take Communion regardless of their beliefs, even though the Bible says otherwise.

We Christians must listen to what the Bible says. We must listen to all of what the Bible says, even if our sinful hearts do not like what the Bible says. We must listen to what the Bible says, because whenever we deny one part of what the Bible says, eventually we will deny all of what the Bible says. Eventually we will deny the One who wrote the Bible.

On many occasions Jesus Himself pointed to the authority of the Bible. Jesus quoted the Bible as if it was the highest authority. He said things like, "it is written" and "have you not read." Jesus told His disciples to study the Bible and to look to the Bible for eternal life. He said things like, "the Scriptures cannot be broken" and "do not live by bread alone but by every Word that comes from the mouth of God." On the road to Emmaus, instead of just revealing Himself to the two disciples by telling them directly what they should believe, Jesus did so from the Bible. Jesus used all of the Scriptures, Moses and the prophets, to convince the Emmaus disciples of what had to happen for their salvation. The Bible led them in the right direction. The Bible made their hearts burn within them. Jesus showed them how to read the Bible, and that is how we ought to read the Bible too. We should read it as God's Word.

Second, and this is very much related to the first thing, we should let the Bible speak for itself. Since the Bible is God's Word and not our Word, we should not impose our own opinions and views on the Bible. We should not go looking in the Bible for what we want the Bible to say, but we should listen to what it says. We should interpret the Bible by letting the Bible interpret itself. That means reading passages in their context, and comparing different passages to each other. It means looking to very clear passages to help us understand the ones that appear to be difficult passages.

The Emmaus disciples struggled at first with letting the Bible speak for itself. They did not understand what had to happen to Jesus, because they were not thinking about Jesus according to what the Bible says about Him and what He said about Himself. They were thinking about Jesus according to what they wanted the Bible to say about Jesus. Saint Luke tells us that they were talking with each other about all the things that had happened. They were talking together about all of what they had experienced and seen in Holy Week. What Luke does not tell us is that they were talking about what they had experienced and seen in light of the Bible. In fact, Saint Luke even tells us that the Emmaus disciples said about Jesus, "We had hoped that He was the one to redeem Israel." The Emmaus disciples had hoped that Jesus was the kind of Messiah that they thought He should be, and not the kind of Messiah that the Bible says He would be. They did not understand that He had to die and rise, even though that is precisely what the Bible says

He came to do.

Jesus used the Bible to correct them. Jesus pointed them away from themselves, and their own opinions, and toward the written Word of God. Jesus said, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken."

It is the mark of a fool to not let the Bible speak for itself. It is the mark of a fool to twist the Bible and try and make the Bible say what we want it to say instead of what it clearly says. Fools speak when they should let others speak. This, of course, can happen in many different ways when it comes to the Bible. It can happen when we take one small passage from the Bible out of its context, and apply it to things that it doesn't apply to. We can think here of those who take what the Bible says about loving others and use it to defend sinful behavior. They impose their views on the Bible instead of letting the Bible shape their views. They pit the Bible against itself, even though the Bible holds together. This, however, can also happen in a less obvious ways. There is a common practice among some Christians to read Bible passages and then go around in a circle and take turns saying what that Bible passage means to each one of them. But the Bible means what it means, and its true meaning does not come from our own hearts but from the heart of God who wrote it. The Bible is clear and it is sufficient. What it means may not always be clear to us in a given moment, because sometimes we don't know the Bible as well as we should, but that is not a problem with the Bible. That is a problem with us. Furthermore, the way that that problem is solved is by reading more of the Bible. It is by submitting ourselves to what the Bible says, and comparing what it says in one place to what it says in another. That is what Jesus did with the Emmaus disciples. He corrected their misunderstanding of the Bible by using more of the Bible. He walked them through the whole Bible and showed them how all of the Bible holds together. We do not impose our views on the Bible. We let the Bible speak for itself. That is how we are to read the Bible.

Third, and most importantly, we are to read the Bible in order to receive Jesus. The Bible was not written for just any reason. It was written for the purpose of giving and strengthening our faith in the crucified and risen Lord. Jesus did not only show the Emmaus disciples that all of the Bible is God's Word and that the Bible should be interpreted in light of the Bible. He showed them how all of the Bible points to Him. Again, as St Luke says, "He interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself."

The Bible is not about us. The Bible was written for us and the Bible has many things to say to us, but it is not about us. We are not the central character in the Bible, Jesus is. The Bible is the true story of how Jesus Christ has saved us from our sins. It is not about how we can save ourselves; it is about how Jesus has saved us. Whenever people make the Bible about themselves, they miss what the Bible is actually about, and they miss out on the greatest gift that the Bible gives. The Bible does have practical wisdom in it. It is possible that through reading the Bible we can learn how to do many things in this life, but the Bible is not so much concerned with us having happy lives as it is with our lives

never ending. What matters most is not that we have a nice life here and now but that we don't spend eternal life in hell.

The only way to pass through this life and come to eternal life with Christ is through faith in Christ. We are saved through faith in Jesus alone. We are saved by trusting in Christ's atoning sacrifice on the cross, and His resurrection from the dead that justifies us in the eyes of God. The Bible is God's tool to give us that faith. God gives us faith and works faith in our hearts through the Bible. He does it through reading the Bible. He does it through listening to the Bible read. He does it through sending men to preach on the Bible. He does it through bringing other Christians to us to speak the content of the Bible to us.

Through the Bible, God opens our hearts to receive Jesus, and He gives us Jesus. After the Emmaus disciples were led through the Bible, they wanted Jesus to stay with them. They wanted every bit of Jesus that they could get. They said to Jesus, "Abide with us, for it is toward evening and the day is far spent." Then Jesus opened their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Jesus led them through the Bible, so that they would trust in Him because of the Bible, and receive Him how the Bible says He wants to be received. Jesus showed them His work through the Bible, and then He made Himself known to them in the place where the Bible tells us to go. He led them from the Word to the Sacraments. We don't pit the Bible against Communion. We don't say that because we have Jesus in the Bible that we don't need to have Jesus in Communion. When we come to know through the Bible that Jesus loves us and has died and risen to forgive us all of our sins, we want to be wherever Jesus promises to be. We read the Bible to receive Jesus in faith and to be strengthened in the belief that He bore all of our sins and has taken them all away.

In today's sermon we talked about how we are to read the Bible. We talked about how we are to read the Bible as God's Word. We talked about how we are to read the Bible by letting the Bible speak for itself. We talked about how we are to read the Bible to receive Jesus, that is, for the sake of having saving faith in Him. All of these things assume that we are reading the Bible in the first place. On the basis of that, I'd like to close today's sermon by giving some concrete guidance for reading the Bible in general. What I'm going to say is Law, but it is Law for the people of God who know the Gospel. It is Law that is intended to encourage and help you as those who love the Bible to make the Bible a bigger part of your life.

We Christians need to read the Bible. We need to read the Bible every day. We need to come to church to hear the Bible read every Saturday or Sunday, but we also need to read it in our homes. When we only read the Bible at church, we give the impression that the Bible is only for church and that what the Bible says only matters at church even though that is not true. What the Bible says matters all the time. We need to read it all the time. If you do not read something from the Bible every single day you need to start doing it today. If you don't know where to start there are

many great resources that can help. There are apps to use on your phone. There are reading plans you can find on the internet. If you have trouble understanding things in the Bible and that keeps you from reading the Bible, there are resources like the Lutheran Study Bible that were created to help with that very thing. Ask other Christians who you respect about how they read the Bible and try something they do, or just pick up a Bible and read it.

Parents, dads in particular, you need to read the Bible to your families. You need to read the Bible to those who cannot read the Bible for themselves. You need to set aside time at some point during the day, the dinner table, the breakfast table, before bed, in the car while your wife drives, and open the Bible and read it. Even if you don't think you know enough about the Bible, even if it is hard to find time to read the Bible, you need to do it. God will bless you families for doing it. That's what the Bible says. It says, "Fathers, bring up your children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." It says, "Train a child up in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Make time for the Bible. Do whatever it takes.

Reading the Bible is not always easy. The Devil does not want you to read the Bible. He knows that when you read the Bible you are being fitted with the armor of God that repels His flaming darts and defends you from his attacks. He knows that when you read the Bible you are unsheathing the sword of the Spirit which has the power to hack him to pieces and send him fleeing far from you. The Bible is your greatest weapon and your best defense.

When we fail to read the Bible, we need to do the same thing what we should do every time we fail at anything. We repent and believe the Gospel. We look to the Bible. We look there for the forgiveness of our sins and then, by God's help, we start over. The Bible is where we look for comfort. That is where we turn to see and receive Jesus as our Redeemer from sin, death, and the power of the Devil. Through the Bible, God gives us faith in His Son. Through the Bible, God saves our souls by leading us to the One who promises rest for our souls. Through the Bible, God brings us to Jesus and Jesus to us. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Schlie

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM PASTOR SCHLIE

Dear Brothers and Sister in Christ,

After prayerful consideration, I have decided to return to Call to be the new pastor of Saint Salvator Lutheran Church and Olive Branch Lutheran Church and continue to serve as one of the pastors here at Trinity. Thank you again for all of your prayers and kind words of encouragement over the past few weeks. My family and I are deeply appreciative of all of your support. I am truly honored to serve as one of your pastors. Please keep the congregations at Saint Salvator and Olive Branch in your prayers as they continue to wait for a pastor. God bless you all!

In Christ,
Pastor Schlie

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

As we look forward to the 2024-2025 school year, Trinity Lutheran School is seeking to call a Christ-centered individual to fill the following full-time position:

- ♥ **5th Grade Teacher**
- ♥ **Pre-K – 6th Grade Music**

Successful candidates will provide spiritual leadership in all relationships with students, parents, faculty, and staff as they carry out plans and programs to

achieve the responsibilities assigned. The constitution of the congregation requires that every member be given the opportunity to suggest names to fill the position.

If you have questions or concerns about this process, or would like to suggest a name for consideration, please contact Jonathan Sprengel, Principal at 573-636-7807 or jsprengel@trinityjc.org.

SPECIAL

VOTER'S MEETING SUMMARY

The voter's assembly met on Wednesday, March 13, 2024. The purpose of the meeting was to extend calls to two teachers for the 2024-2025 school year.

The voters unanimously voted to extend calls to Anna Armbrust and Charlene Stortz. Please keep our school and these two teachers in your prayers.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

We are looking forward to our meeting on April 9th starting at 6pm. We will meet in the basement of the old parsonage. We will discuss the next Zone Rally and the upcoming District Convention. We will also be discussing the budget, By-Laws, and Standing Orders. We will use this as a business meeting. We will still have a short devotion and Mites collection. All women in the congregation are welcome.

Please if you have any questions feel free to contact Danielle Rakow by phone or text at 573-230-5654 or by email rakowedtk@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There is a need for more **USHERS**. Please see Matt Fife or Mike Johnson if you are willing and able to serve. The usher rotation is currently once every four weeks.

Who likes their **COFFEE & DONUTS** on Sunday morning during Bible class and Sunday School? The Missions and Service board is seeking help with this. Please see Todd Rakow or Amanda Peters if you could help a Sunday or two.

The **SCHOOL KITCHEN** needs volunteers to serve lunch each day. The hours are from 10:30-1:00. Use the link below to sign up or call the school office at 573-636-7807.

https://signup.com/mobileweb/2.0/vs_pot.html?activitykey=1263227254017

HAPPY DRIFTERS

APRIL

Join your Happy Drifters friends on Sunday, April 7. We will attend The Carol Burnett Show: A Series of Sketches at Columbia Entertainment Company in Columbia, MO at 2:00 pm. Cost for the show is \$15.

Carol Burnett is known as one of the most brilliant comedians of all time, and her Carol Burnett Show ran for 11 years, garnering 25 prime-time Emmy awards. If you love Carol Burnett, you'll love this opportunity to see performances of the actual scripts to some of her best comedy sketches.

We will also eat lunch at Delia's Mexican Grill before the show.

To carpool, please meet at the Church parking lot at 11:45.

Date: Sunday, April 7
Restaurant Location: 1400 Cinnamon Hill, Columbia (turn right at the Stadium exit)

Show Location: 1800 Nelwood Dr., Columbia.

JUNE

Have you spent years, sometimes decades, growing up alongside the Missouri River, but never having the chance to immerse yourself in it from the perspective of a boat? Now you can be a part of this brand new experience.

On Saturday, June 8, we will take a 2-hour boat ride (11:30 am-1:30 pm) out of Cooper's Landing Campgrounds and Marina, just south of Columbia. You will be introduced to our treasured natural resources on an up close and personal tour. Participants will be provided with a safety talk and life jackets before going on the boat ride. The cost is \$25, and you will need to call the Columbia Parks and Recreation at 573-874-7460 to reserve your tickets. This will sell out quickly, so don't hesitate to sign up!

We will carpool from the Church parking lot and eat lunch on-site at their picnic tables. Food trucks will be on site, or you can bring your own lunch. To carpool, please meet at the Church parking lot at 10:00 am for the 11:30 boat ride.

Date: Saturday, June 8

Location: Cooper's Landing Campgrounds and Marina, 11505 Smith Hatchery Rd., Columbia, MO. Also located at mile 170 on the Missouri River and mile 163.5 on the Katy Trail.

OFFERING

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

As of March 24, 2024

Actual \$657,055.69

Budget \$680,660.37

Difference (\$23,604.68)

FY 2023-2024 budgeted offering: \$925,000

Online giving: trinityjc.org/give-now

MEMBER NEWS

Baptisms

JAXSON HAMMANN, son of Christopher Hammann and Megan Haas was baptized into Christ on March 3, 2024.

ALASTAIR HILL, son of Joshua & Sabrina Hill was baptized into Christ on March 16, 2024.

SEAN, SHANE, & SPENCER JAEGERS, children of Steven & Salma Jaegers were baptized into Christ on March 16, 2024.

ROSE BARTENS, daughter of Faron & Olivia Bartens was baptized into Christ on March 17, 2024.

BRAXTEN, ELLA, & RAEGAN HAWK, children of Bradley & Brittany Hawk were baptized into Christ on March 30, 2024.

New Members

Adult Confirmation - March 3, 2024:

MEGAN HAAS
SKYLER MASSEY
ROBERT SCOTT

Adult Confirmation - March 10, 2024:

JUSTIN & JENNIFER REDMOND
STEVE JAEGERS

Adult Confirmation - March 16, 2024:

JOSHUA HILL
MATTHEW & KACHINA JOHNSON

Adult Confirmation - March 30, 2024:

BRADLEY & BRITTANY HAWK

Funerals

LORETTA MAE (ROCKELMAN) SCHUBERT, 96, of Jefferson City, passed away Monday, March 11, 2024, at Jefferson City Manor Care Center.

She was born July 15, 1927, in Cole County, the daughter of Theodore and Lessie L. (Johnston) Rockelman.

On January 23, 1948, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Jefferson City, Loretta was united in marriage to Almon Schubert who preceded her in death on May 1, 1974.

She graduated from Jefferson City High School in 1946. She worked for Capital City Telephone Company, Jefferson City Public Schools, and retired from Exchange Bank (Hawthorn Bank) in 1990.

Loretta was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and a life-time member of the Trinity Women's Auxiliary.

Loretta was a very happy and laughable person. She enjoyed crafts, crocheting blankets for residents of Nursing Homes, traveling, working with her flowers, and going to car shows with her son, Neal.

Survivors include one son, Neal Schubert; one daughter-in-law, Dianna Schubert; three grandsons, Gabriel Schubert (April), Jeremiah Schubert (Nicole), Joshua Schubert; six great-grandchildren, Kaytlin Schubert, Jeremiah Schubert II, Kayla Schubert, Skye Schubert, Kaleb Schubert, Ashlee Steffensen; two great-great-granddaughters, Catalina and Lia; one sister-in-law, Joan Taylor; one niece, Leslie Rocha; and numerous other family and friends.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Ronald M. Schubert; and one brother, Theodore E. Rockelman, Jr.

SANDRA ELIZABETH "SANDY" (STEFFENS) THEROFF, 76, of Jefferson City, MO, passed away Friday, March 15, 2024, at Capital Region Medical Center surrounded by her loving family.

Sandy was born on June 20, 1947, in Springfield, MO, the daughter of Roy O. and Mary Emogene (Dampf) Steffens.

A lifelong resident of central Missouri, Sandy was a 1965 graduate of Russellville High School where she was active in band, choir, piano and cheerleading. She also played the organ at Russellville Methodist Church.

It was during her time in high school that she met the love of her life, Larry O.E. Theroff. They were married on July 30, 1965 in Jefferson City, MO and blessed with 58 years of marriage. Sandy and Larry were inseparable, and they shared a wonderful

marriage filled with love, respect, and companionship.

Sandy initially worked with United Telephone before dedicating herself to caring for her children during their younger years. Later she worked at the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) for over 25 years until her retirement in 2000. Throughout her retirement Sandy found immense joy in being with her family and supporting them in all of their activities.

A devoted member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Sandy actively participated in the Women's Auxiliary. Prior to her involvement at Trinity Lutheran, she served as the choir accompanist and substitute organist at Faith Lutheran Church. Additionally, Sandy volunteered her time at Calvary's Gift.

She adored quality family time above all else, finding her greatest joy in their company, and always making sure it was filled with love and laughter. She cherished spending time with them at the family farm, vacationing together and attending her grandchildren's activities. She looked forward to her weekly coffee and lunch dates with her beloved friends. Alongside her husband Larry, Sandy took pleasure in long walks and treasured every moment they shared together. They enjoyed traveling during retirement and attending plays at Arrow Rock and the Miller Performing Arts Center.

Sandy will be remembered for her warm smile and nurturing spirit. Her kind and compassionate demeanor served as the cornerstone of her family and friends. Her absence will be deeply felt by all who knew her.

Survivors include: her loving husband, Larry Theroff; three children, Ken Theroff (Susie) of Jefferson City, MO; Susan Theroff (Stacey Bacorn) of Springfield, MO; and Tim Theroff (Cappie Blackwell) of Russellville, MO; seven grandchildren, Sadie Washington (Mike), Lucas Theroff, Will Theroff (Brooklynne), Adelaide Theroff, Emmi Payne (Manzell), Anna Theroff and Grace Theroff; four great-grandchildren; and a brother-in-law, Marvin Theroff of Lohman, MO.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

HAPPY DRIFTERS

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

Columbia Entertainment Co
1800 Nelwood Dr
Columbia, MO

"The Carol Burnett Show:
A Series of Sketches"
2:00pm

\$15/ticket



Crimson & Silver DINNER AUCTION

SAVE THE DATE

04.20.2024

St. Martin's Knights of Columbus Hall
4:00 p.m.

\$50/person OR \$375 for a table of 8
calvarylhs.org/auktion

Calvary
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CRIMSON & SILVER DINNER AUCTION

Tickets are available for the 2024 Crimson and Silver Dinner Auction at the St. Martin's Knights of Columbus Hall on Saturday, April 20, beginning at 4:00pm. Ticket price is \$50 per person, and tables of 8 are available for \$375. Purchase tickets online at calvarylhs.org/auktion or call the school office at (573) 638-0228.

TWENTY YEARS OF CALVARY GOLF TOURNAMENTS!

Assemble your team and shine your clubs! The 20th annual Calvary Benefit Golf Tournament is Friday, May 31, 2024 at Tanglewood Golf Course in Fulton! Considering entering a team, sponsoring a hole, or volunteering your time to help! We would love to have you!

Contact John Christman at 573-638-0228 or administrator@calvarylhs.org with your interest. To register your team, go to calvarylhs.org/golftournament. Space is Limited!

MEN'S CLUB

BBOQ



SAT APR 13

**SERVING BEGINS
10:00 AM**

**SCHULTE'S
PARKING LOT**

**SOUTHWEST BLVD
JEFFERSON CITY, MO**



Pork Steak or Bratwurst Dinners: \$14
Pork Steak Sandwich: \$6 Bratwurst on a bun: \$5

Proceeds generated from this event will be donated to the Trinity Lutheran Church Youth Program and Calvary Lutheran High School.



TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY CHAPEL

We invite you to join us in person for chapel each Wednesday at 8:15 in the gym. Our offerings for the 4th Quarter will be going to the Lutheran Church Charities K-9 Comfort Dog ministry.

During the 3rd quarter students collected \$360.81 for Gospel Adventures®, a program of Lutheran Hour Ministries, which supported different Lutheran ministries in Australia this year.

VIP DAY

Friday, March 8 was our VIP day. This was an opportunity for students to bring their own Very Important Person(s) to school with them. The day began with devotions in the gym and was followed by activities throughout the school for students and their VIPs to take part in. Activities included talks from local professionals, a snack walk, bingo, cornhole, book fair, inflatables, cup stacking and other games. Thank you to all of the VIPs who joined us for this special day.

ATHLETICS UPDATE

The LSAM Basketball Tournament was held February 23-25. Our Varsity Girls team won the consolation championship. Our Varsity Boys lost in the consolation championship.

In the CMPAL championships the 5th Grade Girls and 6th Grade Boys won first place in their respective divisions. The Varsity Girls Basketball Team took 2nd place finish in the tournament!

The TLS Tiger Archery Team

took aim at the TLS 2nd Bullseye State Qualifier Tournament Thursday, February 29th – Saturday, March 1st. The team did amazing with several archers setting new personal bests, including some Top 5 finishes. Congratulations to all the archers!

THANK YOU to all our volunteers! Your efforts, both on and off the range allowed us to host another successful tournament. We had 613 archers from 30 different schools participate. And thank you to all our program supporters who came out to watch and cheer on the archers.

CONGRAULTIONS to the entire TLS Tiger Archery Team on a successful archery season! A portion of our team will continue to set their sights on the 2024 MoNASP State 3D and Bullseye tournament that will be held in Branson March 21-23.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 10 8th grade pictures
- April 19 Early Dismissal @ 11:30 AM
- April 22-26 NWEA Spring Assessment
- April 30 Band Concert
- May 23 Last Day of School
- May 24 8th grade graduation, 6:30 PM

NOW ENROLLING!

Grades Pre-K - 8

WHY DO PARENTS CHOOSE TRINITY?

- Quality Academics
- Faith-Based Education
- Safe & Loving Environment

COME SEE WHAT MAKES THE DIFFERENCE!



Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.
Proverbs 22:6





HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

We would like to see where you are going next fall! Please submit your name, your Senior picture, the college you plan to attend, the high school you are graduating from, and your parent's name so that we can share with the congregation. Please give your picture to Angie or email it to abrenner@trinityjc.org by April 30th.



MISSOURI DISTRICT
**JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH
DISTRICT YOUTH GATHERING**
CROSS POINTE RETREAT CENTER

JUNIOR AND SENIOR YOUTH DISTRICT GATHERING - NOW

Galatians 2:20 – “I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

The event is April 5th through the 7th. Both Junior and Senior Youth will meet Friday night April 5th in the youth room at 5:30. Please make sure you have eaten before arriving. They will not be serving us dinner that night. We will return around 12:15pm on Sunday..

SHINE! THE MISSOURI DISTRICT'S STATE-WIDE SERVANT EVENT

Jr and Sr Youth will join the rest of the District serving the community April 12-21st. We plan to make Blessing Bags on April 21st during the Bible Study hour. We will also make cookie plates for our local emergency workers. Please watch the bulletin and emails for more details.



VBS 2024

The Great Jungle Journey – An Epic Cruise from Genesis to Revelation VBS will be held June 17 – 21st nightly from 6pm to 8pm. If you would like to be a part of the VBS team and share your talents with the youth and our community, please contact Angie Brenner at abrenner@trinityjc.org. We'd love to have you join us!



Word for Today

And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
~ Philippians 2:8

Scripture Snacks

Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them.
~ 2 Corinthians 5:19

Even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve...
~ Matthew 20:28

Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.
~ John 12:1

April Calendar

5 – 7	Youth District Retreat
14	Jr Youth (6:30pm) Sr Youth (7:15pm)
21	Shine! Servant Event
23	Jr Youth (6:30pm) Sr Youth (7:15pm)
28	Jr Youth (6:30pm) Sr Youth (7:15pm)

Meal Train Link
www.mealtrain.com/trains/711nwm

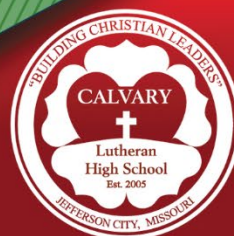
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Calvary
LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

20th ANNUAL BENEFIT

Friday, May 31, 2024
8 a.m. & 1 p.m. Flights
Tanglewood Golf Course
4 - person Scramble
18 Holes

**GOLF
TOURNAMENT**



**SPACE IS
LIMITED!
REGISTER
TODAY!**

*Cash Prizes
Drawings for FREE & Discounted Rounds
of Golf at Area Golf Courses*

\$125 per golfer


*\$65 of the \$125 entry fee is a tax deductible contribution to a 501(c)3 Non-profit Organization
May 17th Deadline to sign-up*

***Proceeds to benefit Calvary Lutheran High School
Student Tuition Assistance***

For more information about registering your team OR sponsoring,
contact Calvary Lutheran High School at
(573) 638-0228 or www.calvarylhs.org/golftournament

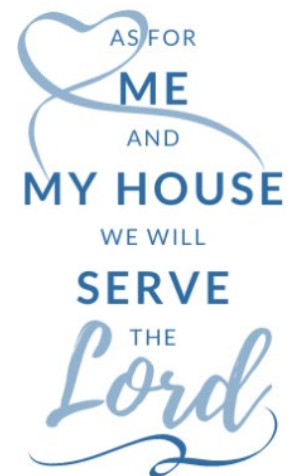
Over \$325,000 has been raised for tuition assistance in 19 years!

April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 6:30p Council Mtg	3 8:15a School Chapel 9:30a Lectionary OS 5:30p Handbells NG	4 7p Choir YR	5	6 6p DIVINE SERVICE 7p Game Night (Social) CAF
7 Easter 2 8a / 10:30a DIVINE SERVICE 9:30a Bible Study 2p Happy Drifters OS 6:30p Jr Youth YR 7:30p Sr Youth YR	8	9 1:30p Women's Aux 6p Missionary Soc 7p Voters Mtg NG	10 8:15a School Chapel 9:30a Lectionary OS 5:30p Handbells NG	11 7p Choir YR	12	13 10a Men's Club BBQ 6p DIVINE SERVICE 
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SERVANT SCHEDULE

	Apr 6/7	Apr 13/14	Apr 20/21	Apr 27/28	
6:00 pm	Elder/Deacon	Tom Proctor Kyle Gretlein Ryan Brunner	Scott Homfeldt Jay Wunderlich Jared Kesel	Rick Hardin Nate Roetggen Matt Fife	TBD
	Usher	Tom Procter	Nate Roettgen	Rick Hardin	Carol Fischer
	Acolyte	Corbyn Bess Ema Berger	Colin Fehr Ema Berger	Landrie Vogt Elijah Helmig	Khloe Peterson Clara Simpson
8:00 am	Elder/Deacon	Matt Fife Tim Karsten	Nick Laboube Kyle Gretlein	Ryan Brunner Tim Karsten	TBD
	Usher	Stephen Johnson	Michael Johnson	Ross Walquist	Keith Ziegelbein
	Acolyte	Corbyn Bess Benninton McBaine	Isabella Redmond Nolan Maasen	Brili Martin Aiden Howard	Naomee Doelling Lenka Hilsch
10:30 am	Elder	Michael Denney	Adam Frankenbach	Jared Kesel	TBD
	Usher	David Knernschild	Kevin Bateman	Will Fife	Todd Fetters
	Acolyte	Boaz Lu Gavin Pennington	Boaz Lu Gavin Pennington	Gavin Pennington Petra Sutcliffe	Elliott Powell Lauren Gilbert



How can you serve?
Let us know by filling out the **Time & Talent Survey!**
trinityjc.breezechms.com/form/time_talent

Pray For Us Calendar

Download at prayer calendar
at lcms.org/prayforus or call
888-843-5267 to request a copy.

TEACHING THE FAITH — APRIL 1–15

This month, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod celebrates the many ways that God's children are instructed, encouraged and strengthened in the faith. By teaching the faith, we nurture the faithful and reach the lost.

Remember how God works to strengthen the faith of His people as you pray:

1.with thanksgiving for the gift of faith received at Baptism. Ask the Lord to continue to strengthen that faith — and the budding faith of our children — until we depart this life and are united with the Lord.

2.with thanksgiving to God for the gift of His holy and inspired Word, the Sacred Scriptures; and for the Book of Concord and the many teaching aids that help us understand that Word aright and rejoice in its consolation.

3.for Christian families, that the Lord would provide the assistance and tools necessary to overcome every challenge — big or small — that might drive them apart.

4.for strong Christian marriages, that husbands and wives would cling to each other in the Lord, despite life's challenges, and raise their children to walk in the way of the Lord.

5.for Christian parents, that they would make teaching the faith to their children a priority. Pray that they set aside time to worship together, talk about faith issues, study the Bible and have family devotions.

6.that family members would treat each other with kindness and patience, so that each member might be built up in the family of God.

7.for our children and young people, who face daily assaults on their Christian beliefs, that God would strengthen and encourage them to stand firm while sharing the Gospel.

8.for our churches, that they would provide useful education and programs to help equip people at every stage of life — teens, husbands and wives, parents, caretakers of aging parents and more.

9.that God would continue to provide faithful church workers to serve as role models and teach people about their identity as a baptized child of God.

10.that church members would eagerly volunteer their time and talents to support the congregation's educational programs, such as vacation Bible school, Sunday school and groups for young families.

11.that LCMS members would eagerly participate in Bible studies, small-group discussions and private study.

12.with thanksgiving for faithful parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, teachers and other role models who help to "train up a child in the way he should go" (Prov. 22:6).

13.for the Concordia University System and the Synod's two seminaries, that the Lord would bless their work in training new generations of workers to serve the Church.

14.for the Synod's directors of Family Life Ministry, that God would bless their efforts to support healthy relationships in the families of our congregations.

15.that we might have hearts that are willing and eager to serve the Lord in every way.

MINISTRY TO THE ARMED FORCES — APRIL 16–30

Since the Civil War, LCMS pastors have served as military chaplains. Today, the Synod's Ministry to the Armed Forces (MAF) supports active duty, reserves, National Guard and Civil Air Patrol chaplains. MAF recruits, interviews and endorses all military chaplains and supports them throughout their careers. MAF also provides a network of care for our nation's military members, families and veterans through Operation Barnabas.

Remember God's work through LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces (MAF) as you pray:

16.that God would bless and guide the work of the MAF director and assistant director.

17.for the President of the United States. Ask God to guide our commander in chief to lead with wisdom for the protection of the innocent against evil.

18.for LCMS military chaplains serving on active duty for the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard.

19.for our LCMS Reserve and National Guard chaplains, especially those who have been mobilized stateside or overseas and taken from their parishes to extended active duty assignments, for those deployed, their families and their home parishes.

20.for Operation Barnabas, which is designed to meet the needs of congregations in the event their pastor/chaplain is mobilized. Operation Barnabas also seeks to assist veterans and military families during and after deployment.

21.for all congregations that reach out to members of our military through Operation Barnabas, that they would uphold them in prayer as they help to meet their physical, psychological and spiritual needs through the training they have received and the Lord's provision.

22.for increasing opportunities for LCMS chaplains to spread Christ's message of salvation, hope and restoration to those they serve.

23.for all chaplains returning home, that they would receive a hero's welcome for their sacrifice to this country so that in freedom we can continue to openly worship the one true God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

24.for those who suffer from battle stress and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. Pray that God would bring healing and renewal to those who have served or who are currently serving.

25.for all chaplains who are sick or have sick family members, that the Father of all mercies and the God of all comfort would look with favor upon them, and as it pleases Him, restore them to health or give them the grace to accept this tribulation with courage and hope.

26.for all chaplains in harm's way, that God would not let their hearts despair nor their faith fail them, but sustain, guide and comfort them.

27.for all members of the military who were disabled during their duty, that our heavenly Father would mercifully guide, aid and strengthen all those with physical disabilities, enabling them to find fulfillment in their lives and encouragement for all their endeavors.

28.with thanksgiving to God for providing LCMS chaplains to serve members of the armed forces. Please pray that military chaplains would have every opportunity to share the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ with members of the military and anyone with whom they work and live.

29.for all military chaplains upon their return, that they would be reunited with their families, find gainful employment and receive all the care they need to heal their minds, bodies and souls. Grant that they would always look to Christ as their rock and their redeemer.

30.for those who minister to the armed forces, that by God's gracious working, they may honor Christ and advance the good of those committed to their care, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Greetings in the name of Jesus, our risen Savior,

Assuming that you are still basking in the glow of Easter, the following seems appropriate as we consider just what the Resurrection means to us. The article is taken from the Lenten devotion published by Lutherans For Life entitled Christ the Life of All the Living.

Resurrection (John 5:24-29)

by Rev. Richard J. Serina, Jr.

“Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming, when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and come out.” (John 5:28-29a)

A tomb sounds strange to us. You don't see them much. We are more accustomed to graves or, where I live on the East Coast, urns or a columbarium. Whether we are talking tombs, graves, urns, or columbaria, however, the symbolism is the same---death, loss, and grief.

Yet your Lord promises something more. He promises life again in the body for all those who die in the faith. He promises that the mortal bodies we have---bodies that die justly and rightly because of sin---will be made alive and will live and reign with their Lord forever. Yes, the same God who breathed the breath of life into Adam and created him out of dust, the same God who fashioned Eve out of a rib from Adam's side, the same God who has been giving life since the garden of Eden, promises that He will give life to your dead bodies.

If you need confirmation of that, look no further than the empty tomb on Easter. As you gather for worship and hear the stories of the women and Peter finding that stone rolled away and Jesus' body no longer there, imagine yourself in that tomb and finding the grave clothes laid aside and Jesus's once-dead body gone. Know that this Lord, the One through whom all things were made, will raise your bodies just as surely as He rose again from the dead. It doesn't matter if it is a tomb, grave, urn, or columbarium. Jesus is victorious over death, and He will be victorious over yours, too.

Prayer: Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, as Jesus was raised from the dead, bring us at last to where He is, that we might live forever with Him. Amen.

(Christ the Life of All the Living – Devotions for Lent was conceived and developed by Rev. Michael Salemink, Executive Director, Lutherans For Life)

In Christ, who laid down His life for you to give your life value now and rose again to give you life eternal with Him,

Sylvia Glenn

Feel free to call (573-592-7866) for information or concerns about life issues.

For those who have had an abortion, there is a word of hope! “He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds” (Psalm 147:3). For confidential post-abortion referral, counsel, and reconciliation call WORD of HOPE, 888-217-8679, or visit info@word-of-hope.org.



LUTHERANS FOR LIFE LutheransForLife.org

Life Thought

Life Quote

April 7
Easter II

How remarkable that our Lord's beloved Apostle St. John describes the Gospel of Jesus Christ as “the Word of Life” (1 John 1:2). He also declares all believers qualify as “little children” (2:1). And he proclaims that God has given His Son to redeem “the whole world” – every member of the human race, no matter what age, appearance, or ability. Even personal choice or political controversy can't keep us quiet about it!

In the resurrection we find solace in our mourning, in our uncertainty, and in our troubles. Our longing for escape finds its hope in the resurrection of Christ. It is God's approval upon the redemptive work of His Son. It is the assurance that as He was raised from the dead, so shall we, and all who have ‘fallen asleep in Him’ shall be raised to life eternal.” *Pastor Robert Fleischmann, Christian Life Resources*

April 14
Easter III

With St. Peter and the Pentecost Apostles, we confess Jesus Christ alone as “Author of life” (Acts 3:15). This means no one else has right or responsibility to decide what kind of life a neighbor may have or when any human life ought to end. Rather, we rejoice to repeat the message of repentance and forgiveness (Luke 24:47) for every sinner and every sin – abortion and assisted suicide included.

So, what can we do? We must keep doing what we have always done. We must continue to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life. We must be sure our own church members, families, friends, and co-workers understand the value that God places on all human life.” *Diane Albers, President of Lutherans For Life*

April 21
Easter IV

The Gracious Savior brings a delightful clarity to life-and-death issues and situations. Killing and destroying belongs entirely to the work of the devil (John 10:11). The people of God advocate and extend abundant, everlasting life to the Lord's every last little lamb. Unto all our neighbors, with both our voice and our goods (1 John 3:17), may we “come that they may have life and have it abundantly!”

Scripture and prayer are our strongest weapons to change hearts, and we must persist and never give up, no matter how disappointing things get with evil laws being enacted or evil intent coming our way.” *Virginia Flo, Director of Volunteer Relations, Lutherans For Life*

April 28
Easter V

It is anxiety and fright that drive folks to pursue abortion, physician-assisted suicide, and other measures that view death as a solution. Fear likewise bullies the sanctity of life into silence. But the Lord's perfect love puts all fear to flight (1 John 4:18). In surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis, we and our neighbors need not independence and empowerment but the presence, promises, and compassion of the Father Almighty.

It is He who sustains us each and every day. It is He who brings us into the world, and He who draws our earthly lives to a close at the proper time. It is He who was born for us, He who died for us, He who rose for us, and He who reigns on high for us. His is the pattern of our lives.” *Deaconess Bethany Stoeber, Director-at-Large, LFL of Kansas*

April 19 - 20, 2024

MARRIAGE & FAMILY CONFERENCE

THE ORDERS OF CREATION

Trinity Lutheran Church, Cole Camp, MO

A conference for the whole family

The conference is for everyone: for husbands, wives, parents, children, widows, and single people. Through the Word of God, we will grow in our appreciation for God's wonderful gift of marriage and the family, and return to our homes encouraged and better equipped to lead faithful lives, regardless of the makeup of our family.



Register by
April 12, 2024

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FEATURED SPEAKERS



**REV. DR.
ADAM C. KOONTZ**

Rev. Dr. Adam C. Koontz is Associate Pastor and Evangelist of Trinity Lutheran Church, Denver, CO. In addition to his pastoral duties, he is the author of *The Narrow Way Simply Shown* and can be heard on the podcast, *A Brief History of Power*. Pastor Koontz will present the biblical theology and framework of The Orders of Creation.



**REV. ANDREW
PREUS**

Rev. Andrew Preus is Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in New Haven, MO. Rev. Preus will have a presentation on applying The Orders of Creation to the family and the church.



**MR. DANIEL
DERENDINGER**

Mr. Daniel Derendinger and his wife, Mayumi, are members of Grace Lutheran Church in Versailles, MO. They are raising five children in the faith. Mr. Derendinger's presentation will apply The Orders of Creation to life in our society.

For more information or to register for this event please visit
www.marriagefamilyconference.org



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Saturday Divine Service	6:00 pm
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