

Pastor's State of the Church

"The Year There Wasn't Easter"

2020 will be remembered for the coronavirus pandemic and the effects it had upon our congregation. Early on, Easter Divine Services were cancelled including Holy Week Divine Services. It wouldn't be until June that small groups could gather for Word and Sacrament.

During that period, individuals and families came to the church to receive the Lord's Supper. The Word was proclaimed now through social media. Sermons, Bible Studies, Sunday School lessons and announcements were posted on our website and Emailed. We began to publish the message and place a video devotion on Facebook. This allowed us to reach our members and many others.

As the year comes to a close, we saw more people beginning to gather for Word and Sacrament. Christmas services were held over a three day period. The first was the silent service held on Wednesday night. There were the two "candlelight" Christmas Eve service. The candles were cell phones and battery run candles. And Christmas morning completed the Christmas celebration.

Late in fall, a silent service was put in place on Wednesday nights. This service was a Word and Sacrament service with no singing. This was established due to the advice of the health department discouraging singing when in groups. Our Saturday night and Sunday morning Divine Services continue to provide music and singing. The participants kept their masks on during the service.

Yes, masks and safe distancing is now the practice in the congregation. This has caused us to limit the number of participants in the service. At the time of this writing, the limit is 25. As more vaccinations become available in this new year, we may see this limit increase to include more. Until that time, we will continue to increase the number of opportunities to gather around the Word and the Sacrament of the Altar.

The toll of the virus upon the congregation is seen in the isolation so many have to practice, the quarantining of those being infected or coming in contact with others infected, and the death of members, family members and friends. This has been especially hard due to the fact that funeral homes have had to limit the number of people who may attend the service. Private graveside services have become the norm for the time being.

When this pandemic will end is in the hands of a good and gracious God. His Word continues to reach our hearts. His Holy Spirit has worked to keep us even amid such obstacles and distractions in the one true faith till life everlasting. He will deliver us He has promised. For now, the strengthening of faith is truly needed. Our prayers are that this pandemic comes to end either by cure or by the return of Christ. And ultimately, Christ will deliver us to our heavenly home where there is no more sickness, sorrows, grief, sin and death. To God be the glory now and forever. *Pastor Blomquist*

Pastor Blomquist Retires

God's timing is different than man's timing. I announced in January that I was retiring July 27th. I picked that date because it was 40 years ago that I was installed at my first parish, St. John's, (Ash Grove) Onarga, Illinois. 40 years sounded quite Biblical.

Well, God has different plans. With the pandemic coming into our state and area, and with the closures and limiting of the numbers that could gather at one time, I postponed my retirement till December 27th. This made my days of full-time service 40 years and 5 months.

Now, the congregation is in the process of calling a new man to be their full-time pastor. Until then, God-willing, I will continue to service Trinity as the vacancy pastor. Nothing much will change. The Word and Sacraments will continue to be administered. Sins will be forgiven. Faith in Christ will be strengthened. People will come into the Kingdom of God through His Word and Baptism. He will call His faithful home. Things will go on as before. God grant us this peace and assurance. *Pastor Blomquist*

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

January 4 & 5, 2020

CHURCH CANCELLATIONS BECAUSE OF WEATHER CONDITIONS – If unusual conditions exist during the week in the winter months, please listen to our local radio station, WTIM (870 AM or 96.1 FM) or watch WICS Channel 20, Springfield for the cancellation of church activities.



To see if any of the weekend services are cancelled, you may also call the church at 824-8148, and if no answer call Pastor at 824-4705.

FOR OUR LITTLEST LAMBS: It is our joy as a congregation to have these little ones in our midst during worship; but it is hard for these precious souls to sit all the way through the service. The Preschool Room is located at the end of the hall near the east entrance and is available for them. Speakers are on so that you, the parents, can still listen to the sermon; if you find the door lock or the speakers not working, contact one of the ushers.



THE JANUARY 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS, Birthday and Anniversaries are available on the Lectern in the Narthex.

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS-We have two bulletins for the younger children that has coloring pages and activities. We also have a **CHILDREN'S WORSHIP FOLDER** for children with coloring pages and activities especially for those children who are learning to and/or are able to read. Just ask the ushers.

NEED LARGE PRINT OR UNFAMILIAR WITH OUR HYMNAL: Our ushers have worship folders available for your use; you may simply request a copy from the ushers; and **HEARING ASSISTING RECEIVERS** are available, just ask one of the ushers for one.

A SIMPLE EXPLANATION OF THE CHURCH SERVICE – This little booklet explains what we do in the church service and why, can be found on the table in front of the bulletin board. Take one and read it. If you have any questions or wish to learn more about the service, you may contact the Pastor.

ALSO our **bathrooms with changing tables** are located in the hallway near the east entrance. An **elevator** going down to the basement is located by the west entrance. **Emergency exits** are located in the narthex at both east and west side of the building and also at the front of the church on the left. *Construction on the bathrooms continues. Follow the instructions on the signs.*

TORNADO RECOVERY CONTINUES Volunteers are still needed especially semi & skilled laborers for roofing, plumbing and other types of repairs. Contact Lloyd Hoover 825-7159. Donations can be made payable to: “Missions for Taylorville” and mailed or delivered to: Taylorville City Clerk, 115 North Main, Taylorville, Illinois 62568.

CHARITY/MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY Loving Arms. Inc. *(This ministry provides help and assistance to families who face a crisis before, during and after a pregnancy.)*

+LIFE TOGETHER+

PRESCHOOL NEWS – We have openings in the 3 yr. old & 4 yr. old class` for the 2019-2020 school year. Registration forms are available in the church office or online @trinitylutherantaylorville.org. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 217-824-8148. Read about our preschool in the December Newsletter *Trinity Times* posted on the bulletin board. Neikes installed the carpet this past Monday and Tuesday.

LIFELIGHT begins Tuesday night January the 21st at 7 p.m. The study will center on the Book of Psalms. If you are able to attend, contact pastor to register.

ANNUAL VOTERS’ MEETING: January 12th following the Sunday morning Divine Service approximately 10:30 a.m. The meeting will take place in the nave of the church.

January 11& 12, 2020

CONGRATULATIONS to Evan & Katie (Manson) Cervi on the baptism of their daughter, June Kathryn Cervi on December 29, 2019

LWML NOTES – We have some changes now with the LWML Ladies Group. We will no longer have a President, Treasurer or Secretary or any other officers. We are still considered Lutheran Women’s Missionary League; however, we will meet now on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 1 p.m. and will be joining Sharon Janssen and Bev Wells in working on projects such as quilts, blankets, etc. So any ladies in the church who are out there saying, “I don’t want to

hold an office, but I will do anything to help”, here is your chance. This is a good opportunity to think of things we can use Thrivent Financial monies for or other projects. Ideas for doing things in the community to help others, bring them to the group for consideration.

We are still collecting mites, so continue to bring them to church and put in the large mite box on the table in the narthex.

We are not disbanding, only regrouping our LWML Ladies Group.

Any questions about the changes please let me know. Judy Jacobs.

January 18 & 19, 2020

LWML NOTES – from Judy

Since my last note in the bulletin, I officially got word from our District President that we remain an active society. Our name will continue to be LWML, Lutheran Women’s Missionary League. We will continue to get the Clarion (District information). We may continue to go to any of the District and International conventions, rallies, retreats and etc. We also will send mites in – one time a year to help with the grants that have been voted on. We also may have a delegate to the conventions.

Any questions about the changes please let me know. Call me, Judy Jacobs, 825-3310.

VOTERS’ MEETING 1/12

- Church and ChildCare*PLUS* budgets presented and accepted
- Charities of the Month presented and accepted
- Synodical Proposal to amend the Constitution presented and approved. To see the proposal go to *Official notice: Office of the Secretary, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*
- Pastor Blomquist announced that he will be retiring from full time ministry starting July 27th.

LERT TEAM – On behalf of the Lutheran Early Response Team, we would like to personally thank you for all your support. We would not be where we are today without volunteers like yourself. Thank you. The Lutheran Early Response Team is now beginning basic LERT trainings and CHAINSAW training sessions for 2020. If you would like to schedule a training for our congregation, please contact the CID office at 217-793-1802 (cid@cidlcms.org) or Stephen Born 217-220-0162 (bornstephen@yahoo.com). *Thank you – The LERT Team*

January 25 & 26, 2020

LWML NOTES – from Judy

Activity Upcoming -

I have just received information on a Baby Shower Tea and Children’s Fashion Show on Sunday, March 15 @ 1:30 p.m.; and it is hosted by the Springfield Zone LWML. More information will be forthcoming from me in the near future or you contact me, Judy Jacobs

FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1/20

Reports given and accepted

Acknowledged that June Kathryn Cervi was brought into membership through baptism.

Release from membership requested and approved: Gus Hartig, Tomra & Theodore Freisland, and Hayle Wendling

February 1 & 2, 2020

CHARITY/MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY: Shadow House [*Providing a place for women to live while changing their lives for the better*]

The **LUTHERAN EARLY RESPONSE TEAM** is now beginning to schedule basic LERT and CHAINSAW training sessions for 2020. If you are interested in scheduling one of these trainings for your congregation, please contact the CID office at (217)793-1802 (cid@cidlcms.org) or Stephen Born (217)220-0162 (bornstephen@yahoo.com).

If you are interested in attending a training, please watch <http://www.cidlcms.org/news.html> for the most up to date information.

LERT has held **9** trainings in 2018-2019. These trainings resulted in: **158 LERT** volunteers **27 chainsaw trained** volunteers

LERT also responded to **7** natural disasters! **2018:** Watseka Flood, Hurricane Harvey and Michael, and Taylorville Tornado **2019:** Watseka Tornado and Grafton Flood

Without your help, this response would not be possible. Become a member of the LERT Response Team today!! *Thank you, LERT team*

February 8 & 9, 2020

ASH WEDNESDAY DIVINE SERVICE WITH IMPOSITION OF ASHER February 26th @ 7p.m.

Midweek Lenten Services Wednesdays March 4th – April 1st @ 7 p.m. *Theme: The Trees of the Bible*

THANK YOU TO Jim & Ed for painting the north wall of the church basement.

February 15 & 16, 2020

LWML NOTES – from Judy

REMINDER – LWML – Will be having their monthly mission project get together on Thursday, February 20 @ 1 p.m., in the TLC Church Basement. All ladies of the church are welcome to attend. More information needed, call Judy.

February 29 & March 1, 2020

CHARITY/MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH: TMA-Taylorville Ministerial Association Emergency Fund [*Providing assistance for gas, food and lodging in times of emergencies*]

FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2/17

Reports given and accepted

Approved covering the cost of the water heater at the Daycare Building \$2,994.91

Approved the purchase of defibrillators for the church and daycare building
Approved the cost to repair the sound system \$3,300.00

LWML CID DISTRICT CONVENTION APRIL 30, MAY 1, MAY 2, 2020

Proclaiming Jesus ... 75 Years of Serving the Lord with Gladness "Since my youth, O God, you have taught me, and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds." Psalm 71:17 The Peoria/Pekin Zone invites you to celebrate 75 years of "Serving the Lord with Gladness." Join us at Bethel Lutheran Church in Morton for a variety of celebration activities & events. Your Zone President will have more details in March. Holiday Inn Express in Morton has rooms blocked for the event. For reservations, please call 309-263-4400 before the March 31 deadline. Ask for LWML rooms.

MARCH ON THE ARCH — Saturday, March 7: The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod invites congregations, schools and groups to join other pro-life supporters for the March on the Arch. A pre-march rally begins at 12:30 p.m. outside Planned Parenthood near downtown St. Louis (4251 Forest Park Ave.). At 1 p.m., we begin the four-mile march to the Gateway Arch in this joy-filled event for all ages. **Let's show St. Louis: We show up. We confess Christ. We are Lutherans with Eyes of Life!**

Visit lcms.org/marchforlife for more information. To RSVP for the free event, contact the LCMS at infocenter@lcms.org or 888-843-5267.

SPRINGFIELD EAST & WEST CIRCUIT CONVOCATION Saturday, April 4th, at Immanuel LC, Springfield. Topic will be: "21st Century Religious Challenges: Atheism, Islam, and Postmodernism" present by Dr. Ken Schurb. 8:30 a.m. refreshments, 9:00 a.m. opening devotions, close at 12:00 noon.

LERT TEAM MEMBERS – We have scheduled our first basic LERT training for 2020. The training will be held on: Saturday, April 18, 2020, at St. John's Lutheran Church, 1450 30th Avenue, East Moline, Illinois 61244, from 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$35, which includes a light continental breakfast, lunch, disaster vest, LERT manual, certification, and I.D. badge. If you are already a certified LERT member, the event is considered continuing education and there will be no charge.

March 7 & 8, 2020

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday Divine Service April 9th @ 7 pm
Good Friday Tenebrae Service April 10th @ 7 pm
Saturday Easter Vigil April 11th @ 6:15 pm
Sunday Easter Sunrise Divine Service April 12th @ 7 am
Easter Morning Divine Service April 12th @ 9:15 am
(An Easter Breakfast will be served between services)

LOVING ARMS – Thank you (Trinity Lutheran Church) for your support(Sanctity of Human Life Appeal) as we purpose to see our clients' needs with clarity, provide soothing words and – as we have opportunity – cautiously remove the specks so they, too, can see clearly once again. We appreciate you!

NOTES FROM LWML –This month our LWML meeting date will be Friday, March 20th at 1 p.m. Questions, see Judy Jacobs.

March 14 & 15

WORSHIP FOLDER AND SERMON are not posted at our website:

www.trinitylutherantaylorville.org

March 21 & 22, 2020

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[State wide lock down due to the pandemic-COVID-19]

March 22, 2020 – March 29, 2020

Sunday	9:15	NO Worship Service
	10:30	NO Sunday School
	10:45	NO Adult Sunday School (<i>1 Corinthians: Lord's Supper</i>)
Monday	6:30	NO TLC Child Care Plus (Monday-Friday)
	8:45	NO 4 Yr. Old Preschool
	2:30	NO High School Bibles Study (<i>"The Gospel of Luke" by Dr. Luke</i>)
Tuesday	8:45	NO 3 Yr. Old Preschool
	3:30	NO Jesus Company (<i>Grades 3 & 4</i>)
	7:00	NO LifeLight Bible Study (<i>Psalms Session 8 & 9</i>)
Wednesday	8:45	NO 4 Yr. Old Preschool
	9:30	No Chapel Services
	3:30	NO 7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation
	7:00	NO Midweek Lenten Worship Service
Thursday	8:45	NO 3 Yr. Old Preschool
	9:30	No Chapel Services
	3:30	NO 5 th & 6 th Grade Catechizing Class
Friday	8:45	NO 4 Yr. Old Preschool
Saturday	6:15	NO Worship Service
Sunday	9:15	NO Worship Service
	10:30	NO Sunday School
	10:45	NO Adult Sunday School (<i>1 Corinthians: The Lord's Supper</i>)

FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS 3/16

Reports given and accepted.

Bev & Russ Wells appointed to serve on the Board of Trustees

A good discussion on the state of COVID-19 effects upon the church and daycare

March 28 & 29, 2020

All Divine Services, Bible Studies, after school catechizing classes and meetings are cancelled till April 7th.

Preschool and Child Care Plus are closed till April 7th.
Preschool will resume after the Easter break on April 13th,
(*God willing*)

SPRINGFIELD EAST & WEST CIRCUIT CONVOCATION is cancelled

April 4 & 5, 2020

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE: *All Divine Services are cancelled.*

FACEBOOK SITES INITIATED. Devotional video and copy of the sermon are now available at Trinity Lutheran Taylorville or Trinity Lutheran Church Taylorville Illinois

LISTEN TO WORLDWIDE KFUE Radio, AM850 & kfue.org, a media ministry extension of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on **AM850** via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can find programs on demand at kfue.org and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUEradio on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

LISTEN TO THE LUTHERAN HOUR

WTIM 96.1 FM or 870 am Sunday mornings @ 7:30 a.m.

WLJ 89.7 or 100.1 FM Sunday afternoons @ 1 p.m.

WATCH LUTHERAN MINISTRIES – “*Worship Anew*” on Television channel 49, Sunday Mornings @ 7:30 a.m.

LISTEN TO LUTHERAN PUBLIC RADIO at <http://lutheranpublicradio.org/iphone/>

GO TO cidlcms.org and check out *The GatePost*. There is a special addition for Holy Week including something for the children.

CHARITY/MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR APRIL: *Trinity Needs Fund (These funds help and assist fellow church members and other in time of need.)*

+LIFE TOGETHER+

April 5, 2020 – April 12, 2020

(All Divine services including Holy Week, Bible Studies, after school catechizing classes are cancelled till the end of April. Meetings will be called as needed. Preschool and ChildCarePLUS will remain close till further notice.)

April 11& 12, 2020

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Abby Norris on her Confirmation on Sunday, April 5, 2020

CID FACEBOOK PAGE

Good Afternoon All!

We are excited to share with you that the CID Facebook page has officially launched! Please "like" the page if you are on Facebook and share with your congregations! We currently have Holy Week devotions going up twice per day but are excited about other content we will be bringing to you in the coming weeks!

https://www.facebook.com/cidlcms/?modal=admin_todo_tour

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April 25 & 26, 2020

OUR CONDOLENCES TO Marge Griffiths and families in the loss of her brother Rev. Robert (Bob) Hofener who passed away on Tuesday, April 21, 2020.

May 2 & 3, 2020

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS the family of Carl Castle at this time of his mother's passing away, Delores 4/22

CHARITY/MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR MAY: *Taylorville Ministerial Association Food Pantry located at 1429 E. Main Cross, Taylorville. Hours are Tuesday morning 8:30 - 10:00, Thursday nights 5:30-700 and Saturday mornings 8:30- 9:30.)*

Since November 13, 1984, the TMA Food Pantry has been "Feeding Hunger with Heart." With an annual operating budget that nears \$40,000, hundreds of people in Taylorville receive nutritional food assistance. Corporate donors arranged through Feeding America, like Kroger, Aldi and Walmart, and local retailer CVS and wholesaler Ron's Produce routinely donate food product to our pantry.

Donations of volunteer time and money are always welcomed! In addition, the following items are routinely given out and could be used as a shopping list or guide for a non-perishable food drive:

- Boxed dinners like Hamburger Helper
- Canned dinner like Spaghetti O's

- Canned fruit
- Canned soup (Tomato and chicken noodle)
- Canned vegetables (corn, green beans, other)
- Cereal
- Crackers
- Jelly
- Jiffy corn mix
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Pasta Noodles
- Pasta Sauce
- Peanut butter
- Pork & Beans
- Pudding
- Ramen Noodles
- Rice
- Snack items
- Tuna
- Garden vegetables and fruit

Through a partnership with the Senior Citizens of Christian County, round-trip transportation to the Food Pantry is available on the second and fourth Thursday nights at 5:30 p.m. from Hershey Tower and Saturday mornings at 8:30 a.m. from Park Glen and Senior Village Apartments at 8:45 a.m. You do not need to be a resident to use this service. Those 60 years of age and above ride free, those under 60 are requested to make a donation of \$2 per round trip. Riders are asked to call ahead to the Senior Center at 217-824-4263 by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday (for Thursday's shuttle) and by 4:00 p.m. Friday (for Saturday's shuttle).

For more information about the TMA Food Pantry, please contact Amy at 217-820-5174.

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May 3, 2020 –May 10, 2020

(All Divine services, Bible Studies, after school catechizing classes are cancelled. Meetings will be called as needed. Preschool and ChildCarePLUS will remain close until further notice.)

May 9 & 10, 2020

LOVING ARMS, INC. traditionally has their “Bottle Boomerang” campaign at this time. I suggest that you continue to set aside coins and donations for Loving Arms. Inc. either by having a jar or a little box next your last year “Bay Bottle Boomerang.” We will let you know when and how you may drop them off either here at the church or at the center.

May 16 & 17, 2020

GROUPS OF TEN OR LESS: We have begun to schedule groups of ten or less on the weekends and during the week for worship and to receive the Lord's Supper. Call or Email the church office to schedule a time for you and your household. Private communion services can be scheduled for those who are still at high risk during this pandemic.

June 6 & 7, 2020

SIGN ME UP FOR CHURCH: Call, Email, text or drop by the office to reserve a place in the narthex for the Divine Service. We are limiting our gatherings to around 30 people. With this in mind, we will be offering more services. Saturday: 6:15 *and if needed* 5. Sunday: 8, 9:15, & 10:30 and Wednesday nights at 7. You may secure your place for the month of June.

CHARITY/MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR June: Camp CILCA/scholarships

As you know, Camp CILCA has had to cancel its summer camp program. However, the campground is still open, and we are still able to rent out space to groups of appropriate size. If you are looking for a low risk activity to take your youth group (or other groups, for that matter), here are a few options.

JUNE: Groups of 10 or less. These can be day trips for outdoor activities, such as hiking, boating, field games, etc. You could also do a service project. There are a variety of projects from clearing brush and raking leaves to painting or cleaning cabins. Overnight stays and meals can be arranged for groups of 10 or less as well.

JULY: Groups of 50 or less. Same options as above. CILCA will most likely be having our own Saturday Day Camp for different age groups July 11, 18, and 25. But other than that, the schedule is wide open.

The major concern is that we do not mix groups from different areas. We would have to keep a youth group from Bloomington segregated from a volunteer group from Peoria, for example. Other than that, keeping modest social distance and being out of doors should mitigate most risk factors.

Let me know if Camp CILCA can assist you in any way this summer. God's blessings to you all!

In Christ, *Joshua Theilen* Director

Find out more on-line at www.cilca.org
Email camp@cilca.org / Call 217-487-7497

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► June 7, 2020 – June 14, 2020

Sunday, June 7 - 9:15 a.m. Worship Service (limit to 30-appointment requested)
Tuesday, June 9 - 4:30 p.m. ChildCarePlus Board Meeting – Church Basement
Wednesday, June -10 7 p.m. Worship Service (limit to 30-appointment requested)
Saturday, June 13- 6:15 p.m. Worship Service (limit to 30-appointment requested)
Sunday, June 14- 9:15 a.m. Worship Service (limit to 30-appointment requested)

June 13 & 14, 2020

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS AND A BIBLE STUDY can now be found on our website: www.trinitylutherantaylorville.org They are also being Emailed to those who wish to receive them.

CHARITY/MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR June: Camp CILCA/scholarships

Camp CILCA Supporters,

We have partnered with Texas Roadhouse at 2540 W. Iles Avenue, Springfield, IL and are excited to announce our first “Drive-Thru to Donate” on Tuesday, June 16th to raise money for Camp!

Here’s how it works:

Call 217-698-5700 and place your order and even choose your pick up time!

Texas Roadhouse collects and prepare the orders. They will reach out to you on Monday, June 15th to give you directions on what to do when you arrive to pick up your order and to answer any questions you may have.

You will pay when you arrive to pick up your order. They accept cash, debit, credit and gift cards.

Texas Roadhouse will tally up the results and donate 10% of the total sales back to Camp CILCA!

Camp CILCA exists to foster and strengthen faith in Jesus Christ and relationships with others in a unique outdoor setting.

Camp CILCA is a non-profit Christian Camp that exists on 220 acres of land just north of Springfield.

Funds go towards:

1) Program Expansion for Outdoor Education

- Add one full-time Program Director
- Improving and expanding CILCA's outdoor education year-round

2) Dining Hall Expansion for Year- Round Use

- Preserve the original fireplace and chimney
- Expand dining hall with additional seating and fireplace
- Insulate the entire building
- Adding new windows and in-building bathrooms

3) Property Expansion for Future Development

- Pay off the mortgage for CILCA's new acreage

4) Scholarship Funding for Future Campers

Find out more on-line at www.cilca.org

Email camp@cilca.org / Call 217-487-7497

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► **June 7, 2020 – June 14, 2020** (*Call, email or text to reserve a place for you, family and friends*)

Sunday, June 14 - 9:15 a.m. Worship Service (limit to 30-appointment requested)

Sunday, June 14 – 10:30 a.m. Worship Service (limit to 30-appointment requested)

Wednesday, June -17 7 p.m. Worship Service (limit to 30-appointment requested)

Saturday, June 20 - 6:15 p.m. Worship Service (limit to 30-appointment requested)

Sunday, June 21- 9:15 a.m. Worship Service (limit to 30-appointment requested)

Sunday, June 21 – 10:30 a.m. Worship Service (limit to 30-appointment requested)

June 20 & 21, 2020

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 6/15

Reports given and approved
Trustee, Russ Wells, will paint the preschool room
Sundown One completed work on the sound system
Jamison Plumbing replaced the hardware in the working sacristy in the pastor's office
Preschool Registrations for fall are 8 three year olds, 6 four year olds
DayCare is working to re-open soon.
Reserving a time and place for worship going well.
VBS was cancelled for this summer
Collecting names for nominations for church officers has begun.

June 27 & 28, 2020

TLC CHLDCAREPLUS opened this past week after hard work and meeting DCFS guidelines. Thanks you to Amy Fitch, Director, the staff and the Daycare Board. God grant you continued success.

July 11 & July 12, 2020

GOD BLESS THE MARRIAGE OF Troy Allen Trimble and Carly Renee Ager 7/3

CHARITY/MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR July: LSSI-Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (Story books) *[This outreach purchases books, CDs and postage for inmates throughout the state of Illinois. These books are read aloud by inmates and recorded to be burnt on CDs. The book and CD are mailed the inmates' children and/or grandchildren ranging from ages 0-14. In this way, children are able to be connected to their parent/grandparent.]*

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July 12, 2020 – July 19, 2020 *(Call, email or text to reserve a place for you, family and friends)*

Sunday, July 12 - 9:15 a.m. Worship Service (limit to 40-reservations requested)
Saturday, July 11 – 6:15 p.m. Worship Service (limit to 40- reservations requested)
Sunday, July 12 – 9:15 a.m. Worship Service (limit to 40- reservations requested)

THANK YOU to Russ Wells for painting the west preschool room.

LOVING ARMS – VIRTUAL BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG – In light of COVID-19, we are not able to complete our entire annual Baby Bottle Boomerang campaign in the usual way. We depend heavily on the funds raised during this campaign in order to provide positive alternative to women, men and students in difficult situations. Therefore, rather than distribute physical baby bottles, we have created a Virtual Baby Bottle Boomerang Campaign. To “fill” a virtual baby bottle, simply...

- Go to partner.LovingArmsIllinois.com
- Select the “Donate” tab
- In the Fund drop-down menu, select “Virtual Baby Bottle Boomerang 2020”

- Indicate your gift amount
- Provide the name of your church (if you are not affiliated with a church, type “n/a”)

Your gift will immediately be put to use – allowing us to provide supplies, peer-counseling, student education, and unborn babies the chance to draw their first breath.

We cannot do this without your help --- please fill a Virtual Babe Bottle today!

The Virtual Bottle Boomerang is running now thru July 31 and Virtual Baby Bottle Boomerang forms can be picked up on the Lectern in the Narthex.

Thank you for being a part of an important project. *Yolanda Marucco, Church Liaison*

July 18 & July 19, 2020

WELCOME NEW MEMBER BY BAPTISM Elaine Ann Marie Skinner 7/10.

August 1 & 2, 2020

GOD BLESS THE EXCHANGE OF WEDDING VOWS: Matthew Blomquist and Carmen Heberling 7/24

TORNADO RECOVERY NOT OVER – Tornado recovery is not completed. Help is needed now to finish the work. Below are some of the tasks that are yet to be accomplished.

- Fascia that need to be completed
- Porch railing and steps built
- Sump pump to be dug
- Hang drywall (after Tuesday, July 28)
- Kitchen cabinets installed – depends on when the drywall and painting are completed
- Doors and trims installed – depends on the drywall and painting
- Painting

The Pandemic has slowed down Missions for Taylorville efforts to complete the tornado recovery work. There are still homes in need of repairs. Work days have been established beginning Thursday, August 6 – 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. and Saturday, August 8 – 9 a.m. – 12 noon and Thursday, August 13 – 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. and Saturday, August 15 – 9 a.m. – 12 noon. Please consider volunteering your time or to make a financial donation. You can send a check to Missions for Taylorville: Missions for Taylorville, City Hall, 115 North Main Street. Taylorville, Illinois 62568 or please call Bill Kerns at 515-570-1762, to volunteer and find out where you are needed or if you have questions to ask. Thank you

CHARITY/MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR August: Lutheran Braille Ministry [*This ministry provides Bibles, hymnals and other devotional material free of charge to those needing large print or braille.*]

August 22 & 23, 2020

ASSISTING THOSE IN IOWA

HOW TO HELP THROUGH LCMS WORLD RELIEF AND HUMAN CARE

Give to Disaster Relief: Text **LCMSDISASTERS** to 41444 , [Give to hurricane relief](#), [Give to flood relief](#), [Give to tornado relief](#), [Give to wildfire relief](#), [Thrivent matching gift opportunity](#)

Call 888-930-4438 to make a credit card gift by phone, call the LCMS toll-free donor care line between 8 a.m. and 4:10 p.m. Central time.

Mail On the memo line or enclosed note, please indicate how you would like your gift to be used. (Disaster Response – where needed most, wildfire relief, hurricane relief, etc.)

Make check payable and mail to:

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861

FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS 8/17

Reports read and approved

Membership Transactions

Transferred out: Wayne Manson to Faith Lutheran Church in Naples, Florida

Release requested: Clinton Emmons, Kenna Mink, Austin Mink, Kaylee Grubaugh, Zachary Law

Discussion on nominations. Still have a couple of names to follow up on.

[For a copy of the Board of Directors reports, contact the office.]

Due to COVID, **THE ANNUAL CAMP CILCA AUCTION FUNDRAISER**, usually held on the same day as the Chicken Fry, will be conducted a little differently this year. It will be online on FACEBOOK ONLY! You do not need to be a Facebook user to participate in the Auction. The list of items available at the Auction will be posted by August 17. Along with that list will be instructions as to how to bid, etc. The ending date for bidding will be announced soon. Visit Camp CILCA (www.cilca.org), Events/Retreats, Auction Items. Keep checking the list of Auction items (new gifts will continue being added) and keep bidding!

August 29 & 30, 2020

► **WELCOME NEW MEMBER** Isabella Grace McQuinn was received into membership by baptism 8/23

LOVING ARMS –WALK FOR LIFE – Due to COVID19, We encourage everyone to walk on their own to help flatten the curve. Join others from our church as we help Loving Arms Pregnancy Center raise funds to affirm the value of life by providing compassionate, Christ-centered care and alternatives to abortion to those facing an unplanned pregnancy and/or related issues. I have sponsor forms in my office, if you need one. Call me, Yolanda, at 824- 8148 for more information.

Have you always wanted to be a part of a mission trip or project? Do you realize you do not have to travel far away from home to do mission work? Loving Arms Pregnancy Center is having their annual Walk for Life fundraiser on Saturday, September 19th, at the Chautauqua Building in Manners Park in Taylorville and Kitchell Park in Pana. This local ministry provides life-affirming options and shares the love of Christ with both women and men right here in our community. Loving Arms is in need of sponsored walkers to help them raise funds to continue touching lives. Please contact Yolanda to get involved in this mission opportunity!

If you would like to make a pledge for the Walk, Pastor has a signup sheet on the table in the narthex. No money will be collected at this time. A billing will come after the walk.

September 5 & 6, 2020

SIGN ME UP FOR CHURCH: Call, Email, text or drop by the office to reserve a place in the nave for the Divine Service. We are limiting our gatherings to around 30 people. With this in mind, we will be offering more services. Saturday: 6:15 *and if needed 5*. Sunday: 8, 9:15, & 10:30 and Wednesday nights at 7. You may secure your place for the month of August. Those at high risk or needing to follow the protocol of 10 or less can call the church office to schedule a time.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF DONATIONS DESTROYED IN BEIRUT –

The explosion in Beirut, Lebanon, on August 4 destroyed three 40-foot shipping containers filled with humanitarian aid items, including thousands of homemade quilts, school supplies, and baby care and personal care items. The provisions had been donated to LWR. Many LWML women throughout the US supplied quilts and other humanitarian aid for the refugees and other vulnerable communities in the Middle East. Lutheran World Relief thanks God for all LWML women and supporters for their offering of quilts and kits.

CHARITY/MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR September: National KFUO

[The longest running religious radio broadcast in the USA. Spreading the Word of God through the air waves.]

+LIFE TOGETHER+

► September 6 – September 14, 2020

(To reserve a place in worship call, email or text to reserve a place for you, family and friends)

Monday – Friday: 6:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. TLC ChildCare**PLUS** open

Sunday, September 6 – 9:15 a.m. Worship Service (limit to 30-reservations requested)

Monday, September 7 – Office Closed – Labor Day & No Elder's Meeting

Tuesday, September 8 – 8:45 a.m. – Preschool – First Day

Tuesday, September 8 – TBA Jesus Company

Tuesday, September 8 – ChildCarePlus Board of Education Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 9 – TBA 7th and 8th Grade Catechizing Class in person.

Remote learning begins.

Thursday, September 10 – 2:30 5th & 6th Grade Catechizing Class in person Group I

3:00 5th & 6th Grade Catechizing Class in person Group II

Remote Learning begins

Saturday, September 12 – 6:15 p.m. – Worship Service (limit to 30-reservations requested)

Sunday, September 13 – 9:15 a.m. – Worship Service (limit to 30-reservations requested)

Monday, September 14 – 7 p.m. Elder's Meeting

TO THE PARENTS OF OUR AFTERSCHOOL CATECHIZING CLASSES -

With the public schools going to remote learning and Vision Way remaining open, please contact the office concerning registering your child(ren) for the afterschool catechizing classes. Remote learning is definitely a possibility. Small group learning can be arranged.

September 12 & 13, 2020
September 19 & 20, 2020
September 26 & 27, 2020

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE FAMILIES OF Janet Bruns (9/18) and Debbie Prehn (9/20) who are now a part of the host of heaven in praising God.

+LIFE TOGETHER+

September 27 – October 4, 2020

(To reserve a place in worship call, email or text to reserve a place for you, family and friends)

Monday – Friday:	6:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. TLC ChildCarePLUS open
Monday-Friday:	8:45 a.m. – 11 a.m. Pre School classes (3 yr. old Tuesday and Thursday and 4 yr. old Monday- Wednesday – Friday)
Sunday, September 27:	9:15 a.m. Worship Service (limit to 30)
Tuesday, September 29:	Jesus Company remote learning
Wednesday, September 30:	7 th and 8 th Grade Catechizing remote learning 7:00 p.m. Divine Services (limit to 30)
Thursday, October 1:	2:30 5 th & 6 th Grade Catechizing Class in person Group I 3:00 5 th & 6 th Grade Catechizing Class in person Group II Remote Learning
Saturday, October 3:	6:15 p.m. Worship Service (limit to 30)
Sunday, October 4:	9:15 a.m. Worship Service (limit to 30)

FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS 9/21

Reports given and accepted

Barb Beck was given a peaceful transfer of membership to Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church LCMS, Decatur, Illinois

The sink in the janitor's closet has been repaired

Discussion on repairing the brass doors located at the west entrance

Discussion on setting December 27th as a date to be given to the District President so that he can prepare for a call meeting with the congregation starting in January 2021. Pastor will continue to fill the office during the call process.

Discussion on the possibility of having an organist for Saturday night divine services, a young man from Chatham has shown interest in serving in this capacity.

October 3 & 4, 2020

NEW ORGANIST Trevor Good is now playing for our Saturday night services.

CHARITY/MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR October: Lutheran World Relief - LCMS

[Together with other congregation throughout Synod help is given to congregations and church professionals when disasters strike.]

CHURCH OFFICERS [2020-2021]

Chairman: Cecil Polley

Secretary: Sharon Carlson

Treasurer: Katherine “Kitty” Chance (2021)
Elders: Jim Stanton (2022), Rob Davis (2022), Jack Dey[ch.] (2021), Ron Warren (2021)
Mark Hannant (2021)
Trustees: Mike Nation (2021), Ron Perona (2021), Bev & Russel Wells (2022)
ChildCarePLUS: Duane Stock [Treasurer (2022)], Lora Polley[ch] (2022), Mary Drnjevic
(2022), Nancy Hagemeyer (2022), Lois Hesse (2021), Brenda Seeley (2021), Judy Deal (2021).
Board of Stewardship: Duane Stock
[Due to pandemic, an election was not possible. These members have agreed to service.]

October 10 & 11, 2020

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF INGATHERING October 30th and 31st. Quilts and kits need to be to the church by October 25th. They will be boxed and labeled on Monday the 26th.

SPRINGFIELD EAST & WEST CIRCUIT CONVOCATION will be held Saturday, October 24 at Immanuel, Springfield starting at 9:00 a.m. Rev. Dr. Ken Schurb, CID Mission Exec, will present “Meeting 21st-Century Religious Challenges,” via three 50– minute modules on “Atheism and the New Atheism,” “Postmodernism,” and “Church Planting.” Snacks and coffee will be served starting at 8:30 a.m. as we gather under social distancing guidelines to hear how to take advantage of new opportunities in sharing the Gospel of God’s love-in-Christ. Each separate module will be shared live on Facebook on the “Bethlehem Lutheran Petersburg IL”. Hope you can join us or listen in that morning!

THE GRIT RUN AT CAMP CILCA is live and in-person on Saturday, October 24, 2020 at 10am. This grueling, rugged, inclined, trail run is a 5K that will truly challenge you. Sign up at cilca.org/homecoming. Adults run for \$30. 18 and under are \$10.

October 17&18, 2020

October 24&25, 2020

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS – The family of Lou Silotto. He passed away on Saturday, October 17, 2020.

FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS 10/19

Reports given and accepted
Elders will set a date and time to meet with the District President concerning the call process.
Elders will be considering what to do with Thanksgiving Eve, Advent, Christmas Eve and Day Divine Services
Work has begun to put a budget together for 2021

LOVING ARMS – Thank you, Thank you, Thank you – Let’s give thanks for approximately 71 walkers, 25 participating churches and over \$19,000 in pledges so far. As a reminder to our church family it is never too late to turn in a form if you didn’t have a chance to make it to the

Walk? Keep them coming. *We could not have done it without you.* Together for Life, Cathy Coker, Executive Director (Thanks everyone – Yolanda Marucco, Church Liaison.

October 31&November 1, 2020

UPDATED INFORMATION WITH ALYSSA ANDERS – will be leaving the mission program at the end of December and will be coming back from Russia.

CHARITY/MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR November: Heritage Foundation. [*This ministry translate the catechism into many different language and distributes them throughout the world.*]

LUTHERAN WORLD RELEIF INGATHERING 10 quilts, 20 baby care kits and 4 school kits were delivered.

November 7 & 8, 2020

MILITARY BIBLE STICK MINISTRY For the past number of years, on the first two Sundays in November, the offering box in the Narthex has been set aside for this ministry. You can make a donation to purchase these New Testament sticks that military chaplains can distribute to military personnel and family. Checks can be made out to *Trinity Lutheran Church*. On the Memo Line write: *Bible Sticks*

MINISTRY TO THE ARMED FORCES Your Generosity Will:

Help Support The Recruiting, Training And Endorsing of our LCMS military chaplains. We have numerous chaplains who serve on active duty, the Reserve component, the National Guard, the Civil Air Patrol and the Coast Guard auxiliary. Your gift will ensure they receive valuable Lutheran resources, training, support and religious-liberty protection that they desperately need during these challenging times.



Help Sustain Operation Barnabas – a network of care that trains and equips LCMS congregations and individuals to assist all military-connected people within our congregations and communities in getting the support and assistance they need. Learn how you can get involved by visiting operationbarnabas.org.

Help Enable The Ministry-By-Mail Program To Continue as we send Lutheran devotional materials and resources (including Portals of Prayer) to all Lutheran military personnel and their families stationed around the world. Please email military contact information to lcmschaps@lcms.org.

Help Fund The Travel Expenses for chaplains and their wives to attend annual training seminars. These seminars allow them to reconnect, network and receive pastoral care and support from their church — things they need and deserve.

Help Grow A Special Endowment Fund that enables our chaplains to complete a Doctor of

Please use my gift to help strengthen the men and women of our military: \$50 \$85 \$150 Other \$_____

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Please make your check payable to: LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces and return to: P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861

Name: _____ Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Congregation: _____

Please note that you can phone in your credit card gift by calling our toll-free number: 888-930-4438 or donate online at: lcms.org/armedforces

November 14 & 15, 2020

REMEMBER THANKSGIVING EVE, ADVENT MIDWEEK, CHRISTMAS EVE & DAY AND NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICES. We need to have you reserve a place. In this way, we can add or even subtract service as needed. Call or email the office. You may even text pastor. The service times and dates are as follows.

Thanksgiving Eve Services, November 25th, 6 p.m. Silent Divine Service

7 p.m. Divine Service

Advent Midweek Services, December 2nd, 9th and 16th, 6 pm Silent Divine Service

7 p.m. Devotional Advent Service

Christmas Eve, December 24th, 5,7 and 9 p.m. Divine Services

We are considering a silent Divine Service on the 23rd

Christmas Day, December 25th, 10 a.m. Divine Service

New Year's Eve, December 31st, 7 p.m. Divine Service

+LIFE TOGETHER+

November 15 – November 22, 2020

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Monday – Friday: 6:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. TLC ChildCare**PLUS**

Monday-Friday: 8:45 a.m. – 11 a.m. Pre School classes (*3 yr. old Tuesday and Thursday and 4 yr. old Monday- Wednesday – Friday*)

Sunday, November 15 9:15 a.m. Worship Service (*limit to 25*)

Monday, November 16 7 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, November 17 Jesus Company remote learning

Wednesday, November 18: 7th and 8th Grade Catechizing remote learning

7:00 p.m. Divine Services (*limit to 25*)

Thursday, November 19: 2:00 Jesus Company Group I

2:30 5th & 6th Grade Catechizing Class in person Group I

3:00 5th & 6th Grade Catechizing Class in person Group II

Remote Learning

Saturday, November 21: 6:15 p.m. Worship Service (*limit to 25*)

Sunday, November 22: 9:15 a.m. Worship Service (*limit to 25*)

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR THE ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASON is scheduled for the last Saturday of November, the 28th, at 9 a.m. All are invited. *This is the 50th anniversary of the making of the Chrismons, 1970]*

November 21 & 22, 2020

► **WELCOME A NEW MEMBER** Myla June Nichols, baptized 11/15

A NOTE FROM PAT McARDLE – Thank you for sending me the weekly mailing of the Worship Notes messages and announcements. I do read it all. It helps me feel connected to the church and the people. Please continue sending the mailing to me. *Pat McArdle*

LWML UPDATES – Our LWML group is going INACTIVE NOW. We, however, will still be accepting MITES in back of the church in our large LWML box. LWML Grants do so much good in many areas in the CID and the National. We encourage everyone to help in that endeavor to place your pennies or other coins in at any time. When we have a nice amount we will send them on to the financial secretary of the LWML. Thanks very much to all of you, *Judy Jacobs*

FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTOR 11/16

Reports given and accepted

Work on 2021 budget continues

Elders reported they have met with Rev. Mark Miller, president of the Central Illinois District to begin the call process. *Forms have been included in the announcements to gather names and information. Pastor Blomquist will continue on serving Trinity as the vacancy pastor starting January 1st. Timeline is as follows: Gathering of information and names of pastors to be presented to the District office approximately one month. The District President gathers information and prepares a list of pastors for the congregation approximately 2 months. A call meeting is set with a two week notice. Names of perspective pastors will be made available for viewing during the weeks before the call meeting.*

November 28 & 29, 2020

December 12 & 13, 2020

SIGN ME UP FOR CHURCH: Call, Email, text or drop by the office to reserve a place in the nave for the Divine Service. We are limiting our gatherings to around 25 people. With this in mind, we will be offering more services. Saturday: 6:15 *and if needed* 5. Sunday: 9:15, 8, & 10:30 *as needed* and Wednesday nights at 7. Those at high risk or needing to follow the protocol of 10 or less can call the church office to schedule a time.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the family (Kathy Dowdy(husband James) Edinburg & Mark Rhodes of Taylorville) of Carol Rhodes. Carol passed away on November 29, 2020.

+LIFE TOGETHER+

December 13 – December 20, 2020

(To reserve a place in worship call, email or text to reserve a place for you, family and friends)

Monday – Friday: 6:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. TLC ChildCarePLUS
Monday-Friday: 8:45 a.m. – 11 a.m. Pre School classes (3 yr. old Tuesday and Thursday and 4 yr. old Monday- Wednesday – Friday)
Sunday, December 13 9:15 a.m. Worship Service (limit to 25)
Tuesday, December 15 Jesus Company remote learning
Wednesday, December 16 7th and 8th Grade Catechizing remote learning
6 p.m. Silent Divine Services (limit 25)
7 p.m. Midweek Advent Service (limit 25)
Thursday, December 17 2:00 Jesus Company Group I
2:30 5th & 6th Grade Catechizing Class in person Group II
3:00 5th & 6th Grade Catechizing Class in person Group II
Remote Learning
Saturday, December 19: 6:15 p.m. Worship Service (limit 25)
Sunday, December 20: 9:15 a.m. Worship Service (limit 25)

TRINITY PRESCHOOL is collecting paper goods for SHADOW HOME. If you would like to donate, please bring your paper goods to TLC, a box will be provided for your donation. They are collecting now through December 18th. Needed items: paper towels, bowls, napkins, Kleenex, toilet paper, birthday supplies, paper plates, plastic cups & silverware, zip lock bags and trash bags. Thank you for your participation.

December 19 & 20, 2020

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the family of Dave Requarth who was called to his heavenly home of 12/9.

CHARITY/MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR December: CID Professional Scholarship Fund. *[These funds help with tuition and other costs of those who are studying at one of our Universities or Seminaries in order to become a professional church worker in our church body.]*

Christmas Eve Divine Service: Bring your own battery lit candles or plan on using your phones for the candle light portion.

December 26 & 27, 2020

GOD'S BLESSINGS ON THE MARRAGE OF Joseph Vincent Andruch to Malinda Eilene Kilty 12/19

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the family of Rev. Bert Eichoff, pastor of Trinity Lutheran in Nokomis, whom God called to His heavenly home 12/22.

FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS 12/21

Reports given and accepted

Annual Voters' Meeting set for Sunday January 10th, 2021 following the morning Divine Service (*Approximately 10:15 a.m.*)

Recommended Budget to be presented at the Annual Voters' Meeting.

Synod's inquiry as to moving the Synodical Convention to the 2022 was put on the Annual Voters' Meeting agenda.

Trustees are still looking into repairing the brass entrance doors.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the family of Eileen Everlen whom God called to her heavenly home 12/27

REPORTS

CRADLE ROLL

This ministry serves parents of children from the ages of newborn to three years of age. The ministry includes a number of mailings. In these mailings there are newsletters which deal on a topic on child development, devotional materials and other

Allen, Nora Kay

Crites, Blakely Elin

Murphy, Arno Fredrick

Podlinsek, Zack James

Skinner, Elaine Ann Marie

Wendling, Heidi Lynn

Cervi, Jackson Lee

Hadden, Robert Therron

Nation, Avery Juilane

Ruot, Bristol Mae

Stanton, Murray James

Cervi, June Kathryn

Jameson, Connor Ray

Nichols, Myla June

Shivley, Daphne Louis

Tucker, Hadley Jo

Graduating from the cradle roll:

Blomquist, Liam Matthew

Smith, Emersyn JoLeigh

Durbin, Noah Adam

Sexton, Kaydan Matthew

INSPIRATIONAL BOOKS

Veteran's – Patriotic – 63

Taylorville Care – 34

Taylorville Estates – 34

Hickory Estates – 34

Taylorville Skilled Nursing and Rehab – 34

Life's Journey – 34

St. John's Children – 20

Total - 253

Submitted by Nancy Hagemeyer

Preschool

We began the new 2020 year in January with a class size for the 3 y.o. class at seven students, and the 4 y.o. class size at nine students. Additionally, preschool enrollment for the next school year of 2020 -2021 opened up to the public this month. Prior to returning to school in January, new carpeting was installed in the main classroom over Christmas break which the students realized right away. And a new game, Banana Blast, was gifted to the students which made them very happy.

January studies included alphabet work, numbers, money, shapes, health and months of the year. We continued practice of writing our names. Art class covered some scissor skills, winter creations, and a Martin Luther King Jr. coloring sheet. We also had a lesson on sequencing, read some books, and practiced our sight words. During chapel and Bible time, we learned about Jesus' miracles, Noah's ark and sang "Jesus Loves Me".

February we celebrated a birthday and Valentine's Day with some birthday treats, and a Valentine's class party. During Art the students decorated hats and mittens, and created heart inspired artwork. They even made special bags for their Valentine's Day exchange. Valentine cards were made by the students, and distributed to Taylorville Estates. They have really been enjoying their time together playing High Ho Cherry-O, dress up, and lace and trace puzzles.

March work continued on mastering their alphabet letters with many worksheets, and watching *Letter Factory*. The children enjoyed hearing stories like *Can I have a Hug*, and verses from the Bible. The students worked on their numbers counting by 5's and 10's, practiced their months of the year song, and completed a George Washington worksheet. We also worked on sight words, the Money Poem and a shamrock seek and find alphabet page. The children enjoyed making salt letters and numbers. This unique finger work allows the children to have a sensory experience while drawing the letters/numbers into a shallow dish of salt. To understand this, think of a homemade Etch a Sketch, and you can get the idea. A brand new doll house was gifted to the class which was quite a hit a playtime. Other activities included scissor skills, water color art and play dough. The remainder of March school and the planned field trip to the Olde Bowle all came to a complete halt when the COVID pandemic struck.

Fortunately the students made it to the end of their alphabet studies when school abruptly ended in March. March, April and May assignments became packets of worksheets which were distributed by staff through drive through pick ups. Also, these packets were made available online. Part of the curriculum was recorded and put on our private Facebook group including Pastor's chapel visits. Even class birthday celebrations went onto our private Facebook group. Courtney and Nathan Books helped Mrs. Books bring some life into our recorded lessons which also made them more entertaining. In addition, Bobby and Zippy (puppets) also known as our class mascots, participated in the recordings. The recordings could never replace the in class learning experience, but we tried our best. The nice thing about it was that students could choose

to watch these recordings whenever, and as often as they liked. The class even did a live Zoom call just for fun.

May tuition was waived, and graduation service was postponed due to the epidemic. A drive through pick up was held for retrieval of student's end of year books and belongings.

May is usually a time the school staff does inventory and planning. However, staff worked on prepping the main classroom for a new paint job. The blue sticky tack came down and walls were cleaned. A work proposal was submitted to the Board of Directors. Over the summer break, operations staff completed painting the main classroom. They did a great job and even painted the doors with green chalkboard paint. Our operations staff also hung new curtains in both classrooms.

A small graduation service was held the first Sunday in August. Upon returning to school, staff hosted a 2020 - 2021 school orientation at the end August. Parents were encouraged to come alone due to COVID restrictions. The parents brought in many school supplies. The first week of September was just staff. Bulletin board decorations were donated and hung in the main classroom. Staff prepped their freshly painted classroom, and eagerly prepared for the return of students.

September 8, 2020 was the first day with students. At the beginning of the new school year, we began with 4 students enrolled in the 4 y.o. class and 5 students enrolled in the 5 y.o. class. Staff made the decision to use the main classroom only even for chapel. The thought process was that one classroom would be easier to sanitize. And the main classroom is bigger allowing the students to be able to maintain a safer distance. The other classroom is being used for an overflow storage for school until regulations are lifted.

In September, the class heard Pastor speak about Creation, and we prayed, sang and read from the Bible. We studied the alphabet and our numbers. The students were able to get some fun in the sun too. We went outdoors to play Red Rover and Duck Duck Goose. In addition, our class did arts and crafts, and practiced writing their names. Students started to make their own alphabet books. They are learning by tracing their numbers and letters. Many apple and acorn themed work/coloring sheets and art projects were completed. An apple tasting was held to determine which apples the children liked best. Also, the students have been reciting the Pledge of Allegiance daily. Fun games helped the children learn about shapes, body parts, opposites, and counting too. We also did some sight word work and scissor skills.

October blessed us with a new student in the 3 year old class making the total number of students in that class six. We enjoyed many warm days which allowed students to get outdoor activity time. They also worked on alphabet letters E - H. They used daubers and magnets to help learn their letters. They played with puppets, did lots of coloring pages, and read some stories. Other studies included, shapes and colors, work on numbers, and body bingo. During art the class made bottle dolls to look like themselves, but dressed the dolls in Biblical attire. Lots of art

work required students to use scissors and glue. Crafts like pumpkins, ghosts, spiders and cats were made. Fun Photo took class pictures. The month finished out with Halloween parties and parent/teacher conferences. They had lots of treats at their parties. Parents provided positive responses in regards to the return of in-person instruction.

November work continued with instruction of letters I - L, our names and numbers. We even managed a few more days of outdoor play. We celebrated some birthdays and Veterans Day. We did a cool pizza math worksheet where we got to cut, glue and count pizza slices. We made scarecrows, turkeys, flag pictures, cornucopias and play dough alphabet letters. We elected Zippy to be our class mascot. We played with Mr. Potato Head, and built tall towers with Legos at center time. We did a pie taste testing just because you can never have too much pie.

December we focused our learning about the birth of Jesus, letters M - O, numbers 9 and 14, and shapes. We also regularly practiced our name pages and numbers. During Art we made Christmas stockings, worked on lots of great holiday coloring pages, Christmas wreathes, and even painted with cookie cutters. The children made letters to Santa, and snowmen to give as gifts. The class Christmas parties were really fun with an indoor snowball (not real) toss, a reindeer ring toss, and a pin the nose on Rudolph game with fun prizes. We sang Christmas songs by the Christmas tree, and ate special treats. They made crafts, opened some early Christmas presents (which were some new toys donated to school), and wore pajamas to school. No Christmas program was held this year due to the COVID restrictions. The students collected paper goods during the month of December which were donated to the Shadow Home.

CHILDCAREPLUS

The year started out with somewhat low enrollment, and it had increased by March when we had to suddenly close due to the pandemic.

The week we closed many families had already been told to go home and work from home. Monday that week we had twenty children in attendance, Tuesday we had ten in attendance and by Wednesday March 18, we had six children in the entire building and three of those were from one family. On Friday night the Governor had mandated all closures. We made the best decision.

We remained closed and staff had workdays one day of each week. We deep cleaned and painted much of the center over the course of March to mid-June. We successfully reopened Monday June 22, 2020. We could have up to ten children per classroom and prioritized single parents and families that were returning to work after a long three months of the pandemic.

We have been successful and only had one staff and one volunteer that have had the Covid 19 virus. Staff has taken pride in cleaning their own classrooms through this process, and visitors are still not allowed in the building. Temp checks have been running smoothly at drop off and

we have the process as fine tuned as we can have. Moving through the winter we have had a few families lose their jobs and move out of Illinois.

Enrollment stays steady, and we average 53 children six weeks to six years old. We have been assisting the kindergarten children with virtual learning all school year and that has been a blessing to many families.

We continue to clean and wash toys throughout every day. This includes all door handles and commonly touched surfaces.

We applied for the Child Care Restoration Grant and was awarded a grant for the months of July, August, September, October, November and December

Current staff include:

Amy, director

Marilyn, lead infant teacher

Allison, infant assistant

Kimberly, lead toddler teacher

Brenna, toddler assistant & sub cook

Amanda, lead two-year-old teacher

Peighton two's assistant

Carole, lead three-five teacher

Maddey, three-five assistant

Haley, cook and part time float assistant

Alison, lead four-six teacher.

In 2020, I and four of the staff continue to take college classes.

We continue to have a waiting list. With the current staffing crisis, we are at our limit on enrollment unless God blesses me with new teachers that meet DCFS requirements.

Current enrollment:

Infants: 8

Toddlers: 10

Two-year-old's: 8

Three to five's: 15

Four to six room: 10

We have a couple more two years old's waiting for paperwork to process to begin attending.

Blessings,

Amy Fitch, Director

Foster Parents

I want to thank our Members for their response to our group. We will financially carry on this year in supporting our four children. Donations are always accepted throughout the year. We are down to 17 contributors ☺ we have a balance of \$1451.22. I pay \$ 336.00 per child (4) quarterly. I also give \$25.00 for each child's Birthday and Christmas. I do pay that the first of the year because there is a \$3.50 service charge for each gift but only one for all if I pay at one time. They send Birthday and Christmas gifts out a month prior to occasion. I pray I don't have to stop that. At the end of the year if I don't get any more donations I will have \$117.22 in our account. I continue to send letters to past donors. Last year there were 25 contributors and the year before 30. We slowly decrease every year. I have contacted Childfund asking they don't automatically replace child. If child becomes of age, moves away or various reasons they usually replace. Due to our funding we may have to decrease our support, I don't have the heart to ask them to remove one. I play it year by year, and this past year has been tough for many. Prayers are appreciated! I can email you copies of letters I receive if you would like. They are very interesting and should be enjoyed by all. I no longer put copies in back of church but I can scan and email to you. Just shoot me an email at jkandruchfarms@gmail.com and I will add you to the list. Thank you all for your support, *Kandy Andruch*

MISSIONS FOR TAYLORVILLE (TORNADO) 2018 -2020

It was a dark and stormy night. . .

And so begins what was to become a disastrous evening for many of the residents of the City of Taylorville. The tornado that ripped through Christian County on December 1st, 2018, left a wake of destruction that had never experienced by its' residents and many prayers went up that they would never see anything like it again.

Clean up and rebuilding started immediately, with neighbor helping neighbor, and donations of cash and materials started flowing in from around the country. An entity was needed to collect and distribute this relief effort, one that could start moving the assistance to those in need immediately. Fortunately, just such an organization existed in the city in the form of Missions For Taylorville. This organization had already been providing residents with assistance in repairing their homes during their semi-annual Missions For Taylorville Work Days. These work day Saturdays paired up those in need with volunteer laborers and donated materials to complete home repair and maintenance jobs.

But even this group had never been inundated with such a huge number of individuals in need and large number of homes with massive destruction, some being entirely destroyed. We stepped up to the challenge and worked many late nights and weekend to ensure that a process

was created to fairly and equitably distribute the materials and funds that had been received, as well as, create a clearing house for volunteers from around the country, eager to come and help. Many of the Missions board members also put sweat equity into the projects as well, working alongside home owners, other volunteers and local contractors.

After almost two years, the projects are drawing to a close, donations have dried up and volunteers have been curtailed by a new disaster called Covid-19. Through it all, Missions For Taylorville has been able to offer assistance to almost 200 families, distributing over \$870,000 in funds and materials to complete jobs such as replacing siding, windows and roofs all the way up to several complete houses. In one instance we even coordinated and worked on moving an entire house, donated by a local individual, to replace a home totally destroyed by the tornado.

Now that the projects are reaching completion and the funds and materials have all been distributed, the weekly, sometimes bi-weekly, meetings are winding down and the Missions Board member are looking forward to a little “relief” of their own, relief from the massive project that they undertook and praying, along with all of Taylorville, that they’ll never experienced anything like it again.

Members who have served on the Missions For Taylorville group (Tornado) include: Pastor Bill Kerns,
Ed Legg, Jim Daugherty, Mary Linda Graham, Lynda Hall Lois Hesse, Yolanda Marucco, Becki Tuxhorn,
Kevin Brown and Dollie Brown

Respectfully submitted, Yolanda Marucco, Church Liaison

Found and contributed by Cecil Polley, *Chairman of the Congregation*

A prayer that can be our personal prayer also

Heavenly Father,
My church is composed of people
like me.
I help make it
what it is.
It will be friendly
if I am.
It will be holy
if I am.
Its pews will be filled

if I help fill them.
 It will do great work
 if I work.
 It will be prayerful
 if I pray.
 It will make generous gifts to many causes
 if I am a generous giver.
 It will bring other people into its worship
 if I invite and bring them.
 It will be a church family
 of loyalty and love,
 of fearlessness and faith
 and of compassion, charity and mercy
 If I, who make it what it is,
 am filled with these same qualities.

Therefore, with the help of God,
 I will dedicate myself to the task
 of being all the things I want my church to be.

Bless my journey Lord God
 that with the help of the Holy Spirit
 I might follow Jesus
 and build my church for your glory.

T Amen T

(Author Unknown)

FINANCES

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH 2020

	2020 BUDGET	2020 ACTUAL	2021 BUDGET PROPOSAL
INCOME			
Envelopes	160,000	157,563.00	160,000
Loose Plate	5,000	5,516.55	5,000
Preschool Tuition	12,000	6,638.00	6,000
Preschool Tuition Aid		0.00	
Preschool-Gifts/fund raisers		0.00	
Misc Income	100	112.99	100
Total Income	177,100	169,830.54	171,100

EXPENSES

Personnel

Pastor's Salary	37,410	37,407.08	40,000
Pastor's Housing	15,500	15,244.06	15,500
Pastor's Auto Allow.	4,400	4,325.10	4,400
Pastor's Business Exp.	300	297.73	300
Pastor's Health Plan	2,400	2,160.08	12,000
Pastor's Disability	650	589.20	600
Pastor's Dental	550	502.80	500
Pastor's Life Ins		0.00	
Pastor's Retirement	3,000	2,618.00	5,000
Guest Minister	500	0.00	500
Sat. Night Organist	3,050	2,271.26	4,000
Guest Organist	6,000	5,425.69	6,000
Secretary	15,600	15,532.80	17,160
Janitor	9,800	9,786.10	10,290
FICA & Medicare taxes	2,000	1,936.90	2,200

Subtotal 101,160 98,096.80 118,450

Programs

District	14,000	12,945.24	14,000
Charity/Mission	1,200	1,200.00	1,200
Choir/Chime		0.00	
Worship Committee	1,600	651.16	1,600
Evangelism	1,050	1,122.38	1,050
Stewardship	250	0.00	250
Sunday School	800	389.09	800
Adult Bible Study	500	429.93	500
VBS/Confirmation/Jesus Co	1,200	495.54	1,200
Preschool Staff	21,540	18,849.92	22,500
Tuition Aid			
Supplies	1,800	445.15	1,000
FICA/Medi	1,600	1,442.03	1,700

Subtotal 45,540 37,970.44 45,800

Operations

Educ. & Conferences	1,280	0.00	1,280
Church & Office Supplies	5,500	7,222.49	7,500
Postage	1,000	425.91	1,000
Telephone	2,200	2,164.37	2,200
Janitor's Supplies	600	332.37	600
Gas & Electric	8,500	7,433.89	8,500
Water & Sewer		0.00	
Waste Disposal	540	701.52	600
Insurance	8,200	10,125.00	8,500
Bldg. Maint. & Repairs	10,000	6,946.85	10,000
Lawn Maint/Snow Removal	4,000	3,360.00	4,000
Office Equip & Repairs	1,000	0.00	1,000

	Service Contracts/Leases	4,800	4,982.47	4,800
Subtotal		47,620	43,694.87	49,980
Total Budget Expenses		194,320	179,762.11	214,230.00
	Budget balance	-17,220	-9,931.57	-43,130.00

Non-Budget Receipts:

Charity & Mission of Month	1,188.00
Memorials (other than Daycare.)	1,390.00
Repay	72.00
Subscriptions	47.92
Radio-Lutheran Hour	910.00
Misc	100,262.53
Thrivent Choice Dollars	764.00
Transfer from Investments	14,588.28

Total Nonbudget Receipts

119,222.73

Non-Budget Expense:

Charity & Mission of Month	1,123.00
Projects	0.00
Needy Fund	0.00
Repay	0.00
Radio-Lutheran Hour	1,463.40
Miscellaneous	7,766.70
Adjustments	0.00
Transfer to Investments	13,189.00

Total Nonbudget Expenditures

23,542.10

Net for Church Operations

95,680.63

DAYCARE TRANSACTIONS

Inc Building--Pledges	5,253.00
Memorials & Gifts	0.00
From Daycare for expenses	26,333.18
Exp Transfer to Daycare	65,268.20
Daycare bills	22,381.35
Net	-56,063.37

CASH FLOWS

Account	Type	Beginning Balance	Interest	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
FNB T'VILLE	CHECKING	\$25,142.53		320,639.45	\$290,953.76	\$54,828.22
FNB T'VILLE	MMA					
	Undesignated	\$45,899.08	\$229.47	\$11,475.00	\$10,353.00	\$47,250.56
	Thrivent funds	\$12,070.08	\$50.41	\$764.00	\$2,994.91	\$9,889.58
	Radio-Luth Hour	\$995.24	\$2.42	\$1,110.00	\$1,463.40	\$644.26
	Scholarship	\$983.82	\$4.94			\$988.76
	Needy fund	\$2,039.94	\$11.28	\$325.00		\$2,376.22
	Choir & Chimes	\$947.55	\$4.71			\$952.28
	Youth Group	\$436.66	\$2.21			\$438.87
	Insurance Proceeds	-\$222.94	-\$0.09	\$223.03		\$0.00
	MMA Total	\$63,149.43	\$305.35	\$13,897.03	\$14,811.31	\$62,540.53
	TOTAL	\$155,373.33	\$305.35	\$334,536.48	\$305,765.07	\$117,368.75

LIABILITIES

Daycare Bldg Mortgage	151,585.66	\$25,647.60	\$125,938.06
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Cash Flow includes \$100,000 received from the Covid-19 PPP loan program. Daycare used \$60,000 of loan and church utilized \$40,000. Loan was forgiven by US gov't.

TLC CHILD CARE PLUS

	2020	2020	2020
RECEIPTS	PROPOSAL	ACTUAL	PROPOSAL
Tuition	475,000	330,784.73	500,000
Food Program	20,162.02	23,952.40	26,000
Fund Raisers	2,000	697.75	0
Pledges	5,000	5,367.00	5,000
Gifts/donations	1,000	645.00	1,000
Thrivent	3,000	3,151.00	3,000
Grants/Loans	0	131,950.00	0
Misc.	1,200	1,905.17	1,500
TOTAL RECEIPTS	513,200	494,663.67	536,500
EXPENSES			
Personnel	350,400	307,330.80	370,600
Supplies	27,500	22,987.44	25,750
Insurance	14,600	18,804.68	15,200
Utilities	11,340	9,162.90	9,400
Operations	39,350	17,833.97	17,350
Interest	7,200	4,313.40	5,500
Loans Paid	33,000	25,647.60	34,500
FICA taxes	26,150	23,438.13	28,351
Capital items purchase	15,000	7,453.88	15,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	524,540	436,863.80	521,551
Operating Increase/Decrease	-11,340	57,799.87	14,949
Other Adjustments			
Loans		0.00	
Change in Receivables		-1,172.73	
Change in Payables		138.23	
Income/loss with adjustments		56,488.91	
Beginning checking balance		24,306.14	
Receipts & receivables change		495,835.40	
Expenses & payable change		436,724.57	
Ending Checking balance		83,416.97	

MEMORIALS

3/16/20	Frances Abel	Undesignated
9/27/20	Janet Bruns	Daycare
10/5/20	Debbie Prehn	Undesignated
10/19/20	Janet Bruns	Undesignated
10/19/20	Linda Larson	Undesignated
11/16/20	Janet Bruns	Undesignated
12/31/20	Carrie Rhodes	Undesignated
Total:	1,390.00	

Fellowship

Official Acts

Baptisms: Elaine Ann Marie Skinner 7/10
Isabella Grace McQuinn 8/23
Myla June Nichols 11/15

Jr. Confirmation: Abigail Elizabeth Norris 4/5

Weddings: Matthew Ryan Blomquist to Carmen Babetta Heberling 7/24
Joseph Vincent Andruch to Melinda Eileen Kilty 12/19 (*Nonmembers*)

Funerals: Charles & Delores E. Castle 5/1 (*C*)(*Charles passed away in November 2019*)
Donald Clifford McMahon 8/7 [*Non-member*]
Martha Janet Bruns 9/12 (*C*)
Debra F. Prehn 9/25 (*C*)
Betty Jean Jackson 10/5 (*non-member*)
Francis Adeline Keiser 10/23 (*Non-member*)
Louis P. Silotto 10/24(*C*)
Shirley Belle Owens 10/26 (*Non-member*)
Cody Allen Harrison 11/27 [*Non-member. His mother Gina was worked at our DayCare.*]
Carol Ann Rhodes 12/5 (*C*)

Member Transactions

Transfer out: Wayne Manson (C) to Faith Lutheran Church in Naples, Florida
(Completed 8/17)

Barbara Beck (C) to Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Decatur, Illinois (Completed
9/21)

Released : (Completed 1/20)

Hayle Wendling (C)
Tomra Freisland (B)
Theodore Freisland (B)
Gustav Hartig ©

(Completed 8/17):

Clinton Emmons (C),
Kenna Mink (C)
Austin Mink (B)
Kaylee Grubaugh (B)
Zachary Law (B)

Death: Eileen Jo Everlen (C) 12/27

Statistics

[Attendance records: refer to 2019 because of the COVID pandemic]

For the year

	2019	Increase				Decrease			Sub	2020	
	Total	B.	C.	RF.	Tr.	D.	Tr.	RI.	Total	Total	11/2019
Baptized	683	+3	+0	+0	+0	-6	-2	-9	-14	669	683
Communicant	468	-	+1	+0	+0	-6	-2	-4	-11	457	468

[B-Baptism, C-Confirmation; RF-Reaffirmation of faith; Tr-Transferred in
D-Death; Tr-Transferred out; RI-Released]

STAFF

Church

Pastor: Rev. Rodney Blomquist
Secretary: Yolanda Marocco
Preschool Teacher & Director: Nikki Books
Preschool Aide: Julie Kohl
Organists: John Hollman & Trevor Good
Custodians: Bev & Russ Wells

TLC ChildCarePLUS

Amy, director
Marilyn, lead infant teacher
Allison, infant assistant
Kimberly, lead toddler teacher
Brenna, toddler assistant & sub cook
Amanda, lead two-year-old teacher
Peighton two's assistant
Carole, lead three-five teacher
Maddey, three-five assistant
Haley, cook and part time float assistant
Alison, lead four-six teacher.

CHURCH OFFICERS *[Those whose names are followed by 2020 are eligible for reelection. Any questions or corrections let me know. Pastor]*

Chairman: Cecil Polley

Vice- Chairman: Vacant

Secretary: Sharon Carlson

Treasurer: Katherine "Kitty" Chance (2021)

(Board of Directors met the third Monday of the Month)

Elders: Jim Stanton (2022), Rob Davis (2022), Jack Dey[ch.] (2021), Ron Warren (2021)
Mark Hannant (2021) *(Elders met the first Monday of the month)*

Trustees: Mike Nation (2021), Ron Perona (2021), Bev & Russel Wells (2022)
(Trustees met the second Tuesday of the month)

ChildCarePLUS: Duane Stock [Treasurer (2022)], Lora Polley [ch.] (2022), Mary Drnjevic (2022), Nancy Hagemeyer (2022), Lois Hesse (2021), Bredna Seeley (2021), Judy Deal (2021). *(Day Care board met the second Tuesday of the month.)*

Board of Education: Vacant

Board of Stewardship: Duane Stock

Board of Evangelism: Vacant

Appointed or auxiliary Office Holders/Volunteers

Choir/Chime Director: Cindy Stock

Financial Secretary: Norvella Arkebauer

Money Counters: Jim Hagemeyer, Ed Janssen & Barb Cox

Sunday School Superintendent:

VBS Director:

Thrivent: Karen Willer, Lois Hesse, Pat McArdle

Lutheran World Relief Quilts & Kits: Sharon Janssen & Bev Wells

Men's Bible and Breakfast Group: Jim Stanton & Cecil Polley

Inspirational Booklets: Nancy Hagemeyer

Loving Arms Inc. Liaison: Yolanda Marucco

Taylorville Ministerial Association Food Pantry Volunteers: Lois Hesse,

Red Cross: Kathy Knope

Lutheran Emergency Response Team (L.E.R.T.): Kandy Andruch, Cecil Polley, Lois Hesse, Brenda Seeley, Judy Deal, Judy Jacobs, Karen Willer

Foster Parents Representative: Kandy Andruch

Archivist: Cindy Stock

Altar Guild: April Hannant

Church Sign: Mark Podeschi

APPENDIX
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Taylorville, Illinois

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' RULES FOR USE OF THE CHURCH
JANUARY 2000

1. NO SMOKING ANYWHERE IN THE CHURCH BUILDING.
2. All tables and chairs used must be put back in their proper place. There is a diagram of that placement attached to the custodian's closet door located in the basement which will show you how to put the chairs and tables back in their proper order.
3. All extra chairs that are not placed at the tables must be folded and put back on the moveable chair rack which is located under the basement stairs located next to the church secretary's office.
4. All decorations used for a function must be removed.
5. All tables must be washed and wiped clean, and debris removed from underneath.
6. The floors should be swept, or mopped in case of spilled items. Brooms and mops can be found in the custodian's closet.
7. All trash should be placed into large trash containers located in the church kitchen. Extra trash liners are located in the custodian's closet.
8. All bathrooms should be checked before you leave the church. Stools should be flushed and all water faucets in lavatories turned off.
9. The church should be checked to make sure all lights are turned off and all windows and doors closed.
10. No Food or Drink Items should be taken anywhere upstairs in the church, but should remain in the basement Fellowship Hall or kitchen area.
11. Bicycles should not be parked or ridden upon the entranceway carpet.
12. All organizations, groups, individuals, etc., should check the Master Church Calendar located in the church secretary's office for the availability of the date that you wish for your activity – something may already be scheduled on the Master Calendar. This also applies when canceling a date on the calendar – please contact the church office and have your activity date removed.
13. People who have private dinners or receptions and use the church facilities, the above request for usage applies. There is a \$100 fee for using the Fellowship Hall and kitchen for wedding receptions; as well as a \$100 fee for the sanctuary for a wedding; payable in advance. This is payable to the custodian,

because of the extra cleanup involved. *[NO fee for members wishing to use basement for birthday, anniversary and baby showers]*

14. All children must be accompanied by an adult at all times, for any function within the church. Also, no children are to be in the balcony area without adult supervision.

15. Finally, all doors must be locked before you leave.

16. If any problems arise while you are in the church, please contact any of the following Trustees

17. If you have any questions pertaining to the above information, you may contact the church custodian, Mrs. Beverly Wells, at 824-3010.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US KEEP OUR CHURCH “LOOKING GOOD!”

THE ORGANIST SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

1. A member of the congregation
2. The congregation pays the teacher after the student submits a voucher for payment.
3. The student will write a short essay explaining their life goals and their intentions in taking lessons. Essay to be submitted to the Board of Elders.
4. The congregation will also pay our seminaries an appropriate fee to them for any of our student organists to take lessons at either seminary in order that they gain a Lutheran understanding of liturgy.
5. Where the student fails to attend the lesson. The student will pay for that lesson.
6. Funding for the student shall be on a funds available status
7. The entire matter shall be renewed or not on annual basis.
8. The congregation shall retain the right to alter this matter as needed.

TRINITY LUTHERAN MEMORIAL FUNDS

(Updated 2016)

1. Church Improvement Projects

Funds from this account are used for church improvement projects, equipment, or major repairs in the church.

2. Books

Funds from this account are used to purchase new hymnals and bibles for the church.

3. Undesignated Fund

Funds in the general memorial fund are used for projects approved by the church board of directors.

4. Scholarship Fund

Funds in this account are for anyone attending a church sponsored school.

5. Organist Scholarship Fund

Funds in this account are for members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod who desire to become a church organist in our church body.

6. Building Fund

Funds in this account are to be used for building addition(s) and for retirement of any mortgage(s).

7. Needy Fund (*Good Samaritan Fund*)

Funds in this account are for Pastor's use in assisting needy people in an emergency situation. It can also be used by members of the congregation to gather funds to help a family member or a neighbor in need. With Elder's approval, this should be done for a short amount of time, for example: a month or 6 weeks. The funds should go to meet a need such as rent or medical expense.

Memorial Funds should be designated before the church can receive the funds.

If the family would like the memorial funds used for a "special project" that is not mentioned above, please notify the Pastor. At that time, the Pastor will inform the Treasurer and the Trustees of the pending project. These "special projects" must be fully funded by the memorial received. In this instance, the memorial funds should not be forwarded to the church until the project is identified by the family and agreed to by the Trustees and/or Board of Directors.

We hope that this information will be of help to you in making a decision regarding your tribute to your loved one's memory.

+ Our Vision Statement with Biblical Support +

[Study and memorize these passages as you ponder your place in God's kingdom and in this congregation. Notes and additions made by Pastor]

By the grace of God (The Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit),

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ephesians 2:8-9 8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast.

Romans 3:23 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Through the Means of Grace (Word & the Sacraments of Baptism & Lord's Supper)

Romans 10:17 Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.

Acts 2:38 Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 26:28 This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

God the Father lovingly

John 3:16 16 “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Matthew 7:9-11 “Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? 11 If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

1 John 3:1 How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Romans 8:15 For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.”

Empowers our members

Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Ephesians 2:10 For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Philippians 2:13 for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

John 15:5 “I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

To be eager and desire (by the working of the Holy Spirit)

Psalms 119:72 72 The law from your mouth is more precious to me than thousands of pieces of silver and gold.

Psalms 84:10 10 Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

Psalms 119:16 I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word.

Psalms 26:8 I love the house where you live, O LORD, the place where your glory dwells. **Psalms 119:103** How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

The Word and Sacraments. (The Means of Grace)

John 17:17 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. (*The Word of God*)

Romans 6:3-6 Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. 5 If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. 6 For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin. (*Baptism*)

1 Corinthians 10:16 Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? (*The Lord's Supper*)

This desire and our need to live (Produced by the Holy Spirit working in our lives through the Word)

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Psalm 32:5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD" and you forgave the guilt of my sin

Proverbs 28:13 He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

2 Corinthians 5:15 And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

Psalm 119:104,112 104 I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path. 112 My heart is set on keeping your decrees to the very end.

As God's Children

Galatians 3:26 You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus,

1 John 3:1 How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

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Is exemplified by a life of repentance (This is the life of the Christian)

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Psalm 32:5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD"—and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Proverbs 28:13 He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

By attendance at worship services (Fruit of repentance)

Psalm 122:1 I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

Psalm 26:8 I love the house where you live, O LORD, the place where your glory dwells.

Luke 11:28 He replied, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it."

Hebrews 10:25 Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Nurturing Children (Fruit of repentance)

Ephesians 6:4 Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

2 Timothy 3:15 and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Proverbs 22:6 Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.

Fellowship with other believers in Christ (Fruit of repentance)

Acts 2:42,46 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. **46** Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts,

Ephesians 2:19-20 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, **20** built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.

Romans 12:5 so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

And participating in Bible Studies (Fruit of repentance)

Psalms 1:2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.

Joshua 1:8 Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

Acts 17:11 Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true

We reach inward to our congregation (Christian love for fellow members of the Body of Christ - Fruit of repentance)

Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

Hebrews 10:24-25 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. **25** Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

And outward to the community (The Great Commission - Fruit of repentance)

Matthew 28:19-20 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

John 10:16 I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.

Using our time, talents, and treasures (Stewardship - Fruit of repentance)

Ephesians 4:11,16 It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, **16** From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

1 Corinthians 12:7,11 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. **11** All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.

Romans 12:4,8 Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, **8** if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

By the power of the Holy Spirit: (See the Third Article from Luther's Small Catechism)

Ephesians 4:3-6 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit— just as you were called to one hope when you were called— 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Romans 12:5 so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

Romans 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

God will unite this congregation to grow and prosper. (Christ the Head of the Church, His Body, unites the body together to do the work He places before Her.)

Matthew 18:20 For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.”

Ephesians 2:19-22 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. 21 In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. 22 And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

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