

News of the Son

Trinity Lutheran Church — Columbia, MO



What a Friend We Have in Jesus

The hymn “What a Friend We Have in Jesus,” found as hymn 770 in the *Lutheran Service Book* (LSB), is cherished by many for its simple yet profound message of comfort and trust in Christ through prayer. This hymn emphasizes the accessibility of God’s grace, the gift of prayer, and the intimate relationship believers share with Jesus as their Savior and friend.

Written in 1855 by Joseph Medlicott Scriven (1819–1886), an Irish-born Canadian, the text of “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” was penned during a time of personal hardship. Scriven’s life was marked by tragedy: his fiancée drowned the night before their wedding, and later, after relocating to Canada, another fiancée died before they could marry. Amid these losses, Scriven wrote the poem as a private reflection to comfort his ailing mother in Ireland. Originally titled “Pray Without Ceasing,” the text was not intended for public use but was later discovered and published by a friend.

The hymn’s opening line, “What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear,” establishes Jesus as both a compassionate friend and the bearer of human sin and sorrow. This resonates with Lutheran Christology, which holds that Jesus is fully God and fully human, capable of sympathizing with human weakness while possessing the divine nature to redeem. The biblical foundation for this imagery is found in John 15:13–15, where Jesus declares, “*Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. ... I have called you friends.*”

Additionally, the phrase “all our sins and griefs to bear” echoes Lutheran soteriology (fifty cent word meaning doctrine of salvation), which emphasizes Christ’s atoning work on the cross. Hebrews 4:15–16 reinforces this: “*For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace.*” In Lutheran worship, this encourages believers to approach God boldly in prayer, trusting in Christ’s mediation.

The hymn’s refrain, “What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer,” underscores prayer as a gift of grace. Prayer is not a work that earns God’s favor but a response to the Gospel, enabled by the Holy Spirit. Prayer is an act of faith, trusting God’s promises to hear and answer. This is rooted in biblical texts like Philippians 4:6–7: “*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*” The hymn’s emphasis on bringing “everything” to God aligns with this exhortation, assuring believers that no concern is too small or too great for God’s care.

The second stanza, “Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged—take it to the Lord in prayer,” further reflects this theology. It echoes 1 Peter 5:7, “*Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.*”

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Knowing Christ's Love
Seeking His Will
Spreading His Word

The hymn's third stanza, "Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge—take it to the Lord in prayer." Believers, burdened by sin or suffering, find refuge in Christ alone, not in their own merits. This is grounded in Matthew 11:28–30, where Jesus says, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." This rest is the peace of forgiveness and reconciliation with God, received through faith.

Other biblical references to ponder:

- **John 15:13–15:** Jesus as a friend who lays down His life, emphasizing His sacrificial love and relational intimacy.
- **Hebrews 4:15–16:** Christ's empathy and role as high priest, encouraging bold prayer.
- **Philippians 4:6–7:** The call to pray about everything, receiving God's peace in return.
- **1 Peter 5:7:** Casting all anxieties on God, who cares for His people.
- **Matthew 11:28–30:** Jesus as the source of rest for the weary.
- **1 Timothy 2:5:** Christ as the sole mediator, affirming direct access to God.
- **Romans 8:34:** Jesus' intercession for believers, grounding prayer in His ongoing work.

Your Servant in Christ,

Rev. Brian K. Thieme

770 What a Friend We Have in Jesus



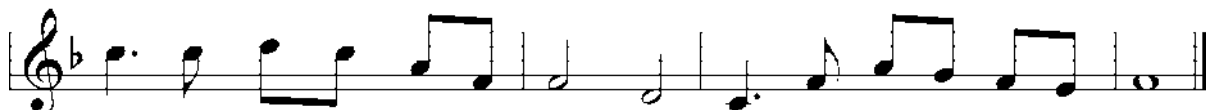
1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis-cour-aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



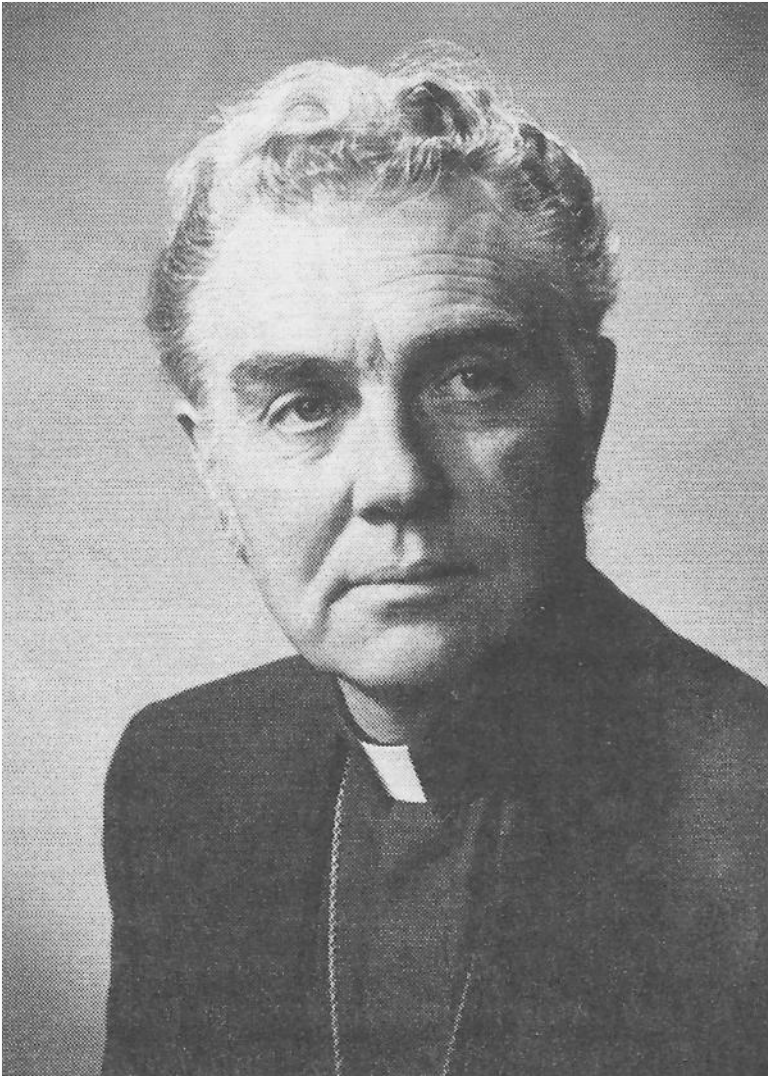
Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need-less pain we bear—
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor-rows share?
 Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

Pastoral Biographies

A Publication of the History Committee of Trinity Lutheran Church



Rev. Edgar M. Priess
1977 - 1981

The Reverend Edgar Martin Priess was born in Montevideo, MN on November 10, 1922 to Rev. Paul Priesz (born in Germany) and Hulda (née Rockman) Priesz (born in Iowa of parents who were born in Germany). His draft card from 1942 still showed the Priesz spelling and future records show that at least one of his brothers retained the original spelling. He had three older sisters and three younger brothers, one of whom, Paul, also became a pastor. He attended school at Concordia College in St. Paul, Minnesota and Northwestern College of Watertown, Wisconsin. The latter college merged with Dr. Martin Luther College of New Ulm, Minnesota in 1995 to form Martin Luther College (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod). He attended Concordia Seminary in St. Louis where he graduated in 1949. That same year he married Shirley "Jane" Maret with the marriage record of Christ Lutheran Church in St. Louis showing the Priess spelling. They had three children, Michele, Barbara, and Dennis, with both daughters being married before Rev. Priess came to Columbia.

Rev. Priess was ordained in Leader, Saskatchewan, Canada where he remained for four years. He was a Parish Pastor at multiple other churches before coming to Colum-

bia: Ortonville, Minnesota for eight years, Cody, Wyoming for seven years, Trinity Lutheran in Norborne, Missouri for seven years, and Christ Lutheran in Boyne City, Michigan for five years before his installation at Trinity Lutheran in Columbia on October 16, 1977. The names of the other congregations were not discovered. The installing pastor at Trinity was Rev. Herman Scherer (the president of the Missouri District who had overseen Trinity's dismissal of Pastor Swanson) and the liturgist was Rev. Henry Kleindienst (who had resigned from the pastoral ministry at TLC in 1975 but had remained a member of the congregation and organized the hospital ministry).

The attendance at voters' meetings and church services (between 200 and 250) had declined after the departure of many members of TLC who agreed with Pastor Swanson's evangelism philosophy and believed his false charismatic teaching. In a January 1978 voters' meeting, Pastor Priess discussed plans to divide the 188 families remaining in membership between the seven elders for them to visit that year in an effort to determine who still desired to be affiliated with Trinity. His other goals included increased attendance to Bible classes, three youth groups (6-8th graders, high school

and post-high school), active stewardship and evangelism, and two general assemblies of confirmands every year. The LCMS 1977 synodical convention Parish Planning Manual had the general theme for the year “That We May Grow.” Each month had a special emphasis (e.g. November: Personal and Corporate Stewardship) and these were listed in the pastor’s letter in the TLC News, Vol. III, No. 10.

By February 1978, the Board of Elders had begun calling the families. The Board of Evangelism continued “using the Kennedy’s approach” with six individuals on two teams making calls. New families received into membership by profession of faith and/or transfer from sister congregations increased. The pastor hoped to reach 100 new families that year and grow Sunday attendance to 300. A young couples’ club was promoted in addition to the Fellowship Club and women’s groups. A Lutheran “Open House” program in October 1978 led to about 50 new members in addition to the 25 new members the month before.

In September 1978, the Board of Education requested that the church consider a Director of Christian Education (D.C.E.). The position’s duties included directing a formal music program and coordinating youth activities (November voters’ meeting). During the same meeting, Pastor Priess reported on the failure of Calvary Lutheran (the church Pastor Swanson formed after his dismissal from Trinity) to be accepted into the Missouri District of the LCMS. The report prepared by TLC for the Missouri District Convention has not been found in the archives.

Pastor Priess was assigned to select and hire the D.C.E., but found the task difficult due to a lack of musical proficiency among the candidates. After a visit with the Board of Elders, Rev. Alvin Lange (born in 1937) was hired to serve until the summer of 1980, with plans to continue searching for a permanent D.C.E.. Rev. Lange (who had been installed as pastor of Trinity, Norborne in 1965) began in January 1980 and immersed himself in the role. The Board of Education asked him “to do ground work in researching the feasibility and the organization of a Christian Day Care Center” (from his Director of Christian Education Report for the March 1980 voters’ meeting) and they hoped to open in the fall. He and his wife, Sylvia, participated in the Young Adult Bible Class. He played the organ, worked with the junior and senior choirs, and directed instrumentalists and soloists during the Divine Service. He hoped to organize a bell choir if they could “interest individuals in buying handbells” – the Emil Gramm family would give a set in the next few years. At the end of his time as D.C.E., Rev. Lange preached for Pastor Priess, who was on vacation, at TLC on the morning of August 3, 1980. Right afterward, he traveled to Jefferson City for his installation that evening as Associate Pastor of Faith Lutheran Church.

In May 1980, the Board of Christian Education received approval for the Day Care Center and Theresa Yeager agreed to be director. Pastor Priess suggested a governing board with himself to be appointed as a board member and in June Rev. Lange presented the proposed “Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of Trinity Lutheran Child Learning Center.” In September the TLCLC was operating with 28 students and a little financial support (to supplement tuition) from TLC.

Pastor Priess requested the Voters’ Assembly grant him a “peaceful release” from Trinity at the earliest opportunity due to “health problems” in December 1980. The Assembly voted to have a special Voters’ meeting in January 1981 to consider the request. The December minutes recorded: “It is important to note that the consensus of this assembly was that the Pastor has brought vision and leadership to Trinity during a difficult time in the church, and that he has been a good Shepherd to his flock.” At the January 4, 1981 meeting he again requested a peaceful release from duties at Trinity Lutheran Church to accept a call from Trinity Lutheran in Clark’s Fork and Immanuel Lutheran in Pleasant Grove, Missouri. Bob Clark, the chairman of the Board of Elders, recommended that the

voters grant Pastor Priess the peaceful release and the voters complied. His last service at Trinity was on February 22, 1981, and was followed by a farewell luncheon for Pastor and Mrs. Priess. "He served numerous vacancies and was a 'supply' preacher for many congregations in the greater Kansas City area." He was a guest speaker at the 75th anniversary worship services at Trinity Lutheran in July 2000.

His obituary, printed in the November 2003 News of the Son, stressed his love for the parish ministry. "He had a heart for evangelism, youth work, Bible study, and the pastoral care of his beloved parishioners." He "entered the Kingdom of Glory surrounded by his loving wife and family members on Tuesday, September 16, 2003 in Liberty, Missouri" and is buried in Glenridge Cemetery in Liberty.

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LEARNING THE FAITH

Bible Studies

Weekly Bible Study: Join Pastor Thieme on Mondays at 9 am. The class is currently studying the book of Hebrews.

Men's Bible Study: meets Thursday mornings at 7 am in the fellowship hall. Currently they are studying 1 Samuel.

SERVE AND ENCOURAGE

Volunteers needed!

- **Lutheran Hour Ministries/Lutheran Laymen's League MO State Fair Booth**
- **August 7-17, 2025 in Sedalia, MO**

Volunteers are asked to keep materials stocked on the table and rack and to offer them to visitors. (All materials will be provided by the district Lutheran Hour Ministry board.) There are items for youth and adults. Each day is divided into 3 shifts: 9am-1pm, 1pm-5pm, and 5pm-8 or 9pm (depending on the day). One person alone can easily fill each shift, although some folks like to bring a friend, which is also great. We ask you to please arrive at the booth 10 minutes prior to the beginning of your shift to allow time to get oriented to the booth, see what materials we have, and where they are. If you are working the second or third shifts, it also gives you time to touch base with those working the shift before you.

If interested, please email Sharon Hutcheson with dates/shift that might work for you, and she will let you know if the shift is available. You can email her at dshutch7@hotmail.com, call/text 660-287-4851, or call 660-826-0141 if you have questions or to schedule a shift.

Life Team

The Life Team thanks the congregation for their contributions to our diaper drive. We collected 3251 individual diapers and 19 packages of wipes! They were delivered to LFCS and My Life Clinic. If you would like to continue donating diapers and could use a discount, visit everylife.com/partnerships. This organization gives discounts on high quality diapers and gives back to organizations in our community!

Upcoming events to make note of:

- My Life Clinic fundraiser on September 12th at Country Club of Missouri. The Life Team will be hosting a table so check out the August newsletter and Church news to find out how to sign up for a seat at the table!
- The National LFL conference will be held in Colorado Springs in September and to find out more visit lfl.org.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP TIME

Summer Brunch

- **Saturday, July 26th at 10:00 a.m.**
- **Fellowship Hall**
- **RSVP to Amanda Hakes 573-864-6757**

The body of Christ is designed to serve and encourage one another as we toil here on earth awaiting the second coming of Christ. We want to connect the young and the experienced women of Trinity for a time of fellowship. We are seeking to share and receive encouragement and wisdom from fellow Lutheran women. We so hope you will attend.

Young Adult Brunch Picnic

SAT 12 JULY

9:30AM-12ISH

Join us at the Hakes residence for a Bible Study lead by Pastor McCalley: **"Filling the Kingdom: Holy Marriage and the Use of Contraception"**, brunchy foods and coffee, and fellowship.

Babysitting provided
at Trinity

Text 573.864.6757 to RSVP
1703 Apple Valley Ct. Columbia, MO



Trinity Lutheran Child Learning Center is Hiring!



POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Full-time Tykes teacher: Lead a classroom of 8 children ages 2-3 years implementing creative play-based curriculum. Promote self-help and social emotional development.

Full-time Preschool teacher: Lead a classroom of 10 children ages 3-4 year implementing creative-play based curriculum. Encourage positive interactions and learning through play.

Full-time Pre-K Aide: Work alongside a lead Pre-K teacher in a classroom of 15 children ages 4-5 to assist in implementing creative play-based curriculum. Continue to promote social emotional development and learning through play.

***All staff must maintain a safe, nurturing and engaging environment.**

If interested in Job opportunities:

-Call TLCLC office at 573-445-1014

-Email TLCLCkids@gmail.com to submit your resume

SPREAD THE WORD!

Trinity Lutheran Church
supports TLCLC as the

Mission Down the Hall.

We need **YOUR** help to find teachers
to support this mission!

Qualifications

Teaching positions: A love of working with children! Some college credit or teaching experience is required.

Teaching Aide: A love of working with children and a willingness to learn on the job! Able to work with Lead teacher in daily activities and classroom management.



YOUTH GROUP

UPCOMING *Events*

DAY @ LAKE OF THE OZARKS

July...Date & Time TBD

SNACKS & PAINTING

Sunday, August 24th
Fellowship Hall
2:00-4:00pm

MAKE & ENJOY A GERMAN MEAL

Sunday, September 21st
Fellowship Hall
3:00-6:00pm

***Parents are always welcome to
attend activities.***

The Board of Youth would like to extend
an open invitation to all congregation
members...if your heart is so inclined to
help with youth activities or you have a
special talent you'd like to share with/
teach the youth, please don't hesitate to
contact a Board Member.

Members are...

**Jenny Brame, Jacque Eckhoff
& Lisa Mefrakis**

GERMANY YOUTH GROUP TRIP **UPDATES**

Airfare has been purchased and
deposits have been made for
6 Adults & 16 Youth
who are embarking on the journey!

Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established. Proverbs 16:3



**Have you heard about the
APPLE WINE FESTIVAL
to continue celebrating Trinity's 100th Anniversary in 2025!**



WHEN: Saturday, October 4, 2025

12:00 - 6:00PM



WHERE: Trinity Upper Parking Lot



WHAT: Open-House Event featuring...

For-Purchase German Food of Brats, Sauerkraut, German Potato Salad, Pretzels, Dessert, Soda & Water

Over 21 Biergarten with For-Purchase Keepsake Glass that allows for complimentary Apple Wine, and local German Beer brewed by our very own Benjamin Asbeck

Live Music from So Grand Polka Band 12:00 - 3:00PM

Children's Area with Activities and Photo Back Drop

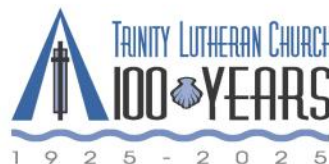


ADMISSION FEE: FREE!

***Presale Event Packages are being sold during the month of July!**

Along with our congregation members, we are inviting our area Lutheran congregations to join us for fun, fellowship and celebration as we give thanks with all for God's grace given and shown to Trinity for 100 years. So make sure to mark your calendars!
If you have any questions regarding the event please contact:

Jacque Eckhoff, Apple Wine Fest Chairperson
at jacque711@hotmail.com or 573-289-0273.



Have you ever wondered how beer is made?

Join Benjamin Asbeck for an interactive demonstration:

- Saturday, August 9, 2025 from 10:00 am—1:00 pm-ish
- Fellowship Hall
- Limited to 10 people—sign up on the bulletin board across from the church office!

Topics that will be discussed during the brewing presentation:

- Beer ingredients
- The fermentation process
- Beer styles
- Brewing methods
- Historical vs. modern brewing
- How making beer compares with other fermented beverages and foods



June 10, 2025 Board of Directors (draft meeting minutes)

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was held in the Fellowship Hall on June 10, 2025, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The following board members attended: Larry McCoig (President), Pastor Thieme, Pastor McCalley, Annette Kiehne, Warren Harms, Keith Davis, David Attebery, John Frerking, Kimberly Walker, Dan Watts, Emily Derendinger, Travis Vellema, Jensen Duenckel, Jacque Eckhoff, and Debbie Antel (Secretary).

President McCoig called the meeting to order. Pastor Thieme opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer. Jensen Duenckel made a motion to approve the meeting agenda; seconded and approved.

Keith Davis, Financial Secretary, presented the report of operating income through May 31. Comments from his report: Regular envelope year-to-date actual collections are \$265,667.60. After 5 months, the projected 2025 regular envelope collections are more than the 2025 budget. Loose plate year-to-date collections are \$36,231.26. The 2025 loose plate budget of \$17,450. The year-to-date 2025 building fund collection is \$66,041.87.

The motion to receive the Financial Secretary's report was seconded and approved.

Warren Harms, Treasurer, presented the finance year 2025 reports ending May 31 and answered questions.

The motion to receive the Treasurer's reports was seconded and approved.

The consent agenda includes the minutes from the May 13, 2025 regular meeting, Pastor Thieme's report, Pastor McCalley's report, and the following board reports: Elders, Christian Education, Early Childhood Education - TLCLC Director, and Youth.

David Attebery made a motion to approve the consent agenda; seconded and approved.

Old Business

Information Only:

Bylaws – printed copies of the revised bylaws were distributed, and additional copies are available from the church office. The revision is also available on the church website.

Verizon contract (cell tower) – the effective date of the yet-to-be signed Agreement has been changed from August 2025 to January 2026, to coincide with our budget year.

Copier/printer – the new machine for the church

office has been ordered.

New Business

Board of TLC Endowment Fund: Robert Hall was unable to attend the meeting. President McCoig advanced his request on behalf of the Board of TLC Endowment Fund to allocate \$5,000 to each Matthew Frerking and Josiah Thieme for the academic year 2025-2026; half in the fall semester and half in the spring semester with funds to be drawn from the Bourret/Elliott Endowment Fund and directed to the respective Concordia University. Keith Davis made a motion to approve the request; the motion was seconded and after discussion was approved.

Playground Renovation: President McCoig noted that the Assembly of Voters had previously approved the use of grant funds and requested confirmation of the date on which the approval occurred. Dan Watts responded that the approval was granted in September 2023.

Dan Watts, on behalf of the Board of Early Childhood Education, presented the Plan of Action regarding Project 2 of Phase #1. He also provided a six-page document detailing the cost estimates (\$88,798.93), funding options (\$89,250), and product descriptions and specifications. The motion from the Board of Early Childhood Education was seconded and discussion followed.

The Plan of Action report includes these points: 4) The existing climbing structure and swing set will be removed and new structures will be erected in the same locations taking into account required clearances. Permeable shade structures will be erected over the new climbing structure and over approximately one-half of the oval area. 5) The BOECE has approved this project. The cost of this project is expected to exhaust the remaining \$71,480 in grant funds earmarked for "playground renovations." Any additional funds (if needed) will come from memorials and/or donations to the Learning Center.

After further discussion, the motion was approved.

Facility Use Request: David Attebery made a motion to approve the Application for Facility Use for the Fellowship Hall and Kitchen on November 22, 2025, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., per Elke Beltz. The motion was seconded and approved.

Announcements

BOD meeting – July 8, 2025; 6:30 p.m. Written reports from all boards (see Bylaws 7.1.7) are due to Debbie Antel, Congregation Secretary, and Heather Asbeck, Church Administrator, by 4:00 p.m. July 2.

AOV meeting – September 14, 2025; potluck at 11:45 a.m.; meeting at 12:30 p.m.

David Attebery made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded and approved. Pastor McCalle closed the meeting with prayer. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Debbie Antel

Secretary

2025 Trinity Lutheran Church Officers and Board Members

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Larry McCoig

Secretary

Debbie Antel

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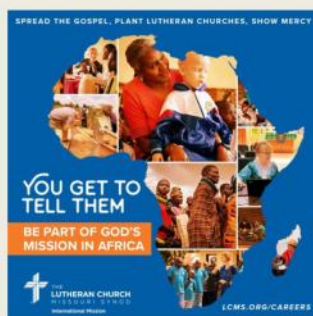
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News from Volunteer Coordinator Erin Mackenzie | missionaryMAC.blogspot.com | [f erin.mackenzie5](https://www.facebook.com/erin.mackenzie5)

(If you received a hard copy of this and would like to help me be green and save on postage, please email erin.mackenzie@lcms.org.)

Hi, Priorities!

OIM's organization chart is peppered with open opportunities to Spread the Gospel, Plant Lutheran Churches, and Show Mercy. Peep (or [apply for!](#)) the following high-priority roles for the LCMS's growing recruitment unit:



In Africa...

Volunteer Coordinator
Business Manager
Teacher
Theological Educator
Nurse
IT Specialist

People to seek solutions in...

Belize
Taiwan
Kenya



People to tell the story in...

The DR
Belize
Taiwan
Kenya



"Sí, quiero."

There are memes upon memes about a phrase heard at the end of many a conversation with Dominicans: "*si Dios quiere*" (Lord willing). Many feature empty promises that the speaker will do something like go to the gym "*si Dios quiere*"; others hint at taking a luxury vacation or falling in love "*si Dios quiere*" while a stereotypically bearded, elderly God says "No quiero." "*Si Dios quiere*" can also be a convenient way to turn down an invitation without *actually* saying no; I'm not innocent of having tried that tack!

Indeed, the verbiage of religiosity runs deep in this place, and in much of Latin America. Bible verses, inspirational phrases, and even somewhat harsh-sounding reminders are ubiquitous on storefronts, concrete pylons, bridges, vehicles, and more. Experience, however, teaches that too often, such blatant expressions of faith—verbal, graffitied, or otherwise—are just that: expressions. James 4:15 gently prompts,

Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that."

The preceding verses allude to the fact that we have no control over the future or foreknowledge of it. Instead, we each submit to God's perfect plan for our lives. It is all too true that each step I take from this moment forward is only because God wills it. First Timothy is clear that He desires all to be saved; "*si Dios quiere*," I'll be His vessel toward that end until He calls me elsewhere.

**Making
Disciples
for Life** 



Praises and Petitions

1. Thanksgiving for the first board of directors at Misión Los Andes in Panama City, Panama, installed 5/25.
2. Thanksgiving for the installation of the Rev. Josué Ventura at Iglesia Luterana Pan de Vida (Santo Domingo, DR) on 6/8.
3. For all affected by a tornado that passed through parts of St. Louis on 5/16.
4. For the Weber family, as they mourn the loss of baby Abigail Alora, born into her Savior's arms on 6/3.
5. For the Maita family, as they await visas in order to proceed with a transition from the DR to PR.

Sister Churches in Christ

I wasn't *terribly* broken up about ceding my usual role in the DR seminary's annual theological symposium to my associate, who helped make this year's event run more smoothly than ever from a logistical standpoint. I was, however, deeply regretful to have missed a Divine Service the Saturday after graduation celebrating the LCMS's nascent altar & pulpit fellowship with her sister church in Bolivia (ICEL). A spiral-bound service folder and professional altar arrangements marked the gravity of the occasion. Whilst I manned a volunteer team in Belize, Lutherans from 14 countries packed the pews at Iglesia Luterana el Buen Pastor in Palmar Arriba. Bolivian seminary student Edwin bore the processional cross, the Rev. Ted Krey (LAC Regional Director) presided, the Rev. Limberth Fernández Coronado (ICEL President) preached, and the Rev. Dr. Jonathan Shaw (Director of LCMS Church Relations) celebrated the Lord's Supper. Mere weeks later, on June 8, six ICEL pastors were colloquized. Rejoice with us at the eternal implications of these milestones in Latin American church history!



Spotted at a *tienda* in Valley of Peace, Belize: single-use SPICES (cloves, cinnamon, and thyme, among others).



This little guy who joined me while stretching for a morning run was smaller than my pinky nail!



Exploring some new-to-me Mayan ruins in Belize.

Quote of the Month

"Sometimes you win, sometimes you learn."

—John Maxwell, author

To support the LCMS through me, you may give a tax-deductible gift...

- **online**, securely from any device: lcms.org/givenow/mackenzie;
- by **phone**: 1-888-930-4438 (donor care rep) or text **LCMSMACKENZIE** to 41-444;
- by **sending a check** (with "Mackenzie/Latin America" on the memo line) to:
 - ⇒ LCMS, PO Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861; or
 - ⇒ Mission Central, 40718 Highway E 16, Mapleton, IA 51034.





Birthdays & Anniversaries

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Rachel Blackmore
Mari-Jean Laupp

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Sharon Reeder

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Ashley Boehmer

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Claire Armstrong

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Matthew Frerking
Abe Mefrakis

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Kathy Frerichs
Fred Luetkemeier
Carissa Mariott
Jonah Provost

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Diane Allen
Teresa Gooch

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Chris Bailey
Jacque Eckhoff
Toni Hemmer
Doug Kiehne
Rachael Marler
Agnes Mrutu

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Benjamin & Heather Asbeck July 1, 2000
Chris & Jessica Kespohl July 4, 1998
Andrew & Hannah Nandor July 5, 2014
Jim & Mindy Cherrington July 11, 1987
Lynn & Diane Allen July 12, 1975
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Casey & Amanda Stine July 18, 2009
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Lee & Michelle Meyers July 31, 2004

Upcoming meetings & deadlines:

- ◆ Board of Directors reports & agenda items are due **Wednesday, July 2, 2025.**
- ◆ The Board of Directors will meet **Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall.
- ◆ The next Assembly of Voters meeting will be held on **Sunday, September 14 at 12:30 pm, with a potluck lunch preceding the meeting at 11:45 am.**
- ◆ Weekly bulletin announcements need to be submitted by **Wednesday** each week.
- ◆ Monthly newsletter entries should be received by the **20th of each month.**

July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 8a Divine Service 930a Sun. School 1030a Divine Serv	30 9a Bible Study 6p Divine Service	1 1p Worship Up-grades Comm 530p BoECE 545p Pickleball	2 9a LC Chapel	3 7a Men's Bible Study 9a LC Chapel 11a Communion @ Lenoir 545p Pickleball	4 Independence Day <i>office closed</i> Pastors' Day Off	5 11a Funeral for Bob Clark
6 8a Divine Service 930a Sun. School 1030a Divine Serv	7 9a Bible Study 6p Divine Service	8 545p Pickleball 630 BOD	9 9a LC Chapel 6p BOCE	10 7a Men's Bible Study 9a LC Chapel 545p Pickleball	11 Pastors' Day Off	12 930a Young Adult Brunch Picnic (Hakes House) 9a Babysitting (gym)
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