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Trinity Lutheran Church — Columbia, MO



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The wooden pews creaked softly as the organ's first notes filled the small Lutheran church, tucked in a quiet corner of the Midwest. It was an ordinary Sunday, but the hymn chosen that morning—“*Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me*” (LSB 722)—seemed to carry a deeper resonance. As the congregation's voices rose, tentative at first, then bolder, a woman in the third row brushed tears from her eyes. Her husband had passed just weeks before, and the words of the hymn, penned over a century ago by Julie von Hausmann, wrapped around her like a comforting embrace: “Lord, take my hand and lead me upon life's way.”

A Path Marked by Grace

We are all pilgrims on a journey we cannot walk alone. Sin leaves us stumbling, unable to find our way by our own strength or wisdom. As the *Small Catechism* confesses, “I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him.” The hymn's opening plea is our own—a cry for God's hand to guide us, not because we deserve it, but because His grace flows freely through Christ's sacrifice on the cross.

Picture a young couple standing at the baptismal font, their infant cradled in their arms. The water glistens on the child's forehead, a sign of God's promise to lead him through life. That same hand that claims him in Baptism holds fast to the grieving widow in the pew, guiding her through sorrow's shadow. God's grace is no abstract idea but a living presence, walking with us step by step, sealed in Word and Sacrament.

Tempest and the Cross

The hymn's second stanza tells a harder part of the story: “When the tempest rages, I need not fear ...” Imagine a man sitting at a kitchen table, the weight of a lost job pressing heavy on his heart. “I didn't know how to pray,” he might say, “but those hymn lines kept echoing in my mind. It was like God was saying, ‘I'm still here.’” Christianity doesn't promise a life free of tempest. Instead, it points to the theology of the cross where God's love shines brightest in our weakness, where Christ's triumph over sin and death becomes our anchor.

This man found solace in the truth that God's Word holds firm, even when feelings falter. The hymn's proclamation that God is “always near. Close by Your side abiding...” calls to mind the promises spoken in the absolution, the bread, that is body, and wine, that is blood, of the Lord's Supper, the sermons that point back to Christ. Like the reformer wrestling with spiritual turmoil centuries ago, we learn to trust the God who never lets go, even when the path feels impossibly dark.

Unto the end

The hymn's final stanza carries us to the journey's end: “When the shadows lengthen And night has come, I know that You will strengthen My steps toward home.” Picture an elderly man, his voice trembling as he sings these words in his

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Knowing Christ's Love
Seeking His Will
Spreading His Word

final days. He's unafraid, trusting the One who will lead him "Unto the end" -- to the eternal home. Death is not the end but a passage, made safe by Christ's resurrection. Scripture, and thus The *Augsburg Confession*, proclaims that we are justified by grace through faith, and that faith clings to the promise of eternal life won by Jesus on the cross.

This man's confidence rests not in his own goodness but in the God who carried him through decades of faith—through hardship, loss, and quiet joys. The hymn's image of being lead by His hand speaks of an eternity already secured for us by Christ. As he sings, he joins a chorus of saints, from the early church to today, who trust that God's hand will lead them home.

A Song for Every Step

As the congregation finished singing that Sunday, the final notes of "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me" lingered in the air. The woman in the third row wiped her eyes, a faint smile breaking through. The hymn had told her story, the story of the man who lost his job, the story of the elderly man facing eternity—and the story of everyone in that sanctuary. It's a story that confesses our need, celebrates God's grace, and trusts His guidance through life's winding paths to eternity. Whether in the font's waters, the Supper's gifts, or the Word's promises, we are never alone. God's hand is steady, His love unending.

So we sing, in churches and hospital rooms, in moments of doubt and hope: "Lord, take my hand and lead me." And He does—faithfully, forever.

Your Servant in Christ,

Rev. Brian K. Thieme

722 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Up - on life's way;
2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear,
3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en And night has come,



Di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me From day to day.
For You, the Rock of A - ges, Are al - ways near.
I know that You will strength - en My steps toward home.



With - out Your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
Close by Your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
Then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend;



So take my hand, O Sav - ior, And lead the way.
For when Your hand is guid - ing, In peace I go.
So take my hand and lead me Un - to the end.

SERVE AND ENCOURAGE

Handbell Open House

- **Thursday September 18, 6:30 - 7:30 pm**
- **Room 123**
- **Contact Kimberly Walker at 708-532-3358 if you plan to attend**

Anyone interested in joining the handbell choir, or just ringing a bell, is invited to attend a Handbell Open House on Thursday, 9/18 from 6:30pm - 7:30pm in Room 123. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. Regular practice will resume the following Thursday, 9/25, from 6:30pm - 7:30pm in the same room.

Sunday School Art Class

- **Saturday September 20, 9:30-11:30am**
- **Room 124 off the gym**
- **Contact: Kimberly Walker 708-532-3358**

The Board of Christian Education will be hosting artist Cenedra Eaton to teach an art class for the Sunday School. There will be a short lesson on the stained glass windows in the sanctuary and their symbolism. Following this, younger Sunday School students will be painting their own "stained glass" windows and the older students will have the opportunity to design and paint theirs. Parents of younger students are encouraged to stay for the class as their artwork will not take the whole two hour period. Please sign-up outside the church office by Sept 14th.



Lutheran Ladies Having Fun

- **Thursday, September 25 @ 6:30 pm**
- **If interested in attending, please contact Sarah Thieme at 573-999-7746 for more information**

The craziness of summer has already come to an end! Please join us on Thursday, September 25 at Jenny Brame's neighborhood clubhouse. We will be studying from Michelle Dierck's Bible study titled, "Finding Hope: Finding Peace in God's Faithfulness." In this life, we aren't promised health, wealth, stability, or perfect relationships. What we are promised is hope in Jesus. We will be studying eight different names and characteristics of God, and what

they teach us about who He is and the hope He promises as we tackle every day life. Please join us for a night with sisters in Christ as we have fun and study God's Word.

Dear Trinity family,

Words cannot adequately express our profound gratitude to Trinity Lutheran Church for the unwavering prayers, phone calls, cards, and countless acts of kindness and support extended throughout Larry's waning health and passing. Pastor Thieme and Pastor McCalley dedicated their time and energy to visiting Larry in the hospital and at home, providing comfort and Holy Communion. Trinity Lutheran Church's overflowing expression of Christian love and support continues to resonate deeply with us. We extend our heartfelt appreciation for the generous gifts bestowed in memory of Larry.

—The Family of Larry Kuehner

LWML NEWS

Mary Martha Guild Meetings Resume!

- Wednesday, September 10 @ 9:30 am
- Fellowship Hall

Vesper Guild Meetings Resume!

- Tuesday, September 16 @ 5:30 pm
- Church Library

Fellowship Hall Cleaning

- Tuesday, September 23 at 8:30 am

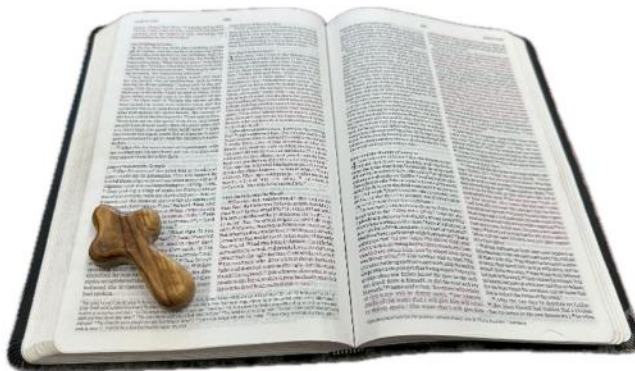
Vesper Guild Craft Fair

- Saturday, October 18 from 8:00 am—2:00 pm
- Sundays & Mondays, October 19-20 and 26-27 between services

Mark your calendar! The annual Vesper Guild Craft Fair, previously held in November, is now scheduled for October.

“Witnessing with Word & Prayer: Sharing God’s Grace”

Share the Gospel with Confidence!



Join our new class, *Witnessing with Word & Prayer*, and learn how to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with unbelievers using a simple, Scripture-based approach rooted in Lutheran faith. Based on seven key Bible verses outlining salvation, this class will:

- **Equip you** to explain God’s love, sin, and Christ’s saving work with clarity and compassion.
- **Guide you** in praying for unbelievers using Martin Luther’s method of praying through Scripture.
- **Strengthen your** witness to friends, family, or strangers with confidence in God’s grace.

What You’ll Learn:

- How to use seven Bible passages (e.g., John 3:16, Romans 5:8, Ephesians 2:8-9) to share the Gospel.
- Practical ways to address unbelievers’ doubts, from skepticism to self-reliance.
- Luther’s four-step prayer method (Instruction, Thanksgiving, Confession, Prayer) to intercede for unbelievers’ salvation.

No experience needed – all welcome!
“Let your light shine before others” (Matt 5:16).

Details:

When: Three opportunities to choose from!

September 11 at 6 pm (light dinner provided) *or*

September 17 at 10 am *or*

September 21 after late service (light lunch provided)

Where: Trinity Lutheran, Fellowship Hall

Contact: James Roberts, Patti Haubein, Dianne Mirtz, or Pastor Thieme

Sign Up Today! See the bulletin board across from the church office

YOUTH GROUP

GERMANY YOUTH GROUP TRIP UPDATE

On Sunday, September 14th, we will be starting the destination presentations.

All youth participating in the Germany Trip are expected to attend
Sunday School regularly.

UPCOMING Events

SNACKS & PAINTING

Sunday, August 24th
Youth Room
2:00-4:00pm

MAKE & ENJOY A GERMAN MEAL

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

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

*And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap,
if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9*



APPLE WINE FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 4, 2025

Trinity Upper Parking Lot

12:00 - 6:00pm

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 Benjamin Asbeck

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

Children's Area with Activities and Photo Back Drop



IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER
PLEASE CONTACT:



Jacque Eckhoff at jacque711@hotmail.com or 573-289-0273.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE:

- Set Up Crew** (October 3rd & 4th)
- Entrance/Check-In**
- Grillers** (Nathan Eckhoff & Sean Huggans are the leads.)
- Biergarten Attendants**
- Food Servers** (Will serve food from counter.)
- Children's Area** (Youth Group please contact Rylee Eckhoff.)

*Each role, excluding Set Up Crew, will be two-hour shifts so you can also enjoy the event with others.

September 14 AOV Meeting

The Assembly of Voters meeting is Sunday, September 14, 2025, in our Fellowship Hall. A potluck meal will begin at 11:45 a.m., followed by the meeting at 12:30 p.m. For the potluck, please bring eight servings of a dish from this suggested list or feel free to bring something of your choice. Also, it would be greatly appreciated if a few of you could lend a hand in the kitchen before and/or after the potluck.

Last name beginning A-G: Dessert

Last name beginning H-M: Main Dish

Last name beginning N-Z: Side Dish

All reports for the agenda packet should be e-mailed or given to Debbie Antel, Congregation Secretary (debbieantel@gmail.com or 573-819-3140) and Heather in the church office (church@trinity-lcms.org) before the end of the day Wednesday, September 10. For any items requiring action, include a Plan of Action Presentation detailing the situation and resolution. The completed agenda packet will be available in the church office late afternoon September 12, at the meeting on September 14, and on the member side of our website.

We expect to cover several agenda items and provide general updates during the meeting. Currently, the items requiring a vote include:

Special election to fill two vacant board positions: Board of Early Childhood Education, Board of Stewardship and Finance

Door Security System Proposal (\$21,505) – Presentation and Motion by the Church Property Security and Church Community Security Committee

We look forward to seeing you on September 14 and encourage your participation in the fellowship and business of our church. Should you have any questions or wish to propose an agenda item, please contact Larry McCoig, President of the Congregation. His telephone number is 660-247-3026.

Grief Resource Available

Stephen Ministry has a resource available to you. *Journeying through Grief* book sets can help you extend care and minister to people you know who are grieving the loss of a loved one. The four short books are intended to be given at 3 weeks, 3 months, 6 months, and 11 months during the first year after a loss. A tracking card is included to record when each book is due to be given and the date they were given. Each 44-page book focuses on the feelings and issues a person is likely to experience at that point in his or her grief, offering comfort, help, and hope throughout that difficult first year.

Although the books are written from a Christian perspective, they address spiritual matters sensitively, with a focus on ideas and principles that would apply for any reader, whatever his or her beliefs.

It is sometimes difficult to know how to minister to others who are grieving. Our hope is this will be a loving and effective way for you to extend care to people in your life. The book sets are available to you at no cost or obligation. A sample set is on display in the information stand in the narthex. If you would like to obtain a set of the books, text or leave a message to Barbara Barrett: 573-268-0056 or email her at barbara.barrett5@outlook.com

Stephen Caregivers

When you or someone you care about is experiencing difficulties and you wonder if having a Stephen Caregiver could help, reach out to one of our pastors. The pastor will determine if you could benefit from having a Stephen Caregiver. The Caregiver will meet with you privately by phone, by video chat, or in person to focus on you and your needs.

Having a Stephen Caregiver is free, completely confidential and offers care, comfort, and hope. Just reach out to one of our pastors.

More information and a yellow contact card are available from the information stand in the narthex.

Paraments, Vestments, and Chancel Furniture Committee Update

Trinity Lutheran Church's Paraments, Vestments and Select Chancel Furniture Committee has been meeting regularly since the first of this year. You have already seen some of the committee's progress in the beautifully refurbished chalice and other communion ware.

Now, important decisions have been made regarding paraments and vestments, which are the fabric portion of the committee's work. The altar scarves, falls and stoles that adorn the altar, pulpit, lectern and our pastors' robes are now the main focus of the committee's tasks as asked of them by the congregation. There are at least five liturgical seasons for us to consider, only few studios who offer the guidance and production of these items, and much consideration is given designs and symbolism. We very much look forward to introducing and blessing the first new set of paraments and vestments for the congregation this coming Advent. The next new set will likely be introduced in Lent 2026, thus you will see our existing paraments and vestments for the seasons of Christmas and Epiphany. This slightly irregular replacement schedule accommodates production schedules of skilled artisans.

Questions may be directed to the Committee through Phil Glenn, Chair.

Centennial Snippet: Trinity LLL Fellowship Club

The club's history began back on February 23, 1960 when the International Lutheran Laymen's League (auxiliary organization of the MO District LCMS) extended the hand of Christian fellowship and presented charter number 2861 to Trinity Lutheran Laymen's League Fellowship Club, Columbia, Missouri.

Under the direction of the Preamble/Constitution of the International Lutheran Laymen's League:

"Acknowledging the rich blessings which Almighty God has showered upon us, especially in that He has brought us to the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we laymen of the Lutheran Church freely join our hearts and hands in the Christian fellowship of this organization. In doing so, we re-dedicate ourselves, our time, our talents, and our treasures to the building of the Kingdom of God and the propagation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We humbly pray the Lord of the Church to keep us steadfast in the faith and to bless our lives and labors so that He may be glorified both here and hereafter."

As a Christ-Centered organization the fellowship club focused on its purpose of bible study, Christian fellowship, supporting the many missions of Lutheran Hour Ministries, and locally supporting Trinity in its programs.

Lutheran Laymen's League or LLL and Lutheran Hour Ministries are the same organization. Lutheran Laymen's League is our legal title, but Lutheran Hour Ministries is what we actually do in *"Bringing Christ to the Nations and the Nations to the Church."*

Throughout its 64-year history Trinity's LLL Fellowship Club had a very active club and was recognized yearly as one of the top ten clubs in the state supporting many worthwhile missions and servant events. Some of its history includes:

- 1982 LLL cassette tape ministry delivering tapes of Sunday sermons to elderly & shut-ins
- 1986 purchased pancake grill
- 1988 purchased gas stove with 6 burners, 24" grill and 2 ovens
- 1991 installed 3 handicapped parking spots at Trinity
- 1992 purchased 100 new bibles for the Alive in Christ mission church
- 1992 installation of vented hood over gas stove in church kitchen
- 1994 \$1,000 donation to "Go Tell Another Generation", a joint outreach project of the LLL & LCMS, which focuses on bringing 2.5 million unchurched persons into the LCMS fold
- 1996 started the "Project Connect" literature/pamphlet rack covering different topics
- 1997 assisted with the LHM "Living for Tomorrow" campaign
- 1998 donated funds for the Memorial Tower
- 2000 donation to erect stone wall covering kitchen exhaust fan and air conditioning units
- 2000 donated funds and provide labor for the TLCLC Expansion
- 2002 Good Shepherd Lutheran School Cornerstone Donation
- 2002 servant event projects to repair old 8-foot wooded church tables
- 8-foot Fiberglass Table Donation
- Yearly Pancake and Sausage Breakfast Fundraiser
- Yearly Vegetable and Chili Fundraiser
- Advent Devotions
- Lenten Devotions
- Amigos de Cristo (Hispanic Ministry) Donations
- Christmas Baskets for Shut-ins
- LHM Fan into Flame Donation
- Good Shepherd Lutheran School Annual Donation
- GSLS Teacher Ingathering

- Heit's Point Ministry Donation
- Lutheran Deaf Missionary Society Donation
- Lutheran Hour Broadcast Donation
- Large Print Hymnal Donation
- Lutheran Hour Float Donation
- Lutheran Hour Ministries Donation/Sponsorship
- MO District LLL Student Assistance (Scholarship) Donation
- Paper Products 50% TLC Matching Funds
- Project Connect Booklet Ministry Support
- St. Paul High School Donation
- TIM (Rockrohrs) Donation
- TLCLC Ingathering Servant Event
- TLC Habitat for Humanity Donation
- TLC Life Network Walk 4 Life Donation
- TLC Servant Event: Bell Tower Light Maintenance
- TLC Servant Event: Grounds Maintenance
- TLC Trunk or Treat Booklet Donation
- Central MO Food Bank Servant Event and Donation

Trinity LLL Fellowship Club members have gotten older, members have died, membership has declined as church members' interests have waned to belong/make a commitment so that the club could continue to function.

It is sad to say, at its December 2024 meeting Trinity LLL Fellowship Club voted to cease meeting and be listed as an inactive/dormant auxiliary organization of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Centennial Snippet: The Charter Fifteen

The "Minutes of Trinity Lutheran Church Columbia, Mo. organized March 29, 1925" record a constitution (that received fifteen signatures. That constitution is now lost but voting rights were probably limited to males of at least twenty years of age (four of the signers were only twenty). The first name on the list, (Rev.) A.C. Bernthal, should need no introduction to TLC members but the other fourteen names have not received mention in the summaries of TLC history in the pictorial directories. In gathering information from the TLC registers, newspaper articles, and college yearbooks there may be errors but one error recorded in the 1959-1990 Register will be mentioned at the end. To begin, after A.C. Bernthal:

2. **L(ester) A. Vanderschmidt**—MU student (who recorded the very first minutes) went on to be an attorney and Missouri legislator. He died in 1954 while Speaker of the Missouri House and is buried near Mound City, his hometown.
3. **Arthur (L) Wal(l)hausen**—MU student, School of Journalism, owner-publisher of the Charleston (MO) Enterprise-Courier for more than 30 years. He died in 1969 in Charleston.
4. **Karl R. Bopp**- MU student, went on to be a PhD economist, teacher, and world renowned "central bankers banker" per his 1976 obituary. He was president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia 1958-1970 and was the technical secretary at the Bretton Woods Monetary Conference that led to the establishment of the International Monetary Fund.
5. **Paul F. Maschoff**—MU Student, football player who played guard and kicked the winning point-after-touchdown that beat Nebraska in 1928. He went on to coach high school football at Hannibal, MO and later was an insurance sales supervisor. He died in 1988 in Kirkwood.
8. **Henry (B) Hauschild**—a Columbia resident. His daughter, Laurette, was the bride in the second marriage recorded in the church register. He was on the 1928 building committee. He was

listed as the engineer of the Guitar Building. He left Columbia in 1951 and died in Denver, Colorado in 1955. He was buried in Columbia with Pastor Neebe presiding.

7. **Herbert (W) Reuszer**—MU student in the School of Agriculture who left Columbia in 1926 and received an M.A. and PhD at Rutgers. He was an associate soil microbiologist at Purdue from 1947-1970. He died in August 2000 and was buried in West Lafayette, IN.
8. **Walter J. Saupe**—Professor of education at MU, he died in 1940. Pastor Neebe presided at the funeral (fourth burial in the church register).
9. **E(rwin) E Goehring**—MU student, BS in Business Administration, left Columbia in 1927 for NC State. He then received an M.A. in Business from U. Chicago and was a Professor of Business and Economics at Valparaiso University for 35 years where he headed the Business Department for seventeen years. He died in Valparaiso, IN in October 2000 (the last of the Charter Fifteen).
10. **George Wolf**—owner of a Columbia shoe store until his retirement in 1947. He died in 1959 and Pastor Kleindienst presided at his funeral.
11. **L(ouis) W. Schroeder**—a Columbia resident and brother of HC Schroeder. L.W. was an agent for Stark Bros. Nurseries and he died while living in New Haven, MO in 1931.
12. **Martin W. Schack**—a Columbia resident, manager of Campus Cabs in the 1930's, and president of the congregation in 1948. He died in 1969 and Pastor Kleindienst presided at his funeral. He was noted to be a charter member in the church register.
13. **F(red) B Jeske**—MU student in the School of Journalism, returned to Ferguson where he was mayor 1939-1945 and manager of Spartan Printing and Publishing Co, of Sparta, IL. He died in 1951 and is buried in Memorial Park Cemetery in St. Louis.
14. **H(erman) C. Schroeder**—a Columbia resident, brother of LW Schroeder, died in 1957. His funeral was conducted by Rev. Neebe but there is no entry in the church register.
15. **Richard Kuhns**—MU assistant in animal husbandry in 1924 (he had graduated from the U Wisconsin). He returned to Wisconsin where he was a salesman. He died in Bayfield, WI (with forty-five great grandchildren) in 1994.

My attempt to correct an error: L.W. Schroeder was the father of A.H. "Al" Schroeder, born in April 1908 and thus only sixteen years old in March 1925. A.H. was active in the early church (he became a voting member in October 1928 when twenty years old) but incorrectly listed in the TLC register, when he died in 1971, as a charter member.

—Nick Couper, August 2025

August 12, 2025 Board of Directors (draft meeting minutes)

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was held in the Fellowship Hall on August 12, 2025, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The following board members attended: Larry McCoig (President), Pastor McCalley, Annette Kiehne, Warren Harms, Keith Davis, David Attebery, John Frerking, Connie Coil, Dan Watts, Emily Derendinger, Jensen Duenckel, Robert Hall, and Debbie Antel (Secretary). The Church Property Security and Church Community Security Committee Chairman Doug McDowell also attended, together with Committee and BOD member Robert Hall.

President McCoig called the meeting to order. Pastor McCalley opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer and encouraged board members to Bible-study the duties of their respective positions.

President McCoig requested any changes to the meeting agenda: An update to the copier/printer was added to Announcements, and a double panic button and door chime Plan of Action Presentation was added to New Business as Item G. Jensen Duenckel made a motion to approve the meeting agenda as amended; seconded and approved.

Keith Davis, Financial Secretary, presented the report of operating income through July 31. Regular envelopes year-to-date actual collections are \$386,344.52. Loose plate year-to-date collections are \$37,379.53. Building Fund year-to-date collections are \$84,206.87. Other year-to-date collections are \$76,388.22. The motion to receive the Financial Secretary's report was seconded and approved.

Warren Harms, Treasurer, presented the finance year 2025 reports ending July 31 and answered questions. The motion to receive the Treasurer's reports was seconded and approved.

The consent agenda includes the minutes from the July 8, 2025 regular meeting, Pastor Thieme's report, and the following board reports: Elders, Trustees, Christian Education, and Youth. David Attebery made a motion to approve the consent agenda; seconded and approved.

Old Business - None

New Business

Information Only:

Consent Agenda – President McCoig reminded attendees to review and ask questions ahead of the BOD meeting.

Seconding Motions – President McCoig reminded

attendees there is no obligation to second a motion.

Parameters, Vestments, and Select Chancel Furniture Committee (Worship Upgrades) – the Meeting Minutes from July 15, 2025 are included in the agenda packet. No action was taken.

Motion to form a committee to review time off policies: David Attebery advanced a motion on behalf of the Board of Elders that a committee be formed comprised of people with modern managerial experience and familiarity with current time off recommendations for non-called church workers on the church's end of Trinity Lutheran Church. The purpose of this committee is to review and recommend updates for our church's time off policies for non-called church workers based on the Missouri District Recommendations and modern best practices for time off. The motion was seconded and after discussion was denied.

Motion to schedule 2026 meetings at consecutive times: David Attebery advanced a motion on behalf of the Board of Elders that when boards begin planning their meeting schedules for 2026 that consideration be given to scheduling their respective monthly meetings on a Sunday afternoon (or an agreeable workday evening) where two or three boards may be meeting at consecutive times to maximize time management for the pastors. The motion was seconded and after discussion was approved.

(Note: This information will be included in the orientation packet for the 2026 officers and board members.)

Sunday School Classrooms: Connie Coil, on behalf of the Board of Christian Education, presented the Plan of Action which includes these points: 1.) The Sunday School classrooms (Rooms 123 and 124 off the gym) are overcrowded due to increasing attendance. 2.) The Sunday School has a need for additional dedicated space to accommodate our teachers, children, and parents. 3.) The Board of Christian Education would like to use Room 122 in addition to 123 and 124 for Sunday School and would like to have all three classrooms dedicated for use by the Sunday School and not share the space with TLCLC. The Board would like to remove all outdated technology. The Board would like to repaint the classrooms after decluttering each space. 4.) The Board will meet with TLCLC and BOECE to discuss use of the current Sunday School classrooms and Room 122 and determine how we can proceed with expansion. 5.) The Board of Christian Education would like to see a resolution to this matter by the end of August. The motion was seconded and after discussion was denied.

(Note: It was recommended the Board of Christian Education and the Board of Early Childhood Education meet to discuss options.)

Door Security System Proposal: Doug McDowell, on behalf of the Church Property Security and Church Community Security Committee, presented the Plan of Action and motion for the BOD to approve the Tiger Security door security system proposal (\$21,505 - detailed proposal included in the agenda packet), with additions as needed to cover the specific needs of all doors determined by the committee and trustees to be necessary, using previously identified available funds of \$47,805 with work to be completed in 2025 or in 2026 and to approve of making the same motion to the AOV in September. The effectiveness of the system will be reviewed within six months of the "go live" date. The motion was seconded and after discussion was approved.

(Note: The motion will be presented to the Assembly of Voters on September 14.)

Double Panic Button and Door Chime Proposal: Doug McDowell, on behalf of the Church Property Security and Church Community Security Committee, presented the Plan of Action for a way to alert others in the building that there may be a security incident occurring in the church office to which they need to respond and also for a door chime that would alert the secretary when someone was entering the exterior door of the church office entrance during office hours.

The motion is for the BOD to approve funding (\$1,495 - detailed proposal included as part of the agenda packet) and installation of a double panic button and a door chime, using previously identified available funds of \$47,805 with work to be completed ASAP. The effectiveness of the system will be reviewed within six months of installation.

The motion was seconded and after discussion was approved.

Announcements

Family Movie Night – August 15

BOD meeting – September 9, 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. September 3.

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

The new copier/printer has been delivered and is in use in the church office.

A thank-you note from Matthew Frerking, expressing gratitude to the congregation for scholarship funds, was circulated.

David Attebery made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded and approved. Pastor McCalley closed the meeting with prayer. The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Debbie Antel
Secretary

| 2025 Trinity Lutheran Church Officers and Board Members | |
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Birthdays & Anniversaries

1
 Scott Sendelweck
 Hannah Tipton
 Steve Tubbesing

3
 Caroline Grotzinger
 Braden Hemmer
 Liam Schuster

4
 Chris Barrett
 Kevin Burns

7
 Glen Beltz
 Kristi Mott
 Jacob Schneider

8
 Marian Kueck-Pierson
 Sue Nack
 Kylie Sterling

9
 Emmitt Earnhart

11
 Keith Davis

12
 Will Cherrington
 Doris Lyons

13
 Sutton Gravitt

14
 Mary Lu Brown
 Norburt Pierson
 Loanna Thompson

15
 Sherrie Attebery
 Alyse Monsees

16
 Patsy Frisch
 Josh Grotzinger
 Michael Walz

17
 Jerry Riggert

18
 Jordan Duenckel
 Lou Eggerding
 Sarah Stone

19
 Misty Brown

20
 Katie Mefrakis
 Zach Mefrakis

21
 Roger Brown
 Lydia Steinkoetter
 Zach Wright

23
 Dana Meyer

24
 Jacquelyn
 Schneider

25
 Josh McDowell
 Michelle Miller
 Karen Provost
 Samantha
 Schneider

26
 David Campbell
 Bill McCool

28
 Lisa Thompson
 Travis Vellema

29
 Ken Greer
 Larry Linneman

Ron & Carole Eilers September 1, 1973
 Michael & MJ Laupp September 1, 2018
 Dennis & Patti Haubein September 4, 1965
 Jon & Dana Rakers September 4, 1993
 Kenneth & Mary Redders September 6, 1974
 Stephen & Denise Tackitt September 8, 1995
 Mark & Michelle Gastler September 9, 1989
 Tim & Kandy Kling September 14, 2002
 Jacob & Samantha Schneider September 14, 2013
 Jay & Sharon Craig September 18, 1992
 Nathan & Jacque Eckhoff September 18, 1999
 Fred & Doris Pistel September 22, 1962
 George & LaVonne Rattelmuller September 22, 1962
 Eddie & Kylie Sterling September 22, 2018
 Bill & Jessica Watts September 22, 2018
 Dan & Betty Buchheit September 23, 1978
 Rober & Mary Lu Brown September 24, 1988
 Travis & Jennifer McMillen September 25, 2004
 John & Michelle Ewens September 25, 2021
 Matt & Michele Moyer September 26, 2012

Upcoming meetings & deadlines:

- ♦ Board of Directors reports & agenda items are due **Wednesday, September 3, 2025.**
- ♦ The Board of Directors will meet **Tuesday, September 9, 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.**

September 2025

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 31 8a Divine Service 930a Sun. School 1030a Divine Serv | 1 Labor Day office closed 6p Divine Service | 2 9a Pastors Winkel 530p BoECE 545p Pickleball 6p Stephen Min. 630p Stewardship | 3 9a LC Chapel | 4 7a Men's Bible Study 9a LC Chapel 11a Communion @ Lenoir 545p Pickleball | 5 | 6 |
| | | Pastor McCalley off | | | | |
| 7 8a Divine Service 930a Sun. School 1030a Divine Serv 6p JCC orientation | 8 9a Bible Study 6p Divine Service | 9 330p History Com 545p Pickleball 630 BOD | 10 9a LC Chapel 930 Mary Martha 6p BOCE | 11 7a Men's Bible Study 9a LC Chapel 330 Bd of Youth 545p Pickleball 6p Witnessing w/ Word & E Prayer | 12 | 13 |
| 14 8a Divine Service 930a Sun. School 1030a Divine Serv 1230p AOV 6p JCC | 15 9a Bible Study 6p Divine Service | 16 1030a 100 Anniversary Planning 530 Vesper Guild 545p Pickleball | 17 9a LC Chapel 10a Witnessing w Word & Prayer 530p Life Team | 18 7a Men's Bible Study 9a LC Chapel 11a Communion @ Lenoir 545p Pickleball 6p Evangelism 630 Handbells | 19 Pastors' Day Off | 20 930 Sunday School Art Class |
| | Heather — off | | | | | |
| 21 8a Divine Service 930a Sun. School 1030a Divine Serv 12p Witnessing w Word & Prayer 3p Youth German Meal 6p JCC | 22 9a Bible Study 1030a Worship Upgrades Com 6p Divine Service | 23 830a Fellowship Hall Cleaning 545p Pickleball | 24 9a LC Chapel | 25 7a Men's Bible Study 9a LC Chapel 545p Pickleball 6p Elders 630 Handbells | 26 | 27 10a Altar Guild |
| 28 Stewardship 8a Divine Service 930a Sun. School 1030a Divine Serv 6p JCC | 29 9a Bible Study 530p Trustees 6p Divine Service | 30 545p Pickleball | 1 9a LC Chapel | 2 7a Men's Bible Study 9a LC Chapel 11a Communion @ Lenoir 545p Pickleball 630 Handbells | 3 | 4 |

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Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Monday 6:00 p.m.

Bible Study & Sunday School:

Sunday 9:15 a.m.

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