

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Boyle's Scheduled Hours: Off on Mondays
At Grace 9:00 - noon Tues & Wed.
At Trinity 9:00 - noon Thurs & Fri
Afternoons alternated between Grace & Trinity
Church Office Hours:
Tuesday – Thursday 9:30am-1:30pm



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30AM Sunday School and Bible Class
10:30AM Hospitality in Fellowship Hall
11:00AM Divine Service

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FROM THE PASTOR: THANKFUL AND BLESSED

It's good to be home! Really. We've missed you; we've missed the congregations; we've missed the theological book club, *O.M.T.*; we've missed Bible study and the Wednesday liturgy; we've missed the parsonage, and the Donut Hole, and Eighth Day Books! We've missed Wichita – it's good to be home.

That said, we're very grateful for the time away. I'm thankful for the break from regular duties as pastor. I'm thankful that I could sit with my family each Sunday and receive the gifts of Christ from faithful congregations all over Michigan. I'm thankful that the Word was preached and the Sacraments fed the faithful here at Grace and Trinity in my absence. I'm thankful for Pastor Brockman – who filled in at Grace every week and helped at Trinity as well – and for Pastor Winter and Pastor Barz (please keep him in your prayers!) and for Pastor Metzger and Pastor Tape. I'm thankful to the elders and the councils and those who stepped up while I was gone. I'm thankful for Susan and Patricia, our secretaries, who went above and beyond this summer. I'm thankful for those who helped with VBS. I'm thankful for the many notes of encouragement we received – for birthday cards and anniversary cards and simple calls or Facebook notes that kept us going. I'm thankful for time spent with family; and for many hours spent in the library. I'm grateful for the time away. Thank you!

Summer flew by. There's much we missed here and much we delighted in there. We're glad to be home, back in the Church's rhythm of life. I thought I'd note some of what was accomplished this summer.

First of all, the studies: each week I'd head out from Troy, MI and make my way to Toronto (roughly a 4.5 hour trip) and return Friday afternoon – it was one of those car, bus, walk, train, subway ordeals! While in Toronto, I was very grateful to Trinity Lutheran Church who allowed me to stay in the parsonage basement for lodging. They pro-

vided the use of a kitchen, as well as showers and a close location to campus – only about a mile and a half from the library. Fairly early on in the summer I was able to complete my final comprehensive exam. For the program there are four comprehensive exams after the course-stage. All four exams were taken within this year: 1) Biblical Theology; 2) Psalms; 3) History of Biblical Interpretation; and 4) Pentateuch. The goal of these exams is to show a diverse and complete understanding of the conversation among scholars in the fields. After completing this exam stage I was able to turn my attention to the dissertation. While I'm still trying to settle on a particular question, I've at least poured into a general area of study. God willing, I'll write something on the early Christian interpretation of the book of Zechariah. Surprisingly, we have a number of commentaries still available to us (some even translated into English!) from the 4th and 5th centuries. Once the dissertation is completed (around 200 pages), then I'll have to go back to Toronto to defend the thesis. If you're wondering what my free-reading will be: now you know!

Besides the studies, we were blessed to see almost every member of both our families. As some of you may have heard, my great-uncle passed away while we were in Michigan, which allowed us to see a number from my Mom's family. I also had a cousin get married early on, and my Father married at the beginning of August. If you'd like to see pictures, just ask! (Oh, and if you're on Facebook, you can see Micah face-planting during the procession!) It was a joy to give the grandparents all the time they could handle, as well as letting the kids play with their cousins almost daily.

So between family and studies we used up every moment of the summer. Again, thank you! We prayed for you daily and know that you remembered us as well. We look forward to the good things our Lord has in store. Most of all, we rejoice in receiving the gifts of Christ together again!

Yours in Christ our Life,

Pastor Boyle

From our Confessions

[Taken from The Smalcald Articles, found in the Book of Concord.]

Part III, Article II. Of the Law

1] Here we hold that the Law was given by God, first, to restrain sin by threats and the dread of punishment, and by the promise and offer of grace and benefit. But all this miscarried on account of the wickedness which sin has wrought in man. 2] For thereby a part [some] were rendered worse, those, namely, who are hostile to [hate] the Law, because it forbids what they like to do, and enjoins what they do not like to do. Therefore, wherever they can escape [if they were not restrained by] punishment, they [would] do more against the Law than before. These, then, are the rude and wicked [unbridled and secure] men, who do evil wherever they [notice that they] have the opportunity. 3] The rest become blind and arrogant [are smitten with arrogance and blindness], and [insolently] conceive the opinion that they observe and can observe the Law by their own powers, as has been said above concerning the scholastic theologians; thence come the hypocrites and [self-righteous or] false saints. 4] But the chief office or force of the Law is that it reveal original sin with all its fruits, and show man how very low his nature has fallen, and has become [fundamentally and] utterly corrupted; as the Law must tell man that he has no God nor regards [cares for] God, and worships other gods, a matter which before and without the Law he would not have believed. In this way he becomes terrified, is humbled, desponds, despairs, and anxiously desires aid, but sees no escape; he begins to be an enemy of [enraged at] God, and to murmur, etc. 5] This is what Paul says, Rom. 4:15: *The Law worketh wrath. And Rom. 5:20: Sin is increased by the Law. [The Law entered that the offense might abound.]*

Part III, Article III. Of Repentance.

1] This office [of the Law] the New Testament retains and urges, as St. Paul, Rom. 1:18 does, saying: *The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men.* Again, Rom 3:19: *All the world is guilty before God. No man is righteous before Him.* And Christ says, John 16:8: *The Holy Ghost will reprove the world of sin.* 2] This, then, is the thunderbolt of God by which He strikes in a heap [hurls to the ground] both manifest sinners and false saints [hypocrites], and suffers no one to be in the right [declares no one righteous], but drives them all together to terror and despair. This is the hammer, as Jeremiah 23:29 says: *Is not My Word like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?* This is not *activa contritio* or manufactured repentance, but *passiva contritio* [torture of conscience], true sorrow of heart, suffering and sensation of death. 3] This, then, is what it means to begin true repentance; and here man must hear such a sentence as this: You are all of no account, whether you be manifest sinners or saints [in your own opinion]; you all must become different and do otherwise than you now are and are doing [no matter what sort of people you are], whether you are as great, wise, powerful, and holy as you may. Here no one is [righteous, holy], godly, etc. 4] But to this office the New Testament immediately adds the consolatory promise of grace through the Gospel, which must be believed, as Christ declares, Mark 1:15: *Repent and believe the Gospel, i.e., become different and do otherwise, and believe My promise.* And John, preceding Him, is called a preacher of repentance, however, for the remission of sins, *i.e.,* John was to accuse all, and convict them of being sinners, that they might know what they were before God, and might acknowledge that they were lost men, and might thus be prepared for the Lord, to receive grace, and to expect and accept from Him the remission of sins. Thus also Christ Himself says, Luke 24:47: 6] *Repentance and remission of sins must be preached in My name among all nations.* 7] But whenever the Law alone, without the Gospel being added exercises this its office there is [nothing else than] death and hell, and man must despair, like Saul and Judas; as St. Paul, Rom. 7:10, says: *Through sin the Law killeth.* 8] On the other hand, the Gospel brings consolation and remission not only in one way, but through the word and Sacraments, and the like, as we shall hear afterward in order that [thus] there is *with the Lord plenteous redemption*, as Ps. 130:7 says against the dreadful captivity of sin. 9] However, we must now contrast the false repentance of the sophists with true repentance, in order that both may be the better understood.

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

September 2	~ Lord's Diner 5:30pm
September 7	~ Rally Day - Breakfast at 9:30am (more info pg 10) ~ Youth Catechesis Starts - Dinner 5:30pm, Class 6:15pm
September 8	~ Labor Finders
September 9	~ Church Council 7pm
September 11	~ Hall of Men 7:30pm (more info pg 13)
September 13	~ Marriage/Family Workshop Part 1 9a-noon (more info pg 13)
September 14	~ Fish Fry at Grace (<i>No Youth Catechesis</i>)
September 16	~ OMT 9:00am ~at Grace (more information pg 12) ~ IFM Informational Breakfast (more info pg 8)
September 18	~ LWML Meeting 9:30am ~ Elders Meeting 7:00pm
September 20-21	~ Lutheran lecture Series, Hoisington, KS (more info pg 9)
September 23	~ Ladies Bunco 7:00pm (more info pg 13)
September 25	~ Hall of Men 7:30pm (more info pg 13)
September 26-27	~ Fall Retreat for Confirmands (Herrington Retreat Center)
September 28	~ (<i>No Youth Catechesis</i>) ~ HopeArt sponsored by HopeNet (more info pg 10)

~MORE THIS MONTH~

Sundays (unless otherwise noted on calendar)

2014-2015 Youth Catechesis
More information on page 11.

~FURTHER OUT~

October 2-3, 2014

Lutheranism & the Classics III
More information on page 11.

October 11, 2014

Marriage/Family Workshop Part 2
More information on page 13.



October 21, 2014

Oratio, Meditatio, Tentatio
More information on page 12.

October 23-25, 2014

Christian Youth Theater
Showing "The Sound of Music"
More information on page 14.

November 6-7, 2014

Christian Youth Theater
Showing "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown!"
More information on page 14.

November 8, 2014

Marriage/Family Workshop Part 3
More information on page 13.

LUTHERAN WOMEN’S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

It's time for the Lutheran World Relief ingathering. Beginning September 7-September 28 you will have the opportunity to donate the following: bars of soap-new, wrapped, 4 or 5 oz. size-- there will be a wash tub in the narthex where you can deposit the soap; quilts or blankets can be left in a box in the narthex. We will again assemble personal care kits. On Sunday, Sep. 7, we will hand out zip-lock bags with a list of items needed inside the bag. You may purchase the items and return the completed bag on Sep. 14, 21, or 28. Lutheran World Relief distributes these items to foreign countries, refugee camps, disasters in the United States.



Please remember to save canceled stamps from the mail you receive. Cut them off the envelope so there is 1/4 inch around the stamp. The only stamp which has no value and should not be saved is the Liberty Bell--Forever Stamp. The Kansas District LWML collects these stamps and they go to the LWML Texas District Stamporee Project. The Kansas District LWML has found a way to get them to the Texas District without having to spend postage to mail them. Once they get to Texas there is a group of people who sort them into categories and then they are sold to stamp collectors. In the past 10 years \$20,000 has been made from the sale of these stamps. All proceeds go to the Lutheran World Relief Quilt/Kit shipping fund. Isn't it amazing that so much money can be made and given to a worthwhile cause from stamps that we would normally throw away? There is a box in the narthex where you can put the stamps you save.

On September 18 the Ladies Guild (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) will meet at 9:30 in the fellowship hall. Vicki Lessman will lead the Bible study and Elizabeth Booher will serve refreshments. We invite all ladies to join us for Bible study, short meeting, refreshments and fellowship.



CHRISTIAN YOUTH THEATER

Enjoy the Arts? Do so while supporting a local non-profit program.

CYT is dedicated to developing character in children through training in the arts and by producing wholesome family entertainment, all of which reflect Judeo-Christian values.

Upcoming Shows:

East side at Isely Magnet School: 5256 N. Woodlawn Blvd, Bel Aire, Ks 67220

The Sound of Music

Fall show - October 23, 24, and 25

[Music by RICHARD RODGERS, Lyrics by OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II, Book by HOWARD LINDSAY and RUSSEL CROUSE, by "The Trapp Family Singers" by Maria Augusta Trapp]

Winter show - February 5, 6, and 7; HONK!

Spring show - May 7, 8, and 9; Annie Get Your Gun

West side at Pathway Church: 2001N. Maize Rd. Wichita KS, 67212

You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown!

Fall Show – November 6 & 7

[Based on The Comic Strip "Peanuts" by Charles M. Schulz, Book, Music and Lyrics by Clark Gesner, Additional Dialogue by Michael Mayer, Additional Music and Lyrics by Andrew Lippa, Original Direction for this version of "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" by Michael Mayer, Originally Produced in New York by Arthur Whitelaw and Gene Persson]

Spring Show – May 14 & 15; Pioneer Drama's Robin Hood.

"Thank you so much for your patience and continued support as we watch God unfold His plans!!"
"Developing Character...One stage at a time"
For more information, visit www.cytwichita.org



As we celebrate the season of Pentecost
And Holy Cross Day (Sept 14, 2014)...
427 - In the Cross of Christ I Glory

- 1

In the cross of Christ I glory,
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.
- 2

When the woes of life o'ertake me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me;
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
- 3

When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming
Adds more luster to the day.
- 4

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.

This popular hymn, by John Bowring, appeared in his *Hymns*, 1825. It is based on Gal.6:14. It is said that Bowring was inspired to write the hymn by the sight of an old Portuguese church at Macao, built three hundred years before and which time and the elements had turned into a crumbling ruin—all but the spire at the top of which an old bronze cross reflected the rays of the setting sun.

The tune "Rathbun" was written by Ithamar Conkey in 1849. Dr. McCutchan brings this interesting article on the tune from the Norwich *Bulletin*:

Doctor Hiscox was...pastor of the church. He had prepared a series of seven sermons from "The Words on the Cross."

One Sunday during the series it was a very rainy day. Mr. Conkey was sorely disappointed that the members of the choir did not appear, as only one soprano came. Mr. Conkey was so discouraged and disheartened that after the prelude he closed the organ and locked it and went to his home on Washington Street. The Pastor and choir gallery were at opposite ends of the church, and he could leave without attracting the attention of the congregation.

That afternoon he sat down at the piano for practice; the thoughts suggested in the series of sermons Doctor Hiscox had prepared and the words of the hymn suggested to be sung, "In the Cross of Christ I glory," passing and repassing through his mind. He then and there composed the music which is now so universally familiar in churches of every denomination, known as "Rathbun." He admitted afterward the inspiration was a vivid contradiction of his feelings at the morning service.

He prepared the scores for his choir, and the following Saturday evening it was rehearsed, and Sunday at the morning service in the Central Baptist Church, Norwich, Connecticut, it was sung for the first time... Mr. and Mrs. Beriah S. Rathbun were both members of the choir. Mrs. Rathbun was the leading soprano. Mr Conkey named it "Rathbun" as a compliment to her. She was then twenty-four years old. She died when she was twenty-nine years old.

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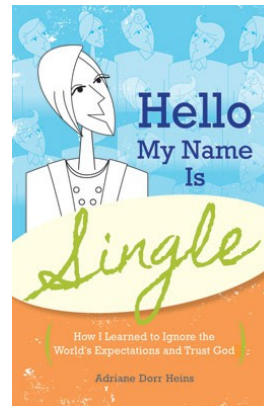
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Hello My Name Is Single:

How I Learned to Ignore the World's Expectations and Trust God

Adriane Dorr Heins
(St. Louis: CPH, 2014, 160 pages)



"Why is the issue of being single, and the number of single people, so much greater today, then 50 years ago?" That was the question that I posted on the *Issues, Etc* comment section for an interview with Adriane Heins on July 27th as she discussed her new book *Hello, My Name is Single*.

When asked, Heins replied with the typical, textbook answer that one would entirely expect, not just from a faithful Lutheran, but from anyone who has looked at the sociological changes in society over the past 50 years. We live in a different culture. We live in a culture that does not value marriage, a culture that does not value life, a culture that does not value the Biblical rules and norms that were largely accepted by developed societies since the beginning. In other words, we, as a society have made it ok to be single. (*For the purposes of this post, single will only refer to those who have never been married; we will not deal with widows/widowers*). Now society has made it ok to be single in that sex, once strictly reserved for marriage, is no longer frowned upon when it happens outside of marriage. Thus, one of the key benefits of marriage is now available to both single and married alike. This results in a lack of need to get married, and the lack of a bond holding couples together that do get married. So what we have is a plethora of single people, all enjoying the primary benefit of marriage, without actually being married.

The result is that the faithful, those in the Church who realize sex is strictly for marriage, find a diminished pool of potential spouses because the faithful refuse to do what society has already approved of. Whereas once a believer could hope to win over a secularized potential spouse, this is increasingly difficult because the number of unfaithful outnumbers significantly the number of faithful.

Which brings us to the Church, facing a significant increase in the number of singles in the pews each Sunday morning. What to do? Preaching marriage, and by relation procreation, which was the common practice for centuries, is now increasingly difficult as the faithful face an increasingly difficult time finding faithful spouses.

So in response, the Church has now declared it ok to be single. Not in the way that society has declared it ok to be single and free to have sex with whomever; but ok to be single in the St. Paul way of being single, in that to be single is a gift of God, and marriage is only an outlet for those who burn with passion.

Heins, among others, extols the many good things that single people can do because they do not have a spouse and children to care for. Singles are commended for their self-control and are held up as models in a perverse and crooked generation. Heins, and others, advocate for singles to be cared for by others, for sermons to make special mention of singles (Jesus was single after all); and there is even the suggestion that those who are married need to tone it down, so as not to offend the singles.

Do you see what has happened? Being single is depicted as the preferred option over marriage! In the course of a century, the Church has gone from the ideal of being married with ten children, to the ideal being single! The Church, which for 2000 years has encouraged marriage, which has advocated for families, has reversed itself entirely: the goal is not to marry and have children; the goal is to remain single!

Who knew? Let's go back to my original question: Why is the issue of being single, and the number of single people, so much greater today, then 50 years ago?

Here is the answer no one will give: because we, society, the Church, everyone; have made it ok to be single. Let me ask a new question: is that the right answer? Is it ok to be single? Is being single the preferred option?

Before the howls begin, let me say that some people are called to remain single; I do not know why and I do not know who, but some people are. But let me also be clear that not all are called to remain single. Reaching out to those who are single and lonely and struggling with issues should be encouraged, but the Bible is clear that marriage is the preferred option, not singleness.

To her credit, Heins spends a substantial portion of her book encouraging marriage, offering advice and encouragement to those who are single and seeking a spouse. One chapter in the book includes a list of do's and don'ts for both men and women when seeking a spouse.

But while she makes no broad suggestions as to how to change the thinking in the Church and society on being single (after all, it is ok to be single), there are things the Church can do: the continued encouragement and promotion of marriage, arranging some gatherings for youth to meet other youth who are Lutheran, more intentional promotion of singles gatherings hosted by Districts, and even the promotion of marriage in society can go a long way to improving the current situation.

Will we change society's views on marriage? That will take a while; but at least we can start to change the Church's views on marriage.

*This review is taken from Rev. Michael Schmidt, Pastor of Peace Lutheran Church, Natoma, KS.
<https://revschmidt.wordpress.com/2014/07/10/ok-to-be-single/>*

The book is in the church library, or can be purchased at CPH.org for \$12.99. Happy reading!



ATTENTION LADIES!!!

Our next game night will be on Tuesday September 23rd, 7:00pm
Irma Quade is hosting. All Ladies are welcome to join. Please RSVP!
For more information, call the church office at 685-1571 or Irma at 685-9336.



LUTHERAN HOUR BROADCAST SEPTEMBER 2014

September 7 "Teeny, Tiny Crosses"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus
Jesus bore the weight of the cross and all of our sin. How big is the cross God calls you to carry? (Matthew 16:24-26)

September 21 "Rome: The Gospel Comes to Law and Order People"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz
God used the Roman legal system to bring the Apostle Paul and the Gospel message to Rome. (Footsteps of St. Paul, part 2) (Acts 28:11-16, 28-31)

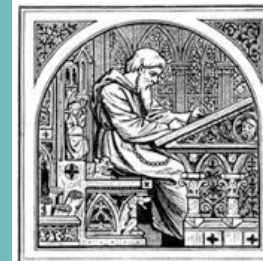
September 14 "That's Just Who God Is"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz
The journeys of St. Paul teach us how God's message of grace has been translated so that all might believe. (Footsteps of St. Paul, part 1) (Acts 2:1-39)

September 28 "Athens: The Gospel Comes to the Center of Learning"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz
Jesus is Wisdom personified. He redeems us from sin and the world's futility. (Footsteps of St. Paul, part 3) (Acts 17)

You can listen anytime online at www.lutheranhour.org. For local times and stations, go to www.lutheranhour.org and click on Broadcast guide.



HALL OF MEN

FOR MEN ONLY - A local fellowship hall
where the men break bread, tap the keg, and toast their heroes.

2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at Eighth Day Institute at The Ladder (2836 E Douglas Ave)
Doors open at 7:00pm. Food is served at 7:30pm, and evening events officially begin at 8:30pm with a hymn, the Nicene Creed, and a lecture on a hero whose life inspires us to live more authentic lives and to fight for the renewal of our culture.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY WORKSHOP

Grace Lutheran Church will be offering a monthly 3-part class based on the book "Family Vocation: God's Calling Marriage, Parenting, and Childhood" written by Gene Edward Veith and Mary Moerbe. This class will meet from 9 - 12 noon on the second Saturday in the months of September, October, and November. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Boyle or the Grace office at 685-6781.

Rev. Matthew Harrison, President of the LCMS, has written in part that "*in the church today, there is no more significant issue than the family.*"

Workshop Dates:

September 13th, October 11th, and November 8th - 9a-12p/noon

There is no cost to attend the workshop. Books are available at Grace for \$15.



HOLY CROSS SINGLES

The ages and circumstances of those who have and continue to participate in Singles vary widely. Always single, divorced and widowed adults find fellowship in the group.

SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

- SUN 14th **Brunch** at Doc Green's, 12:30 pm, 10096 E 13th St N, Ste. 102, Jamie Riddle hosting - 316 737-6509
- MON 15th **Bible Study** at John Evans', 7:30 pm, 1815 N Meridian Ave, 620 205-8199
- MON 29th **5th Monday Social** at N & J, 5600 E Lincoln, Mary Dohl hosting, 785 531-2132



ORATIO, MEDITATIO, TENTATIO

(Theological Reading Group)

Schedule

- 9:00 – 9:45 am Matins
- 9:45 – 11:45 am Reading Discussion
- 11:45 am – Noon Prayer
- Noon – 1:00 pm Lunch

Locations

- Trinity Lutheran Church
- 611 S. Erie, Wichita
- Grace Lutheran Church
- 3310 E Pawnee, Wichita

2013 Reading Schedule:

September 16 (Grace, Wichita)

Logia Articles

- 1) Mayes, Benjamin T. G. *Does Matthew 18:15-16 Apply to Public Sins? The Steps of Admonition Today and in Lutheran Orthodox*. Eastertide 2006. Volume XV, Number 2.
- 2) Nagel, Norman E. *Externum Verbum: Testing Augustana V on the Doctrine of the Holy Ministry*. Holy Trinity, 1997. Volume VI, Number 3.
- 3) Hoppl, Pfarrer and Sasse, Herman. *Quatenus and Quia? An Interchange on the Nature of Confessional Subscription*. Eastertide 1999. Volume VIII, Number 2.
- 4) Schulz, Charles R. *The Worthy Communicant in SD VII*. Eastertide 1999. Volume VIII, Number 2.

October 21 (Trinity, Wichita)

Siemon-Netto, Uwe. *The Fabricated Luther: The Rise and Fall of the Shirer Myth*. St. Louis: CPH, 1995.



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EXHIBIT D – EXPENSES FOR SEVEN MONTHS ENDED July 31, 2014 AND EXPENSES COMPARED TO BUDGET

BUDGET ITEMS	Expenses For 7 Months	Budget For 7 Months	Under-/Over Budget for 7 Months	Budget For 12 Months
Pastor's Salary		26,922.70		46,153.00
Pastor's Health Insurance Premium		12,754.00		21,864.00
Deductible		700.00		1,200.00
Coinsurance		2,100.00		3,600.00
Pastor's Pension, FICA, Accident Ins		6,393.90		10,961.00
Pastor's Home Equity Allowance		1,750.00		3,000.00
Pastor's Car Mileage		1,166.60		2,000.00
Pastor's Conf & Cont Ed		583.30		1,000.00
Pastor's Financial Support	52,370.50	52,370.50	- 0 -	89,778.00
Grace fifty percent	(26,185.25)	(26,185.25)	- 0 -	(44,889.00)
Trinity reimbursement to Grace sub total	26,185.25	26,185.25	- 0 -	44,889.00
Parsonage Utilities	2,361.97	1,750.00	- 611.97	3,000.00
Grace reimbursement to Trinity sub-total	(875.00)	(875.00)	- 0 -	(1,500.00)
Parsonage Repairs	1,032.88	2,375.34	1,342.46	4,072.00
Grace Reimbursement sub-total	(1,032.88)	(2,375.34)	(1,342.46)	(4,072.00)
Guest Pastors	1,501.60	- 0 -	- 1,501.60	- 0 -
Secretary	5,594.26	5,594.26	- 0 -	9,590.00
Bookkeeper	2,100.00	2,100.00	- 0 -	3,600.00
Organist	3,231.32	2,931.32	- 300.00	5,025.00
Sec/Bookkeeper/Organist/Custodian FICA	990.92	991.67	- 365.78	1,700.00
Office Supplies & Copy Work	2,407.45	2,041.67	- 365.78	3,500.00
Worship Supplies	923.34	1,166.67	243.33	2,000.00
Synod & District	500.00	583.34	83.34	1,000.00
Lutheran Student Center	500.00	583.34	83.34	1,000.00
Missions	500.00	1,166.67	666.67	2,000.00
Issues, Etc.	500.00	291.67	- 208.33	500.00
Synod/District Assessment	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Parish Education Supplies/Equip	276.52	466.67	190.15	800.00
Evangelism	47.50	291.67	244.17	500.00
Stewardship Supplies	178.53	116.67	- 61.86	200.00
Janitor Service	2,333.38	2,333.38	- 0 -	4,000.00
Maintenance & Repair	7,291.31	3,500.00	- 3,791.31	6,000.00
Insurance	6,338.58	8,604.17	2,265.59	14,750.00
Utilities - Church	7,302.57	7,000.00	- 302.57	12,000.00
Telephone & Internet	530.82	1,137.50	606.68	1,950.00
Organ & Piano Maintenance	582.00	466.67	- 115.33	800.00
Chapel	1,435.67	- 0 -	- 1,435.67	- 0 -
Totals	\$ 72,737.99	\$ 68,427.59	\$ - 4,310.40	\$ 117,304.00

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

611 South Erie - Wichita, KS 67211

FINANCIAL REPORT July 31, 2014

CASH & FUND BALANCES

CASH	FUND BALANCE
Bank of America	Budget Fund - Exhibit A
Checking	\$ - 33,324.39
Savings	Council Fund -Exhibit B
Certificates of Deposit	50,918.50
LCEF- Certificate of Deposit	6,101.53
	Restricted Fund – Exhibit C
	\$ 23,695.64
	\$ 23,695.64

EXHIBIT A - BUDGET FUND

RECEIPTS	EXPENSES
Jan-July	Jan-July
EXHIBIT D	EXHIBIT D
\$ - 22,826.44	\$ + 62,240.04
	\$ - 33,324.39

EXHIBIT B – COUNCIL FUND

RECEIPTS	EXPENSES
Jan-July	Jan-July
BALANCE	BALANCE
1-1-14	7-31-14
\$ 49,109.90	\$ - 2,000.00
	\$ 50,918.50

EXHIBIT C - RESTRICTED FUND

Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance
1-1-14	Jan-July	Jan-July	7-31-14
Restricted Funds:			
Sundry School Missions	- 0 -	566.85	566.85
Love Fund	1,116.79		1,116.79
Youth Fund	283.24	.48	283.72
Thrivent Funds	1,365.00	596.00	1,961.00
Pastor's Discretionary Funds	41.76		41.76
Dillons Dollars	1,201.97	553.64	1,755.61
TIM - Daniel Johnson	- 0 -	669.30	- 0 -
KS Dist LCEF Grant	103.80		103.80
Misc	- 0 -	2,041.50	272.00
Totals	\$ 4,112.56	\$ + 4,427.77	\$ - 2,438.80
			\$ 6,101.53



Argentina

May 2014 - News from LHM - Argentina

Gloria Tolisano

During the month of March, we had several activities that took place.

March 5-The Chaplain of The Concordia Institute, Rev. Milton Hoftetter, began sharing our Daily Devotions for Lent with all teachers and students through Project JOEL.

March 8- The "Social Action Group" of the Lujan's congregation participated in a zonal fair. They sold used clothes in excellent condition and used this time to talk to the neighbors and share our materials with them.



March 22- The Lutheran Church in Viale celebrated with 68 grandparents and seniors. We then had opportunity to enjoy together cakes and coffee along with entertainment. Our volunteers shared the booklet "Courage during Difficult Times" with the group.



Prayer Request: pray for the ministry center director Gloria Tolisano, staff and volunteers as they continue to share the message of Christ through the various programs of LHM—Argentina, pray for Monica that she may come to know Christ and find peace in knowing He is with her, pray for the youth that attended the District Youth meeting as they prayerfully consider taking part in the development of the new devotional material.

To learn more, visit www.lhm.org/partner or call LHM International Ministries Partnership staff at 1-800-944-3450, ext. 4164

LUTHERANISM & THE CLASSICS III

October 2-3, 2014, Fort Wayne, IN

God became incarnate in Christ Jesus at a specific time in history (Gal 4:4), so how might Lutherans read the Bible, the Confessions and developments in light of history? What role does history play in Lutheran education? These and other questions will be discussed during this conference as we celebrate Lutheranism's engagement with historians of the past, and their value for the propagation of the faith to present and future generations.

The conference features three plenary papers, a banquet address and 30 sectional presenters on such sessions as ancient and Reformation-era historians, how Luther viewed history, hymnody, medieval preaching, Canon Law and pedagogy. Latin will be used in three worship settings, and there will be a session by Mr. Brandon Booth (Worldview Academy) designed especially for Lutheran teachers, classical educators and homeschoolers.

For more information, there will be a flier with registration form in the narthex



2014-2015 GRACE AND TRINITY YOUTH CATECHESIS

Classes are Sunday nights from Sept 7th to March 29th at Grace Lutheran Church.

Confirmation is the rite that celebrates our congregation's regular instruction (*catechesis*) for youth. Catechesis is a life-long task. We begin in the womb, hearing our Lord's Word with ears that are just developing. As we grow we learn to say back to Him what He has first said to us. He never stops speaking through His Word, and we never stop hearing, learning, and speaking back to Him. Our custom at Grace and Trinity is to set Sunday evenings aside as a time for the whole family to gather around our Lord's Word and catechesis.

God willing we'll offer the following classes:

Nursery Catechesis: children 0-3 years of age, Primary Catechesis: ages 3-9, Junior Confirmation: 5th-6th grade, Confirmation: 7th-8th grade, High School Catechesis: 9th-12th grade

Sunday Evening Confirmation Schedule

4:30-5:30pm - Divine Service at Grace

5:30-6:15 - Diner

6:15-6:35 - Announcements and Learn-by-Heart Work

6:35-7:15 - Scripture Instruction

7:15-8:00 - Catechism Instruction

We will not have classes the following dates:

9/14 (Fish Fry), 9/28 (Retreat), 10/12 (Pastor's Conference), 10/26 (Reformation Festival), 12/28 (Christmas/New Year's), or 2/1/2015 (Retreat)

We will have TWO retreats:*

Fall Retreat: **September 26-27** (Fri-Sat) at the Herrington Retreat Center

Winter Lock-in: **January 30-31** (Fri-Sat) at Grace Lutheran Church

*Retreats are for Junior Confirmation and Confirmation students only. Parents, if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact Pastor Boyle.

Examination of the Confirmands:

Tuesday, March 31st, 7pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, after the Holy Tuesday Service.

Confirmation Sunday: Easter Vigil, April 4th, 2015!!

This year, students will memorize the Baptismal hymn, "God's Own Child I Gladly Say It" (LSB 594)

For more information, feel free to contact Pastor Boyle, Trinity office (316)685-1571 or Grace office (316)685-6781.



Life Thoughts in the Church Year

Copied from LifeDate: A quarterly journal of life issue news and commentary from Lutherans For Life

Based on the appointed readings from *Lutheran Service Book*

September 7—Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

To “become like children” (Matthew 18:3), means to become completely vulnerable before God, ridding oneself of self and totally depending upon His mercy and grace. Such are the greatest in His kingdom; and those so vulnerable become Christ to us whom we seek to speak for and serve (18:5).

Prayer: Jesus, help us become like children that we might serve the children. Amen.

September 14—Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The thread of forgiveness ties today’s reading together. The life arena provides many opportunities for application of this great gift. In Christ, there is forgiveness for fornication that led to a teen pregnancy, for the abortion committed to solve the problem, for a father’s failure to protect his child, for knowingly hastening the death of the suffering, for unfairly judging others in difficult situations.

Prayer: Father, forgive our many sins for Jesus’ sake and give us opportunity to share this forgiveness freely with others. Amen.

September 21—Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Paul describes the tension the Christian experiences when dealing with the end of life. We desire to depart and be with Christ “for that is far better” (Philippians 1:23b). But to keep on living may be “more necessary” (1:24). We do not always see or understand the “more necessary.” But God’s thoughts and God’s ways are so much higher than ours (Isaiah 55:8-9). We trust in Him.

Prayer: Thank You, Father, for the “far better” of heaven and the “more necessary” of remaining alive. Both are blessings from You. Amen.

September 28—Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Declared to be “blameless and innocent children of God” (Philippians 2:15a), we have a purpose in the “midst of a crooked and twisted generations” (15b). We are to “shine as lights in the world” (15c). How is this possible? We hold “fast to the word of life” (16a). He is the source of the light. We are the “cracked pots” through which it shines!

Prayer: Jesus, the Light of the World, help us be lights in the world declaring Your truth. Amen.

HOPEART 2014

Sunday, Sept 28th, 5-8pm, Beech Activity Center

Save the date and help celebrate the 10th anniversary of HopeArt featuring special guest International Performance painter David Garibaldi. He uses music and color to entertain people all around the world, recently journeying to China with the NBA, toured with Blue Man Group and even performed at the finals of America’s Got Talent. In 2012, David completed his ambitious goal of raising \$1million for non-profit charities before he turned 30! David will be performing for the first time ever in Wichita to benefit HopeNet.

For more information, contact HopeNet: 316-684-4673, www.hopenetwichita.org, or info@hopenetwichita.org




*Join us for
breakfast*

at 9:30 a.m.
on Sunday

SEPTEMBER

7

(the first Sunday in September)

Sign up to bring fruit salad or pastry.

A sign-up sheet will be posted
in the narthex; or call
Angie Patterson 833-1509.

A Ministry Story

Monica met us through one of our radio programs. She lives in Rosario City and she is 47 years old.

The first time she called us, she was very confused and tormented. Monica was living with her sick mother and didn’t have a job. Shortly after her mother died, she went into a depression. Through long conversations we were able to comfort her. Monica agreed to speak with the local pastor. She went to church a few times and then stopped going.

Some time ago, she contacted us again. Now, Sara, one of our volunteers in Rosario City, is helping Monica. Please pray for Monica as she needs the light of God in her life.

On April 5th and 6th, the District Youth meeting took with more than 130 Lutheran young people attending. At this meeting, we had opportunity to promote our different programs. We also invited them to take part in the development of our next devotional material for young people.



New Publications

During the month of February, LHM—Argentina produced a new edition of our Bible course “The Strength of Prayer”.

During the month of March, we have printed two new publications for children: the coloring booklet “Jesus Loves Me” and “The Bible Course for Children”.

We will continue to design and produce materials (DVD’s and Booklets) for this year and will continue to distribute our new materials.

Across the globe, Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) is proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ using a variety of culturally appropriate venues and media. Through innovative workshops, LHM is equipping individuals to share Christ’s message of hope in their communities and engaging volunteers and congregations, where they will continue to be cared for and nurtured in their faith.

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Stewardship Newsletter Article - September 2014

The Gospels are filled with irony. Death itself is defeated by the death of Jesus. Jesus, the Son of God the Father, is given to Pilate in exchange for Barabbas, which means “son of the father.” But one particularly puzzling bit of irony is that Judas was given charge of the moneybag.

In response to Mary Magdalene’s lavish gift, when she poured out almost a year’s wages to anoint Jesus’ feet, Judas replied, “Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?” (John 12:5)? And then John tells us, “He said this, not because he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it” (John 12:6).

So, why is Judas put in charge of the money? Jesus could have put any of his disciples in charge of it. He could have put Nathaniel in charge, of whom Jesus said, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit” (John 1:47), or John, “the disciple whom Jesus loved” (John 21:20), or Levi, the tax collector, who was financially savvy (Luke 5:27). But he didn’t. He chose Judas, whom He called “a devil” (John 6:70). Why?

Jesus put His money where his mouth was. “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal” (Matthew 6:19–20). Our Lord put not His trust in earthly treasures, but in the word and will of His Father. The Lord will provide.

In Judas, we see the heart and gut-wrenching end of one who treasured the wrong thing. “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:21; Luke 12:34). “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money” (Matthew 6:24; Luke 16:13). It’s an alarming example, a visceral image, of what loving money and hating God can look like.

But no one, save Jesus, was the wiser. During Jesus’ three-year ministry, Judas looked, talked, and acted like the other eleven. He seemed to be about the right things. But “love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs” (1 Timothy 6:10). And this craving led Judas to sell Jesus for thirty pieces of silver, which the chief priests used to buy his own grave—an ironic transaction indeed.

All of this is to say that money is a good thing but it is not God. Use it for the purpose which God gives it. Spend it on providing for your family. Spend it on support of your community. Give it to support and provide for the work of God among you in church, the ministry of Word and Sacrament, through which you receive forgiveness, life, and salvation. Invest in all these things. Put your treasure where God calls you to put it, and your heart will follow. Your hearts will be set on things above, for these things—family, society, and church—are of God. “Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all this will be added to you” (Matthew 6:33).

So, do not be anxious, but trust in the mercies of God. All you need will be given by your Father in heaven. “For it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom” (Luke 12:32). The Father can easily out-give what any thief can steal. And the beauty is: He not only can, but does. There is nothing ironic about that.

WARMING SOULS WINTER SHELTER

Inter-Faith Ministries would like you to join them for a breakfast meeting with updates and information about participating in the IFM Warming Souls Winter Shelter. The shelter will operate November 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015.

Tuesday, September 16th, 9am-10:30am

IFM Spiritual Center: 841 N. Market

RSVP to Linda at 316-264-9303 or llinstrot@interfaithwichita.org



Kansans for Life

KFL MEMBER MEETING

Kansans for Life holds a meeting on the second Friday of every month, 7pm, at the KFL office: 3301 W. 13th Street. All KFL members and friends are welcome. Join them this month, on Friday September 12th, for homemade ice cream and a great discussion time with fellow pro-lifers.



September 20 – 21, 2014

Lutheran Lecture Series

is honored and privileged to host the

Reverend Dr. Gifford Grobien

M.Div., Ph.D.

speaking on

LIVING THE SANCTIFIED LIFE IN A SECULAR WORLD

If you compared the life of the Christian to the life of those with whom they live in society, you probably wouldn’t notice a whole lot of differences. Both Christians and non-Christians (unbelievers) go to school. They both work in the same jobs. They have kids, go to the park, play sports, watch the same movies, go to the same restaurants, drive the same sorts of cars, and use the same social medias. Of course, the believer, the Christian, also goes to church, but is there any other significant difference between the two?

Even here, in going to church, many non-Christians also attend a religious service of some sort throughout the week. Yet they are not Christian. Is there a difference? What is it? How big of a role does that difference play in our day-to-day work-a-day lives? Or does it play a difference at all?

The Scriptures teach us that the baptized have the Spirit of God dwelling in them, that they are sanctified, made holy, but what does this mean in daily life? How does being “made holy” inform our decisions and the very pattern of our lives as we live the sanctified life in a secular world, facing secular decisions?

These are some of the questions that we’ll be addressing this fall at our annual Lutheran Lecture Series. So mark your calendars and we’ll see you then.

Dr. Grobien is an Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology and the director of the Doctor of Ministry Program at Concordia Theological Seminary (CTS) in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Prior to serving at CTS, he was Postdoctoral Teaching Scholar in the Department of Theology at the University of Notre Dame. He earned his Ph.D. in Moral Theology from Notre Dame in 2011, defending the dissertation, “Be Transformed by the Renewing of Your Minds: Christian Worship as the Root of Righteousness and Ethical Formation.” His research interests include the relationship between soteriology, worship and ethics, virtue, the natural law, the proper distinction between Law and Gospel, theological anthropology and some topics in sacramental and liturgical studies.

Dr. Grobien served as Assistant Pastor of Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church, South Bend, Indiana, from 2006-2012. He earned his M.Div. in Exegetical Theology from CTS in 2005. Prior to attending seminary, he was a Surface Warfare Officer in the U.S. Navy (1995-2000). He earned his B.S. in Foreign Service from Georgetown University in 1995. He is married to Regina Grobien and they have eight children, 7 girls and 1 boy.



2014 Schedule

Saturday, September 20th

12:15 – Divine Service
1:15 – Dr. Grobien, session I
2:50 – Break
3:00 – Dr. Grobien, session II
4:45 – Closing Vespers
5:15 – Beer & Brats at the parsonage!

Sunday, September 21st

9:00 – Family Hour with Matins: Dr. Grobien will be our guest teacher at Adult Bible Class
10:30 – Divine Service: Dr. Grobien will be our guest preacher.

If you’re from out of town and you’d like to stay for Sunday, you can make reservation at the Cheyenne Inn & Suites, at (866-372-0882). The hotel is two blocks west of the church on Hwy 4.

Children are welcome. There will be a room for them to play and watch movies in. So bring the family. Confirmation kids and Youth Groups are especially welcome to attend as part of their general catechesis.

